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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**October 5, 2025, A. D.**



**Saturday, October 4**

**6:00 PM**

**SEVENTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

†Andrew Kobela – Deborah & Melanie Kobela

**Sunday, October 5**

**10:30 AM**

**SEVENTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

†David Surman- Lisa Placek

**Thursday, October 9**

**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for America- tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, October 10**

**9:00 AM**

†Henry, Helen, & Joseph Heylek- Henry Heylek, Jr.

**Saturday, October 11**

**6:00 PM**

**EIGHTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

†Donna Walters- Barno Family

**Sunday, October 12**

**EIGHTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST 10:30 AM**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Miriam D'Agostini  
- Becker Family

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE THEOTOKOS, MARY**  
**PLAN TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR MOTHER!**



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

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

## SEVENTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST

October 5, 2025

**TROPARION:** 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. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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.

**PROKEIMENON:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.



### **A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7.1):**

Brethren, what agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate", says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." And "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

**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).

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 6:31-36:**

The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for he is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."



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

**QUESTIONS WANTED:** “Ask Father a Question...” is in need of new material. Have a question? Submit it! No Names are used! There are no bad questions. Put on you thinking caps- always wanted to know something about the church or religion-ASK it!!



#### **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.



#### **PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA [TO BE SAID EACH DAY UPON ARISING]**

HOLY MOTHER of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions----my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally ----with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.

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

by Peter Kreeft

ISBN: 978-0-89870-550-8

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** A Very Happy Birthday to Arlene Jennings who celebrates her Birthday on October 16. Mnohaya lita! God's Blessings and Happiness To You & Your Family!

**CLOTHING & "STUFF" FLEA MARKET:** The Clothing and Stuff sale will be held Friday and Saturday October 17 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday "Bag Day" from noon until 2 p.m. Pierogies, Clam Chowder, Sausage & Peppers, Hot Dogs and Whimpies will be served for eat in or take out. Help is needed even if only for an hour or more from Monday to Thursday October 13 to 16. If you see our cars in the lot stop in and lend a hand. Or you can call 570-592-5776. **Help is needed with the days of the sale.**

**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.



**HALLOWEEN MOVIE:** As fall looms ahead and the days get shorter & cooler..... It's Movie Time on Sunday, November 2nd! The movie will be fun and lighthearted. The people have spoken.

**CEMETERY:** As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.



**STANDARD TIME:** Don't forget Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 2. Set your clocks **back** one hour Saturday night before you go to bed on November 1st.

## **How one can enter a prayerful state of mind. -Saint Theophan the Recluse**

Being the soul's breath, prayer is most important in the life of a Christian. The presence of prayer in one's life means that the person is spiritually alive; without a prayer he is dead. Standing in front of icons and bowing is not yet prayer itself, those are only attributes of prayer. The same can be said about reading a prayer: whether recited by memory or read from a book, it would be not prayer itself, but merely a way to begin. The main thing in praying is the invocation of feelings of reverence for God: devotedness to the Father, gratitude, submission to the will of God, an aspiration to glorify Him and similar feelings. That is why while praying we should make those feelings permeate us so that our hearts would not be dry. It is only when our hearts appeal to God that reading prayers (evening or morning praying) becomes true prayer; otherwise, it is not yet prayer. A prayer, which is an appeal of our heart to God, should be invoked and strengthened; a spirit of intercession should be brought forth within us. The first way to do this is to pray by reading or listening to prayers written in prayer books. Read the prayer book or listen to it very attentively and you will definitely incite and strengthen your heart in its ascension to God, which means you would enter into a prayerful spirit. In the prayers of the Holy Fathers (printed in prayer books and other church books), a great power of prayer is in motion. Whoever diligently pays attention to them will through this force of interaction, delight in that power, as the state of mind of the person praying comes closer to the essence of those prayers. In order to turn your intercessions into an effective way of cultivating prayer, you must make it so that both your mind and heart would perceive the content of the prayers being read.

Here are the three simplest ways to achieve this:

1. Do not start a prayer without preparing yourself for it properly.
2. Say prayers with feeling and attention, but not casually.
3. After completing your prayer, do not hasten to go back to your everyday cares.

*A. Kosnichenov. Monk*

### **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.



## OCTOBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen  
In loving memory of her mother, Irene Hvozda.

The **Eternal Light** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen & Donna Davis  
In loving memory of their mother, Irene Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings  
For God's Blessings on Family.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
Donna Lee-Hischak in loving memory of her husband, James Hischak.

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

The Candle **Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given  
by Mary Schwartz in memory of my father, John Morek  
& my uncles, John Watson, John Geris & John Psola.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Mary Schwartz  
For God's Blessing on her grandson Zachary.

## Psalm 2



Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

“Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

“I have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.

You will break them with a rod of iron;  
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear  
and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Kiss his son, or he will be angry  
and your way will lead to your destruction,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.