

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
August 10, 2025, A. D.



Saturday, August 9

6:00 PM

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Post Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord

†Jason Yankosky- Diane Petry

Sunday, August 10

10:30 AM

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Post Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord

God's Blessings for George Marshall- A Friend

Thursday, August 14

9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, August 15

THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST BLESSED LADY

THE THEOTOKOS

Blessing of Flowers

10:30 AM

†Daniel Lee – Lee Family

Saturday, August 16

6:00 PM

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM MAKING OF PYROHY FOR FESTIVAL

†Ted Weron- Helen & Lisa Lipowski

Sunday, August 17

10:30 AM

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Helen Bogdan- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

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First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor; You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be to the ... Now... Only begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

O Son of God, transfigured on the Mount, save who sing to You, Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

O Son of God, transfigured on the Mount, save who sing to You, Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

O Son of God, transfigured on the Mount, save who sing to You, Alleluia!

ENTRANCE: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

O Son of God, transfigured on the Mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

TROPAR: You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could behold. Make Your eternal light shine also on us who are sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

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

KONDAK: You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, and Your disciples saw Your glory as much as they could behold; that when they saw You crucified, they might know that You suffered willingly and might proclaim to the world that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKIMEN: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. How great are your works, O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom.

A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (3 :9-17):

Brethren, we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia (3).

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the wave, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night, he came to them, walking upon the sea, they were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink and he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretch forth his hand and took hold

of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But they who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT.... O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain. **Irmos:** Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

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.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
ONE DAY FOOD FESTIVAL
& FLEA MARKET**

Saturday, AUGUST 30

11:00am-4:00pm

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, 240 Center St.,
Nanticoke is holding a One-Day Ethnic Food Festival on
Saturday, August 30.**

**Home-Made Pierogi, Haluski,
Pigs-in-the Blanket, Potato Pancakes,
Clam Chowder, Borsch,**

Hot Dogs & Whimpies & Bake Sale

**APPETITES ARE WANTED!! TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS!
CAN YOU HEAR THE POLKA MUSIC PLAYING?????**



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. Happy Wedding Anniversary to John & Christine Ferrato who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on August 14! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant you Many, Happy & Blessed Years!



FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATION & PYROHY: The Food Festival is planned for **Saturday, August 30. PYROHY MAKING IS NEXT SATURDAY 08/16 at 8:30AM.** These fund-raisers are very important for our Parish 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 items for a basket (perhaps you have extra), please contact Johanna 570-256-7883 or Lisa at 570-574-1016 – we will put together a basket! Or perhaps you have liquor, psanky or other ethnic items or new items – not enough for a basket, please consider 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.

UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL: “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 13th. Order from a menu of festival foods including holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa with kapusta (kielbasa with sauerkraut)...\$6.00, haluski (cabbage & noodles)...\$4.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near

the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

Spiritual Psalter

or Reflections on God

from the writings of

Saint Ephraim the Syrian

"About the guidance of grace and about tears" (Saint Ephraim the Syrian)

About the guidance of grace and about tears

O good Lover of man, Who accepted the two farthings and praised the good will of the widow, accept the prayers of Thy servant; multiply my prayer and grant my requests, that I might become a temple for Thy grace. May it abide in me and itself teach me how to please it. May it strum my heartstrings and play songs of contrition filled with gladness. May it fasten my mind as with a bridle, that I might not sin before Thee by going astray, and might not be cast out of the light.

Hearken, O Lord, hearken unto my prayer, and grant that I who am unclean might become pure, that I who am senseless might become wise, that I who am useless might become profitable in the flock of Thy chosen laborers and of all the saints who have been pleasing to Thee, and that I might be admitted to Thy kingdom.

The glad in paradise intercede for me and cry out to Thee, O only Lover of mankind. Attend Thou to their prayers. Through them will I give Thee glory in return, for Thou hast hearkened unto their prayers and hast been generous to me and not disregarded my prayers.

Thou, O Lord, hast said by Thy Prophet: open thy lips, and I will fill them. Behold, both the heart and the lips of Thy servant are opened; fill them with Thy grace, that I may bless Thee unceasingly, O Christ my God and Savior.

My prayer is powerless, but mine iniquities are great and mighty. Sins overwhelm me and my weaknesses dismay me; Thou art wealthy and good, kindhearted and merciful.

Thou Who didst open the eyes of the blind man, open the eyes of my mind that I may unceasingly contemplate Thy beauty.

Thou Who didst establish bounds for the sea by Thy command, establish bounds for my heart by Thy grace, that it might not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from Thy beauty.

Thou Who gavest water in the desert to the people who did not humble themselves and contradicted Thee, give me contrition and grant tears to mine eyes, that I might weep day and night throughout the length of my life with meekness, with love, and with a pure heart.

Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayer of Thy servant, according to the intercessions of all Thy saints, Thou Who art blessed above all unto the ages.

From [A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God](#), compiled from the works of [Saint Ephraim the Syrian](#)

**A Spiritual Psalter
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Be merciful to us and those who have turned away

You who are kind-hearted to sinners, be merciful also to us, be merciful also to us in the day of judgement. Forgive us our debts according to Your loving kindness and in the day of Your coming vouchsafe us Your habitation. When the multitudes to be judged tremble before the righteous judgement and stand before You stripped bare and in fear—then O my Judge have mercy on me for I have sung of Your glory. When the lips of the wise are stopped and Your terrifying might scepter looms ominously before all, then may my lips be opened, for I have confessed to You. When neither friend nor acquaintance can save a man and every man is brought naked to account for himself—then, O Lord, be my intercessor for I have hoped in You. When the sound of the trumpet blares out, the nations shutter and every man is to receive reckoning according to his labors, then, O Lord, be my helper, for to You do I run. Accept our service O Lord, hope of those of those above and hope of those below, and have mercy on us. Be merciful to us, O Lord, be merciful to our parents; be merciful to our teachers, be merciful to our brothers. Be merciful to us, O Lord, and give rest to our relatives who have reposed and to all who have died and did confess You, believe in You and taste Your Life-Creating Blood. Vouchsafe us together with Your sheep to enter into Your pasture, and together with Your saints to offer You praise in accordance with Your greatness unto the age of ages.

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

PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive.

O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Why do we bless flowers for the Feast of the Dormition of Our Blessed Lady? The historic origin of the custom seems to have been from the blessing of first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Slavic Church titles this a "Blessing of Herbs," and the intention of the prayers seems to be the blessing of herbs (and spices) that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which conducive to

many infectious diseases, which is apparent from the reading of the prayers. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos, that flowers were discovered in her empty tomb after her body was taken into heaven, has influenced this office and it has largely become a blessing of flowers. [see above]

Blessing of Flowers

Following the Ambon Prayer of the Liturgy, the flowers may be blessed.



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