

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Church**  
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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**August 24, 2025, A. D.**



**Saturday, August 23**  
**6:00 PM**

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✙ Francis John & Ann Marie Panek -Parish

**Sunday, August 24**  
**10:30 AM**

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✙ Helen Bogdan- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

**Monday, August 25**

Funeral for Ruth Shalaida

**Wednesday, August 27**  
**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Thursday, August 28**  
**9:00 AM**

Nina Roppa, God's Blessings and good health- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, August 29**  
**8:30 AM**

✙ John Lipowski – Virginia Palermo

**Saturday, August 30**  
**6:00 PM**

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✙ John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

**Sunday, August 31**  
**10:30 AM**

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✙ Geri Adamchak – Jean Levandowski



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

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

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**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!".

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

**KODAK:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

**PROKIMEN:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. *verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**A reading from the first epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9: 2-12):**

Brethren, Although I may not be an apostle for others, certainly I am for you, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). O Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).



**Gospel of Matthew 18: 23-35:**

The Lord told this parable; “This is why the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and besought him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ But he would not; but went away and cast him into prison until he should pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, ‘Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you did entreat me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?’ And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts.”

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

**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.

**REVIVED SOLDIERS OF UKRAINE PRESENTATION:** An invitation is extended to the public on September 29 at 6:30PM on Railroad Street, Room 105 Lock Haven University Campus. Ukraine at War: A Personal Perspective from a severely wounded Ukrainian soldier. For more information contact Dr. Rick Schulze, Retired Professor, CU-Lock Haven, [fschulze@comcast.net](mailto:fschulze@comcast.net).



**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.



## AUGUST CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mary Schwart  
in loving memory of the deceased Bukoski & Schwartz families.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
Koretz family in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by the  
Lee Family in loving memory of Danny Lee.

The candle before the **Icon of John the Baptist** is given  
By the Lipowski Family in loving memory of John Lipowski.

**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, Raffle Baskets & Bake Sale  
APPETITES ARE WANTED!! TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS!  
CAN YOU HEAR THE POLKA MUSIC PLAYING?????  
PSANKY DEMONSTRATION & BOOTH**



## CHURCH NEWS ....



**SYMPATHY:** : Please remember in your prayers the servant of God, Ruth Pazdernik Shalaida who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 15, 2025. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints, and may her memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat. May Her Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Shalaida Family & Barno Families. The funeral will be Monday, August 25 from the church, viewing 9am-10am. Parastas at 10:00am with Liturgy and Panachyda to follow.



**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!



**FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATION & PYROHY:** The Food Festival is planned for Saturday, August 30, and there will be a Short Meeting Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy in final preparation. 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. Thank you to everyone who came out to make pyrohy! PLEASE PLAN TO COME OUT AND HELP.

**PYROHY PROJECT FOR FESTIVAL:** We will be making Pierogies on Wednesday, August 27, 8:30 AM , making 60 dozen fresh for the Food Festival. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

**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 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.

**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**

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

**"The days are passing; do not put off repentance." (Saint Ephraim the Syrian)**

**July 7, 2025**

***The days are passing; do not put off repentance.***



Love prompts me to speak to God, but mine unworthiness forces me to be silent. Tortuous spiritual afflictions compel me to talk, but sins force me to keep quiet. My soul languishes and mine eyes long for tears.

You have sinned, O soul; repent, for our days pass by like a shadow. We will travel through terrible and frightening places. Do not put off turning to the Lord day after day. Become at last contrite, O my soul.

Become contrite at the thought of all the good things that you have received from the Lord, but not kept. Become contrite at the thought of what you have done, and how patient God has been with you. Become contrite, that at Christ's terrible judgment you might not be sent to outer darkness. Woe is me, a sinner! For because of my weakness, I have become defiled, and ever do I defile the purity of my heart. Apathy and slothfulness have shamed the boldness of my heart. Evil desire commands me, like a master commands his slave, and I, like a child, immediately obey with fear. It leads me into sin and this gladdens me.

Woe is me, O Lord! Thy grace draws me toward life, but I instead prefer death. Thou takest pains that I might become as honorable as the angels; but I, in my depravity, debase myself. My sins have multiplied, O Lord, and ceaselessly do they multiply and there is no limit to their multitude.

And who will mourn for me or pray for me? Do Thou, O my Savior, Thyself condescend to have mercy on me through Thy grace and regard with compassion me who despair! For how will I pray to Thee, O Master, when my mouth is filled with vile words? Or how will I sing praises to Thee, when my conscience is defiled? Or how will I love Thee when I am filled with passions? Or how will truth dwell in me, when I have cursed myself with lies? Or how will I call upon Thee, when I have not kept Thy commandments?

***From A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God, compiled from the works of Saint Ephraim the Syrian***