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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
July 26, 2025 A. D.



Saturday, July 26
6:00 PM

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Health for Helen Lipowski – Lisa Placek

Sunday, July 27
10:30 AM

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Health for John Yanoshak
-Yanoshak Family

Friday, August 1
9:00 AM

DORMITION FAST BEGINS

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 2
6:00 PM

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙ Peter & Pauline Slota – Bruce & Marie Duncan

Sunday, August 3
10:30 AM

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙ John Yanoshak – Yanoshak Family



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SAINT PANTELEIMON

July 27, 2025, A. D.

TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPAR: Taught by the priest Hermolaus you received your vocation to heal from heaven. You embraced the faith of your Mother and suffered valiantly for it rejoicing. You obtained the grace to heal ailments, and so we turn to you: Heal our infirmities, O glorious Great-Martyr Panteleimon, that we might honor your memory with praises.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK Emulating Him who is all-merciful, martyr for Christ God, O Panteleimon, you received the grace to heal diseases. Cure our inner ailments by your prayers to Christ ever driving out the foe's temptations from those who in faith cry out: Lord, save us.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all the Savior, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

PROKIMEN: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans(15:1-7; 2 Timothy 2:1-10):

Brethren, now we that are stronger, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor unto good to edification. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written: The disgraces of them that disgraced you, fell upon me. For what things soever were written, were written for our learning: that through patience and the comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another, according to Jesus Christ: That with one mind, and with one mouth, you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also

has received you unto the honor of God. You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus: And the things which you have heard of me by many witnesses, deliver the same to faithful men, who shall also be fit to teach others. Labor as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No man, being a soldier to God, entangles himself with secular businesses; that he may please him to whom he has engaged himself. For he also that strives for mastery, is not crowned, except that he strives lawfully. The husbandman, that labors, must first partake of the fruits. Understand what I say: for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my teaching of the good news. Wherein I labor even unto bands, as an evildoer; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore, I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. **Alleluia** (3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom, I hope. **Alleluia** (3). The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon. **Alleluia** (3).

Gospel Matthew 9:27-35 (John 15:17-16:2)

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of demons he casts out demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, know that it hated me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also: if they have kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these

things will they do to you for my Name's sake, because they have not known him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin. He that hates me, hates my Father also. If I had not done works among them which no other man did, they would not have sin: but now have they both seen, and have hated both me, and my Father. But it is that the word might be fulfilled, that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when that Comforter shall come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me. And you shall witness also, because you have been with me from the beginning. He foretells the disciples of persecution. He promises the Comforter and declares his office. He compares the affliction of his, to a woman that travails with child. These things have I said unto you, that you should not be offended. They shall excommunicate you: yes the time shall come, that whosoever kills you, will think that he does God a service.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



JULY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings
in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Ellen Algrainy for God's blessings for her mother Leona Kobela.

The **Candle before St. John the Baptist** is given by
by the Pasicznyk family in loving memory of Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by the
Bruce & Maria Slota for God's blessings on Helen Lipowski.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by Mrs. Mary Schwartz
for God's Blessings on her granddaughter, Elizabeth.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & Mary Ann Potsko
loving memory of Henry & Joseph Heylek.

The **Proscomedial Table Candles** are given by Mary Ann Jarolen in
loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Candle before the icon of the Transfiguration** is given by the parish in
loving memory of Geraldine Adamchak.

CHURCH NEWS



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY!: A very Happy Birthday to Leona Kobela who celebrates her birthday on Friday, July 25th. Happy Birthday to Helen Lipowski who celebrates her birthday on Saturday, July 26th. Happy Birthday to Joan Skordy and Mike Oresick who celebrates their Birthdays on Thursday, July 31! Mnohaya Lita! God grant them many Happy & Healthy Years!



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!: A Very Happy Birthday to Joanne Kawczenski who celebrates her birthday on August 7! Mnohaya Lita! Our Birthday wishes are extended to Robert Longenberger who celebrates a birthday on August 11! A Very Happy Birthday to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gagliardi who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on August 5. Mnohaya Lita! May God grant you Many, Happy & Blessed Years!

FLEA MARKET: We are currently having a “pop up” Flea Market in our church basement. We have been gifted the contents of a home from a generous donor and need to sell the contents as the hall has been rented. Tell your friends and neighbors, especially if they require dressers, a desk, 2 antique kitchen tables, couch & matching chairs, miscellaneous items, etc. **Flea Market is next Saturday, August 2nd from 8AM to NOON.**



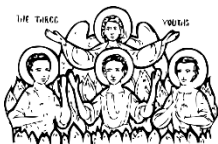
FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATION & PYROHY: The Food Festival is planned for **Saturday, August 30th**. **Also, we will be making Pyrohy on Saturday, August 16th for the Festival.** Please save the date. These fund-raisers are very important for our Parish.



