

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
August 3, 2025, A. D.



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

Wednesday, August 6
10:30 AM

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
Blessing of Fruit

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 9
6:00 PM

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙ Jason Yankosky- Diane Petry

Sunday, August 10
10:30 AM

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for George Marshall- A Friend



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)
Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SAINT PANTELEIMON

August 2, 2025, A. D.

TROPAR: By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.



KONDAK: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

PROKIMEN: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

A Reading of the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18):

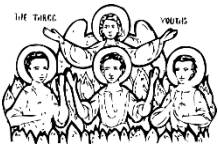
I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no schisms among you; but that you be perfect in the same mind, and in the same judgment. For it has been told unto me, my brethren, of you, by them that are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you says, 'I indeed am of Paul'; and 'I am of Apollos'; and 'I am of Cephas'; and 'I of Christ'. Is Christ divided? Was Paul then crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I give God thanks, that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius; lest any should say that you were baptized in my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanus; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of speech, lest the cross of Christ should be made void. For the word of the cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness; but to them that are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. Alleluia (3). To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. : Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 14:14-22

At that time when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them, he cured their sick. Now, when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, "This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food." They answered him, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes." He said to them, "Bring them here to me." And when he had ordered the crowd to recline on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, without counting women and children. And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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 Slota; 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 AUGUST:

NIHILISM, Father Seraphim Rose

ISBN: 1887904069

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

CHURCH NEWS



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: The Pop-Up Flea Market is over. We still have Furniture items. If you or your neighbors have any interest, contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.



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. **PYROHY MAKING IS COMING!!!!** Make sure you tell your friends and neighbors! Flyers are in the back of the church.



RAFFLE BASKET DONORS NEEDED: We need Raffle Baskets for the Food Festival. There are baskets in the church basement if you need one. Baskets are needed. Please help. Johanna is in charge of the basket raffle- questions please call 570-256-7883. If anyone would like to donate liquor for a basket (perhaps you have extra), please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016 – we will put together a liquor basket! Or perhaps you have psanky or other ethnic items or new items – not enough for a basket, please contsider donating them to a larger basket.

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. Please make sure that the items are sliced and ready for serving.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEAST: **THERE** will be Blessing of Fruit on Wednesday for Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day, a Solemn Holy Day. The Dormition Fast is mitigated on the Feast. There will be Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul Church on Wednesday, August 6 at 8:30AM.

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.

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

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By my tears cleanse my sins and give me strength, that the enemy might be ashamed.
Who will cure my soul if not Thou, O Christ, the only Physician of souls! Where will I find a remedy for the diseases of my soul, if not with Thee, O fountain of healing! Thou Who didst cure the ailing woman, cure also my soul from the ruin of sin.
May Thy compassion descend on me and help me to overthrow mine enemy. Fortify me who am infirm by the strength of Thine arm, and the Evil One will be ashamed when he sees that I am prepared for battle. Animate me and the Evil One will be humiliated. In shame will he be turned back, and I will glorify Thy name.
Accept the tears of my wretchedness and blot out the record of my debts, and again will the enemy be ashamed, seeing that Thy loving-kindness has destroyed the fruit of his wicked deeds and that I will not be punished.
May Thy compassion come to mine aid, that I might pass safely through the realm of temptations, and that I might thereafter be close to Thee, with Thee always.
My sinful soul will glorify Thee and Thy Father and the Holy Spirit, for she (the ailing woman) has wept and been heard, and, washed with tears of repentance, she has been made a temple inhabited by the Divinity Which has created the world.

“Entrust your works to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.” [Proverbs 16:3](#).

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” [Romans 8:31](#)

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” [John 1:5](#).

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Apostle Peter, with the Lord's permission, gets out of the ship and walks on the water; then he yields to the movement of fear and begins to drown. The fact that he decided upon such a singular act, hoping in the Lord, deserves no reprimand-otherwise the Lord would not have allowed him to do this. The reprimand came because he did not sustain the original state of his soul. He was filled with inspired hope in the Lord's ability to do anything, and this gave him the boldness to entrust himself to the waves. Several steps were already made along this new path-it was necessary only to stand more firmly in hope, gazing at the Lord, Who is near, and at the experience of walking in His strength. Instead, he gave himself over to human thoughts: "The wind is strong, the waves are great, and water is not solid"- and this shook loose and weakened the strength of his faith and hope. Because of this he broke away from the Lord's hands and, left to the operation of nature's laws, began to drown. The Lord rebuked him: ***O you of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?*** Matthew (14:31), showing that in this lay the entire reason for his danger. Behold a lesson for all who undertake something, great or small, with the aim of pleasing the Lord! Keep your first state of faith and hope, from which a great virtue is born-patience in doing good which serves as the basis for a God-pleasing life. As long as these dispositions are maintained, inspiration for laboring on the path begun does not go away, and obstacles, no matter how great they may be, are not noticed. When these dispositions weaken, the soul is filled with human reasoning about human methods of preserving one's life and conducting the affairs one has begun. But since these human methods always turn out to be powerless, fear enters the soul, how should one act? From this comes waverings about whether or not to continue and in the end one completely turns back. **Here is what you must do: If you begin, persevere--chase away troubling thoughts, and be bold in the Lord, who is close.** -From St. Theophan the Recluse

PSALM 7

LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue.

LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands—
if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe—
then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground
and make me sleep in the dust.

Arise, LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies.

Awake, my God; decree justice. Let the assembled peoples gather around you,
while you sit enthroned over them on high. Let the LORD judge the peoples.

Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—
you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts. My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge, a God who displays his
wrath every day. If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword;
he will bend and string his bow.

He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows.

Whoever is pregnant with evil conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.

Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit they have made.

The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the
name of the LORD Most High.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Before the miraculous feeding of five thousand, the Lord's disciples wanted the people to be sent away, but the Lord said to them, They need not depart, give ye them to eat (Matt.14:36). Let us learn this saying, and each time the enemy suggest to us to refuse someone who asks for something, let us say on behalf of the Lord, They need not depart, give ye them to eat, and let us give them whatever we find at hand. The enemy destroys he desire to offer charity, and suggests that perhaps the asker is nt worthy of alms. But the Lord did not investigate the worthiness of those who were sitting there. He served everyone equally, while, of course, not everyone was equally devoted to Him. Perhaps even those who later cried, Crucify Him! were there. Such is God's overall Providence for us: He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust (Matt.5:45). If only the Lord would help us even a tiny bit to be merciful, as our Heavenly Father is merciful (cf. Luke 6:36)! **-From St. Theophan the Recluse**