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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**October 12, 2025, A. D.**



**Saturday, October 11**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, October 12**

**10:30 AM**

**EIGHTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

✙ Donna Walters- Barno Family

**EIGHTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Miriam D'Agostini

- Becker Family

**Thursday, October 16**

**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, October 17**

**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for Sandra Fragelli- Becker Family

**Saturday, October 18**

**6:00 PM**

**NINETEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

✙ Mike & Helen Oresick- in loving memory,

Ellen Algrainy & Leona Kobela

**Sunday, October 19**

**10:30 AM**

**NINETEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**

✙ Ed Schwartz- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

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



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

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

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
**EIGHTEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
**October 12, 2025**

**TROPAR:** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

**TROPAR:** Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

**KONDAK:** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.” **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ’s becoming man.

**PROKIMEN:** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

**A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (13:7-16):**



Brethren, remember the Fathers of the Church who have spoken the word of God to you; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation, **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today; and the same for ever.** Be not led away with various and strange doctrines. For it is best that the heart be established with grace, not with meats; which have not profited those that walk in them. We have an altar, whereof they have no power to eat who serve at the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the holies by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people by his own blood, suffered outside the gate.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia(3). Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. Alleluia(3).

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 17:1-13:**



After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. 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. **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, Leona Kobela, 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.

## 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!

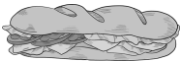
**CLOTHING & "STUFF" FLEA MARKET:** The Clothing and Stuff sale will be held **Friday and Saturday October 17 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday "Bag Day" from noon until 2 p.m.** Pierogies, Clam Chowder, Sausage & Peppers, Hot Dogs and Whimpies will be served for eat in or take out. Help is needed 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 on the days of the sale.**

### BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER:

#### Lectures on the Christian Sacraments

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

ISBN: 978-0-88141-564-3



**HOAGIE SALE:** St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese, and Italian Hoagie Sale on Thursday, **October 30 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.** The cost of each hoagie is **\$8.00**, and a quart of vegetable soup is \$8.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, October 26. Additionally, a Raffle Basket will be held to benefit Ukraine & St. Nicholas Church.



**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.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fr. Seraphim Rose, [God's Revelation to the Human Heart](#)-Quotes**

“The more you are in suffering and difficulties and are “desperate” for God, the more He is going to come to your aid, reveal Who He is and show you the way to get out. This is why it is not spectacular things like miracles that we should look for. We know from the story of St. Nicetas related earlier that this is the worst possible approach and leads to deception. The right approach is found in the heart which tries to humble itself and simply knows that it is suffering, and that there somehow exists a higher truth which not only can help this suffering but can bring it into a totally different dimension. This passing from suffering to transcendent reality reflects the life of Christ, Who went to His suffering on the Cross, endured the most horrible and shameful type of death, and then, totally to the consternation of His own disciples, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, sent His Holy Spirit and began the whole history of His Church.”

“Why is the truth, it would seem, revealed to some and not to others? Is there a special organ for receiving revelation from God? Yes, though usually we close it and do not let it open up: God’s revelation is given to something called a loving heart.”

**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.

When you wish to live piously and be a true Christian and so be saved, pray to God incessantly and beg help of Him with fervor. Just as according to His love for man God commanded us to pray and ask of Him every good thing, He also promised to give us what we ask for, and most of all what is needful for our salvation. *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”* ([Matt 7:7-8](#)). Know, beloved, that a Christian without prayer is as a bird without wings and as a warrior without weapons. Pray fervently, then, to Christ the Lord and give yourself to Him for direction, and He will correct and guide you to eternal blessedness according to His love for man. Only be careful and watch yourself, and seeing you care He will help you in everything. Read the Beatitudes, and the rest, often and with fervor. +St. Tikhon

**PRAYER TO THE SORROWFUL MOTHER:** Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Sorrows, lift me up when I am feeling sad and in times of trouble. Be my inspiration, my strength and my comfort throughout my life. Help me to accept the will of God with complete faith as you did. Help me to embrace the Gospel of Life and not a culture of death and to live accordingly. Embrace me with your motherly love and affection drawing me safely into the protection of your pierced and immaculate heart.



**Ask Father a Question? If heaven is striving for perfection and man is imperfect how can anyone get in?**

The answer to this question is in actually quite short and simple. We can get into heaven by following our Father's instruction who came into this world, Jesus Christ. A feeling of helplessness comes if a person has a malformed sense of mankind, i.e. their own human condition. Where does this come from and what are the 2 opposing views of mankind? The errant view of mankind comes from the false concept of; we are here on the earth by pure random chance (Chemical soup to mankind Evolution). If we are here by pure chance and there is no God who created us, then our sense and grasp of Anthropology [study of mankind] will be flawed. "Evolution" says we are here by chance, therefore there is no God, you can do what you want, maximize pleasure and minimize pain {Nihilism}, and so on. If you operate under this concept and yet hold on to the idea of God's existence, then there will be a conflict between a false sense of man and God's message to us. This false sense comes from people who stubbornly try to deny God's existence because they don't want to accept that there is a concrete moral code we are called to live up to and they desire to have a subjective, everything can change, sense of morality. This cannot be. Even from our human experience we can grasp there is one objective morality, i.e. concrete and unchangeable. The other view of our human experience in the here and now is informed by God's self-revelation to mankind. God tells us of how we were created perfect, but we hurt ourselves with our own sin in the Garden of Eden; Adam and Eve's sin is our sin. Is there anyone alive who has not sinned? We have been expelled from the Garden, but God knew we would do this, and He prepared a way for our return. Because of God's immeasurable love for us he gave Himself, Jesus Christ, to pay our debt on the cross and God gives us what we need to get to heaven, His gifts to us which the Church calls Graces. If we enter the church, are Baptized, and Chrismated, and receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and take full advantage of these, and apply all of God's teaching to our living, yet recognizing my sinfulness, I can enter heaven. This is what The Divine Liturgy, a public prayer, is all about. Take the time to read all the priest's silent prayers that you normally

do not read during the liturgy, and you will notice this strong theme, "Lord forgive me my sins and have mercy on me so that I may enter into Your kingdom." We recognize our sins and while we may fall into the occasion of sin, we know we should not do this, so we go to confession and clean ourselves up once again. All the time while we do this, we recognize it is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is God, who paid our debt. Be true to Him and do not fail to receive Him in the Eucharist the mystical medicine which heals our sins and is the mystical food which is Christ Himself that nourishes our lives through this corrupt age to give us strength to battle our own sins in this world. Your question has the same sense of Isaiah's reply to the angel who gave God's message to Isaiah, that Lord would send Isaiah to prophecy. Isaiah said, "'Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty. How can I go being a sinful man?" The angel went to the fire and took a hot coal from the fire with tongs and touched Isaiah's lips saying, "See now, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." This is the same prayer the priest says for himself, and the people after the Eucharist is distributed to the people. So the ultimate question is am I stubborn and demand things my way; or do I grasp my sinfulness and the need for God's assistance? Accepting God's graces, I therefore accept His gifts and do not stay away from God and His Church and the company of the saints.