RAFFLE BASKET DONORS NEEDED: We need Raffle Baskets for the Food Festival. There are baskets in the church basement if you need one.

BAKE SALE: We will hold a bake sale at the Food Festival. Bake Goods are needed, please keep us in mind for this fund raiser.

DORMITION FAST: The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary. Please remember that on Friday, August 15th we will be Blessing Flowers.



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slotka; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Paulette Parcel & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JULY/AUGUST:

HUMILITY RULES: St. Benedict's Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem
Ignatius Press, by J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., Monk of St. Louis Abbey
ISBN: 978-1-62164-149-0

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH BY EUSEBIUS

Penguin, Available on Amazon

The only surviving historical record of the Church during its crucial first 300 years.



Ask Father a Question. Father, I recall speaking with you about fruit for blessing on the Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord, you specified that I should obtain grapes and apples. Why? Wasn't the apple the fruit the servant tempted Adam and Eve with? Is there a symbolism to this?

First, the fruit with which the Devil tempted Adam and Eve was the fruit of the the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, it was not an apple. Grapes are the prime fruit to be blessed on this Feast Day, for the servants of God are called for the Gathering of the Fruits of the Vineyard. For as one sows, another reaps. God uses in parable vineyards, grapevines, grapes in all it's many meanings to remind us of the perfection of creation before mankind's sin. We are called to be good stewards of the garden. Jesus also tells us He is the Vine and we are the branches and we are to produce good fruit in the world,

hence, the vines on the Iconostasis. So we are reminded, not just to bring grapes but as good stewards we are reminded that we are the fruits and Jesus is the Vine. No one can produce good fruit who is separated from the vine, Jesus Christ. Now, in Ukraine apples are plentiful and grape vines are not. So in Ukraine it is common to bring the first fruits from your garden which are apples, just as we bring pussywillows instead of palms on Palm Sunday. So bring to the Lord, the best of your first fruits.

A Spiritual Psalter
or Reflections on God
from the writings of
Saint Ephraim the Syrian

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The enemy has led me astray and I have committed many sins. Have mercy on me, for I confess my sins.

According to Thy grace that calls us, O God, to approach Thee without perishing, O Good One, Who hast made a covenant with us, proclaiming: Call upon Me and I will hearken unto you, thus do I knock at the door of Thy goodness, O my Deliverer! Hearken unto me according to Thy compassion and regard not mine iniquities. Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me according to Thy goodness, for I am guilty of much before Thy truth. Thou didst create me, O Lord, name me in Thine image, and, according to Thy goodness, make me in Thy likeness. Thou didst teach me to recognize the path to the habitation of life and show me the path to gehenna. On account of his envy, the Evil One placed secret ambushes in my way, lured me from Thy path, and sullied me with abominations. Woe is me, O our Lord, for I am guilty of many things! Have mercy on me, O Lord, and save me according to Thy grace.

The thief, the wicked stealer of souls, craftily took my freedom from me, seduced me, and reviled me. By the gaze of mine eyes did he delude and imprison me and put sinful thoughts in me. I glanced and was filled with desire; I looked on curiously and I sinned. Because I stretched forth my hands to perform iniquity, so have I utterly perished. Alas, now the fire threatens me! Save me, O kindhearted One, that I might not die.

I am the most unfortunate of all who have been born of woman, for by my very own deeds have I made myself an unfortunate and cast myself into ruin. Daily have I sinned and comforted myself by ignoring the fact that death lies in wait for me. Alas, the angel of death sent to take me to the judgment is already at hand. Alas, all that is concealed will be exposed, and I will be covered with shame!

Behold: my deeds are justly recorded; not a single word has been forgotten. In the Judge's great book are all my deeds and transgressions entered. Woe is me, when justice reads there all the sins which I have committed from my youth through mine old age! What shall I do in that hour and where shall I run from Thee, O Lord?

Woe is me, O Lord! I am guilty of so many things! Woe is me; I have sinned and not offered Thee repentance! O God who hadst mercy on the harlot, have mercy also on me who am miserable, O our Lord, that I might not perish! In the place of the myrrh that the harlot brought Thee, I have Thy flesh and blood which are united with my members. No, O our Lord, regard not my deeds; may Thy grace blot out mine offenses.

Enter not into judgment with me, O our Lord, for no living creature can be justified before Thee. Thou alone, O Lord, art pure. Spare me and cleanse me of sins by Thy grace. Vouchsafe me, O kindhearted One, Thy great compassions, that they might make me rich and I might receive forgiveness, and Thine angels might rejoice according to Thy word, O Thou who art kindhearted toward sinners.