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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
September 14, 2025, A. D.



Saturday, September 13
6:00 PM

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Great Vespers with Litia

Sunday, September 14
10:30 AM

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (w/Myrovania)

God's Blessings & Good Health Joseph Becker- Becker Family

Wednesday, September 17
9:00 AM

✙ Theodore Kulmatiski- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Thursday, September 18
9:00 AM

✙ Charlie Kirk- Mary Potsko

Friday, September 19
9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, September 20
6:00 PM

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

✙ William Vincent- Lipowski Family

Sunday, September 21
10:30 AM

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✙ Geraldine Adamchak- Leona Kobela & Ellen Algrainy



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025

ANTIPHON 1: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

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

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not answer me; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

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

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

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

Glory... Now... Only begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth quake.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

Great is the Lord in Sion and supreme above all peoples.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

Let them profess Your great name for it is awesome and holy.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

TROPAR: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

KONDAK: By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your Name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

PROKIMEN: Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy. The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble. Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy.

INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD, WE SING:

To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.
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Glory... Now... and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

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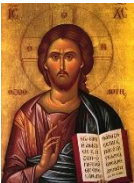
A Reading from Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-24):

Brethren, For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise man? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ALLELUIA (3): Alleluia (3). Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning. Alleluia (3). But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. Alleluia (3).



Gospel of John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

At that time, the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore, he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab'batha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

So, the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst."

When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT...": O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore, today as we raise it on high, we bow low and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



At the end of Liturgy, we sing: To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection (3). Krestu tvoyemu pokli-nya-yem-sya, Vladiko, I svyatoye voskreseniye tvoye slavim (3x).



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.

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.

CHURCH NEWS



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!! A Very Happy Birthday to **Bobby Miles** who celebrates his Birthday on Saturday, September 6th! A Very Happy Birthday to **Diane Petry** who celebrates her Birthday on Monday, September 8th! 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!

CLOTHING FLEA MARKET: We are planning on having a **clothing only** rummage sale. **Clean out your closets!** We will take new or gently used clean clothing, belts & shoes only at this time! Call Johanna at 570-592-5776 for any questions or arrangements for items. The tentative date for the Rummage Sale is October 17th or 18th. Please place your donations in the church basement as the hall the is being rented.

"PASTIE SALE. Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"

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, Lock Haven, fschulze@comcast.net.

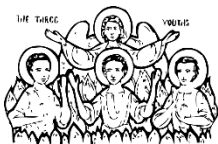
BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER:
Angels (and Demons) What do we really know?

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 are 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.



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.

Remember 9/11 Prayer-Let Us Not Forget

Almighty God, the year 2001 will be indelibly inscribed in our memories.

We looked with horror on the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

But we looked with honor on acts of courage by ordinary people who sacrificed themselves to prevent further death and destruction.

We shed our tears in a common bond of grief for those we loved and lost.

We journeyed through a dark valley,

but your light has led us to a place of hope.

You have turned our grief into determination.

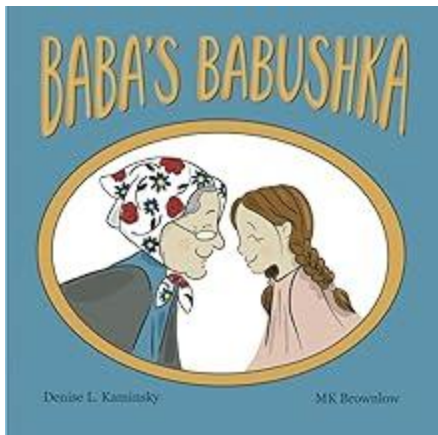
We are resolved to do what is good, and right, and just.

Help us to remember what it means to be Americans—

a people endowed with abundant blessings.

Help us to cherish the freedoms we enjoy and inspire us to stand with courage, united as one Nation in the midst of any adversity.

We pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit . Amen.



Baba's Babushka

Announcing a new book written by Denise Kaminsky, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore O'Bremski, members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church for more than 100 years, and she now resides in State College, PA. Having a caring and loving family gave Denise a good foundation for life and she wishes to share this with others.

The book is about a loving Ukrainian Baba and her granddaughter. Denise grew up in a warm loving family that included a Ukrainian Baba who was very close with her and taught her Ukrainian words which are sprinkled throughout the story. If you are interested, you can order books by contacting Denise at dlk618@yahoo.com or through Amazon.com.

The honorable Cross is brought out for veneration in the middle of Great Lent in order to inspire those who toil in fasting to patiently bear to the end the yoke they have taken. Why is it done in September? Is it accidental? But there are no accidents for the Providential Wisdom that arrange all things. This is why: The harvest is taken from the field in September-at least. And so, in order that some Christians might not feel too satisfied and say, *Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine wase, east, drink, and be merry!* [Luke 12:19] and so that others might not become fainthearted because of the elevated Cross is brought before all. It reminds the former that the support of well-being is not in possessions, but in the bearing of the cross in a Christian, inner way, if God's goodness should bring external plenitude; and it inspires the latter to possess their souls in patience, through the certainty they will go from the cross directly to heaven. Therefore, may some endure, knowing that they are traveling a smooth path to the Heavenly Kingdom; and may the others enjoy outward comforts with fear; not sealing the entrance to Heaven against themselves. - St. Theophan the Recluse

"How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise but opens the way for our return." – St. Theodore the Studite

Worthless is the charity of the man who bestows it unwillingly, because material charity is not his, but God's gift, while only the disposition of the heart belongs to the man. This is why many charities prove almost worthless, for they were bestowed unwillingly, grudgingly, without respect for the person of our neighbor. So also the hospitality of many persons proves worthless because of their hypocritical vain-glorious behavior to their guests. Let us offer our sacrifices upon the altar of love to our neighbor, with heart-felt affection: 'for God loves a cheerful giver' – St. **John of Kronstadt**

A Prayer to Sweetest Jesus



Lord Jesus Christ, my God, Who dost visit Thy creature, and to Whom are known my passions, the weakness of our human nature, and the strength of our adversary: Protect me from his malice, for his power is strong and our nature is weak and fraught with passions. Wherefore, O Good One Who knowest our weakness and dost bear the burden of our weakness, preserve me from the tumult of my thoughts and the deluge of my passions, and make me worthy of Thy holy ministry, that in my passions I may in nowise defile its delight and so appear shameless and presumptuous before Thee. O my Jesus, most sweet Lord, have mercy on me, and save me! Amen.