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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
August 31, 2025, A. D.



Saturday, August 30
6:00 PM

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
✙ John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

Sunday, August 31
10:30 AM

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
✙ Geri Adamchak – Jean Levandowski

Saturday, September 6
8:00 AM

God's Blessings for America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, September 6
6:00 PM

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
✙ Ted Weron- Jack, Donna & Rob Lee

Sunday, September 7
10:30 AM

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners



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

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TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

TROPAR: Protection of men, ever-Virgin Mother of God as a mighty bulwark for your city you gave your pure body's robe and sash. They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed. For in you are nature and time made new. Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city and to our soul's great mercy.

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

KONDAK: Your womb which received divinity was girded about by your precious sash, O Mother of God. It became an unconquerable force for your city and a generous treasury of good things: O you, the only virgin who ever gave birth.

Now and forever 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: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11):

Brethren, I remind you of the gospel I preached and which you accepted and in which you stand firm. If you hold fast to the message I preached to you, you will be saved by it, otherwise, your faith was in vain. From the first I handed on to you what I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the Eleven. After that he appeared once to over five hundred brethren, most of whom are alive to this day, though some did die. After that he appeared to James and then to all the apostles. Last of all he also appeared to me, as a kind of untimely birth. I am the least among the apostles and am not fit to be called apostle because I persecuted the church of God. By the grace of God, however, I am what I am, and his grace in me was not fruitless, because I worked harder than all of them, not really, but the grace of God within me. Whether I or they, this is what we preach and this is what you believed.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia (3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia (3). Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

Gospel of Matthew 19:16-26



At that time, a young man came up to Jesus and asked, "Good teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments." "Which ones?" the man inquired. Jesus replied, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself." "All these I have kept since my youth," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you; it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the cup of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. 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.



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.



SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski
In loving memory of Joseph & Mary Englot.

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolin in
Loving memory of her mother, Irene Hvozda.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Lisa Placek for Special Intention.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by
Tom & MaryAnn Potsko in loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. - St. Francis de Sales

CHURCH NEWS



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!: A Very Happy Birthday to Bobby Miles who celebrates his Birthday on Saturday, September 6th! Happy Birthday to Mary Louise Bailey who celebrates her birthday on Friday, September 12! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years and Salvation!

FOOD FESTIVAL: The food festival was Saturday, August 31. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, baskets and baked goods.

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.

VESPERS: On Saturday, September 13th we will have Vespers (instead of Divine Liturgy) at 6:00pm for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Keep in mind that Vespers will count as your Sunday obligation, however there is no Holy Communion.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER:
Angels (and Demons) What do we really know?
by Peter Kreeft
ISBN: 978-0-89870-550-8

SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST: BASIL THE GREAT 94th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: This year's 92nd Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Mary, Mother of Hope."

PYROHY SALE: There is potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement. The cost is \$12.00 per dozen. If you would like to purchase pyrohy please contact the church rectory or call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

"Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it."
-St. John of the Cross



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is the significance of Bells in Eastern Church Life?

Bells, Do not let yourself forget that just as you live in this life with all your senses, so to do you encounter heaven with all your senses. Bells then are described as “singing icons.” As painted icons and hymnography define the visual and noetic space, so to bells establish the acoustic space of the church; bells then are “scripture in sound” as icons are “scripture in image.” Bells receive a special blessing just like every other liturgical item, similar and using many of the same elements as in the Rite of Baptism. How then does the Church use the bell? The bell is used to call the faithful to the services, to express the triumphant joy of the Christian Church, to announce important moments during the liturgies to both those who are in attendance and for those who are unable to be physically present so everyone can be united in prayer, the bells strengthen Christians in piety and faith by their sound and they aid Catholics who also know that the sound of ringing bells weakens demons who flee from their sound and the bells are used to announce important events such a death of a member, the arrival of an important person such as the bishop, to joyously announce a new birth, a high holy day, to warn of an emergency or to a victory in battle. "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Make for yourself two silver trumpets ... And they shall be for you for the calling of the assembly ... When you sound an alarm ... And if you shall go forth to war ... And in the days of your rejoicing ..." Numbers 10:2. The use of bells is symbolic of the [Gospel](#). Sometimes Catholic churches and monasteries will combine the use of bells with the striking of a wooden or metal [semantron](#), with the semantron being sounded first, then the bells being rung later. The quieter and simpler sound of the semantron is understood to symbolize the [Old Testament prophets](#), for it is the symbol only of a coming event, whereas the ringing of the bells is spread far into the air symbolizing the annunciation of the Gospel throughout the world.

The bells in an Orthodox bell tower (zvonitsa) are organized into three groups:

- **Zazvonny** — the smallest, or soprano bells.
- **Podzvonny** — the middle, or alto bells.
- **Blagovestnik** — the largest, or bass bells.

A **zvon** is a toll on any bell or bells.

The word for bell in Church Slavonic is **kampan**, which is derived from Latin campana. During the fifteenth century the semantron began to be gradually replaced by bells.

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

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For untroubled sleep

Grant me, O Lord, both in wakefulness to stand pure before Thee, my Redeemer, and in slumber to partake of sleep without sin. If in wakefulness I commit transgressions, may I be cleansed by Thy grace, O Lord. And if I sin while asleep, may Thy loving-kindness be unto me purification. With the cross of Thy humility, make my sleep untroubled, preserve me from the iniquitous dreams of sleep and from the impure conjurings of the imagination. Grant that I might spend the whole night in peaceful sleep, and that evil and deleterious thoughts might not take possession of me. With Thy life-creating Body, of which I have partaken, preserve me from impure lust, that I might lie down and fall asleep in peace. May Thy Blood protect me. And grant my soul, that is Thine image, the freedom that is proper to Thine image. And may Thy right arm shelter my body that was made by Thy hands. Encircle me with the wall of Thy compassions like a defensive shield. And when my body rests and sleeps, may Thy goodness be my guard, that the Evil One might not approach my bed. By the protection of the Mother who bore Thee, by the sacrifice that Thou hast offered for all men, I beseech Thee: drive away Satan, that he might not trouble me. In me, O Lord, fulfill Thy promise and preserve my life by Thy Cross. I shall praise Thee when I awake for showing me who am miserable Thy love. May both those who sleep, resting in peace, and those who abide in wakefulness, girded by Thine armor, give praise to Thee, O Preserver Who livest eternally and Who hast aroused me to sing Thy glory.

"God became man.

The Father exclaimed: This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; heed Him. Thus He spoke of the Son, Who is undivided from the glory of the Divinity. For the Father and the Son together with the Holy Spirit are one nature, one force, one essence and one kingdom. And Mary was called the Mother of God by His Son in the flesh, Who was undivided from the glory of His Divinity. For one is God, Who has appeared to the world in the flesh. His glory proclaimed His divine nature which is from the Father, and His body proclaimed His human nature which was from Mary; both of His natures converged and were united in a single hypostasis. He was the Only-begotten of the Father and also the Only-begotten of Mary. And he who divides the hypostasis in Him will also be separated from His kingdom, and he who conjoins His natures will be deprived of the life that is of Him. He who denies that Mary gave birth to God will not see the glory of His Divinity, and

he who denies that He was clothed in sinless flesh will receive neither salvation nor the life which was granted through His body. His very deeds give witness and His divine strength teach the contemptuous that He is true God. And His sufferings give proof that He is true man.

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