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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**September 28, 2025, A. D.**



**Saturday, September 27**  
**6:00 PM**

**SIXTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Jeanette Sims- Lipowski Family

**Sunday, September 28**  
**10:30 AM**

**SIXTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Geri Adamchak- Doris Parcel

**Monday, September 29**  
**9:00 AM**

God's blessings & health Jose Ferraz – Mariana Fragelli

**Tuesday, September 30**  
**9:00 AM**

God's blessings & health Marlin Duncan – Mariana Fragelli

**Wednesday, October 1**  
**9:00 AM**

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Thursday, October 2**  
**9:00 AM**

God's blessings & health Jose Ferraz – Rita, Diane, Janice

**Saturday, October 4**  
**8:00 AM**

**FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY**  
†Ed Schwartz- wife, Mary Schwartz

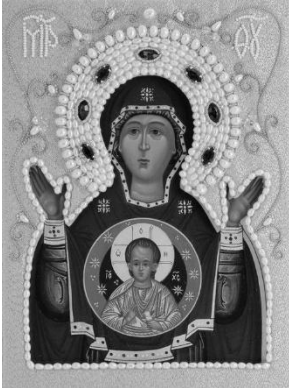
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**Sunday, October 5**  
**10:30 AM**

**SEVENTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Andrew Kobela – Deborah & Melanie Kobela  
**SEVENTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†David Surman- Lisa Placek



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

**SIXTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
**September 28, 2025**



**TROPARION:** 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 exalt with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

**PROKEIMENON:** 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 from the second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-10):**

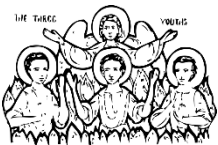
Brethren, As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you.

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

### **Gospel of Luke 5:1-11**

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Genesareth. And he saw two boats moored by the lake the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they enclosed a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they beckoned to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so were also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**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 SEPTEMBER:**  
**Angels (and Demons) What do we really know?**  
by Peter Kreeft  
ISBN: 978-0-89870-550-8



**PROTECTION OF MOTHER OF GOD ( October 1)-** The **Protection of the Mother of God** is one of the most beloved [feast](#) days on the [Ukrainian Catholic calendar](#), commemorated on [October 1<sup>st</sup>](#) among all the Slavic peoples. The feast is celebrated on [October 28<sup>th</sup>](#) in the Greek tradition. It is also known as the feast of the **Virgin Mary's Cerement**. In most Slavic languages the word "cerement" has a dual meaning of "veil" and "protection." The Russian/Ukrainian word *Pokrov* (Покров), like the Greek *Skepi* (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the **Veil of Our Lady**, the **Protecting Veil of the Theotokos**, the **Protection of the Theotokos**, or the **Intercession of the Theotokos**. The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrei was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos' cerement in the [Ukrainian Catholic Church calendar](#) dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Ukrainian [Orthodox and Catholic Church](#). The feast day commemorating the [miracle](#) is celebrated with an [All-Night Vigil](#), with many of the same elements as occur on [Great Feasts](#) of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no post feast.



### 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.

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!:** On Monday, September 29, Dolores & John Barno will celebrate their Birthdays!!! 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 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fschulze@comcast.net).

**SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST: BASIL THE GREAT 94th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** This year's 92<sup>nd</sup> 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.

“Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it.”

-St. John of the Cross

### **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.



### **Psalm 110**

The LORD says to my lord: “Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,  
“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

Your troops will be willing on your day of battle.  
Arrayed in holy splendor your young men will come to you  
like dew from the morning’s womb.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:  
“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand,  
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.  
He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead  
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.  
He will drink from a brook along the way,  
and so he will lift his head high.

## Consecration Prayer

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to Thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of Thy Son, we humbly ask that Thou wouldst turn Thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to Thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of Thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and Thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that Thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen. —**Father Chad Ripperger**



### ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is the Lucan Jump?

The continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Evangelist Luke begins on the Monday following the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The four Gospels are all read in their entirety in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Year and the reading of each begins with a great Feast. The Gospel of Saint John the Theologian begins with the Feast of Feasts, the Pascha of our Lord and is read until Pentecost. The Gospel of St. Matthew begins with the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and is read until the Feast of the Holy Cross. The first Sundays in the Matthew cycle and in the Lucan cycle are of the call of the apostles Peter and Andrew, James and John, indicating that these Gospels also call us to follow after Jesus our Lord. The Gospel of St. Mark is read during the Holy and Great Fast, but since the Divine Liturgy is celebrated only Saturday and Sunday, the remaining sections are read in the last six weeks of the Matthean and Lucan cycles. This is why, no matter where we are in the cycle of Sundays after Pentecost, we begin the course reading the Gospel of St. Luke on Monday that comes before the second Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. **This year it is September 22.** The Greek Church, however, begins to number the Sundays by “Weeks after the Holy Cross.” Of course, a historical factor in this was that September 23, (the Birthday of Augustus, very important when the imperial ideals were still living), was the beginning of the New Year, so that reading of a new Gospel seemed appropriate at this time. Later, the New Year was moved to September 1.