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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**October 19, 2025, A. D.**



**Saturday, October 18**  
**6:00 PM**

**NINETEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Mike & Helen Oresick- in loving memory,  
Ellen Alrainy & Leona Kobela

**Sunday, October 19**  
**10:30 AM**

**NINETEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Ed Schwartz- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

**Tuesday, October 21**  
**9:00 PM**

†Tamara Newton- Becker Family

**Thursday, October 23**  
**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, October 24**  
**9:00 AM**

†Margaret Yanoshak- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Saturday, October 25**  
**6:00 PM**

**TWENTIETH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†John Skordy- Lipowski Family

**Sunday, October 26**  
**10:30 AM**

**TWENTIETH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
†Helen Bogdan- Ponko

**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**

**NINETEENTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
**October 19, 2025**



**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** 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:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**A Reading of the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9):**



Brethren, The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands. I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 8:5-15:**



The Lord told this parable; “The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundredfold.” As he said these things he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” But his disciples then began to ask him what this parable meant. He said to them, “To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience. When he had said this, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

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

**Lectures on the Christian Sacraments**

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

ISBN: 978-0-88141-564-3



**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 ....

**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. Questions you can call 570-592-5776. **Help is needed with the days of the sale. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped & organized! We appreciate YOU!**



**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. Everyone is welcome.

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

**“ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER-** Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00(noon) to 4:00pm. The event will feature our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. Call (570) 829-3051 to make your reservation. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.”

**Saint James the Syrian-** *“Repentance is the door of mercy, open to those who seek it diligently. By this door, we enter into Divine mercy and by no other entrance can we find his mercy. “Let us not grieve when we make a slip, but when we become hardened to it. For even the perfect often slip, but to be hardened in the same slip means total death.”*

**KEEP PRAYING.....**



### **Prayer For Peace in Ukraine**

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The True Greatness of Man**

The true greatness of man lies in what God has called him to become: [godlike] by grace. Man is so great that he can contain God in himself, be united with Him inseparately, and grow into the measure and stature of the Son of God. We are called to “grow up into Him in all things.” (Ephesians 4:15) Our destiny is the highest possible: “We shall be like Him.” To see Christ Face to face, to be with Him in unbroken fellowship, is to be like Him- this is the destiny of every Christian soul. [Of all the beliefs in the world] none offers man more respect and dignity than Christianity. And of all Christian traditions none provides man with such a glorious goal as [Catholicism]: theosis, become partakers of divine nature. The seeds of greatness were planted within us at Baptism. They need to be nurtured on a daily basis through prayer and the sacraments to help us become what we are [to become in God’s eyes]. There was an argument once among architects as to how high ceilings should be. Some felt that they should not be more than 12 feet high so as not to make the people in them feel inferior or insignificant. Others felt that high ceilings with lofty arches and high domes like Hagia Sophia in Constantinople and St. Peter’s in Rome help people realize that life has a grandeur and a beauty that awakens them to aspire to the highest and the best. Such is the doctrine of theosis. It does not limit our aspiration to a 12 foot high ceiling, twice the measure of man. Rather, it raises our vision to see our fullest and greatest potential in the command we received from God to partake in His glory. Thus, theosis will always be the ideal of [Catholicism] and the chief purpose of the Church’s existence. It shows us that the soul is capable of far more than we can imagine.-

Excerpt **Basic Orthodoxy:Key Words of the Faith by Anthony Conaris**

## **Achieve Your Potential - Theosis**

### **Excerpt from Achieving Your Potential in Theosis by Anthony M. Coniaris**

Theosis: is a transformative process whose aim is likeness to or union with God, as taught by the Eastern Church Fathers (deification) or in the Latin Church (divinization).

On a nationally syndicated call-in television program, two interview guests-both doctors-were addressing the subject of abortion. Addressing the doctor who was against abortion, a young female caller expressed the opinion that the human fetus was not really a human being at all, only potential human life. The doctor echoed the words of the Psalmist as he responded almost thunderously, "Ma'am, that's not potential human life. That's human life with great potential. The Bible tells us that it was God who formed us in our mother's womb. And when He formed us He placed within us the highest possible potential: Theosis, union with God. Part of man's tragedy is that this great potential remains only a potential and is not fully developed..... Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are small matters compared to what lies within us." All of us are born equal. Our job is to outgrow equality by reaching out to achieve our potential in Christ. There is greatness in us!.. Gloria Steinem, Feminist leader, said once, "By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God." Human potential not God! The truth is that without God you not only lose your human potential; you end up in hell. With God, your potential becomes heaven itself where "eye has not seen what things God has prepared for those who love Him." The tragedy for most of us is we die before we are fully born. We die with so much un-lived life in us. We have a hundred acres of possibilities and only about one-half acre under cultivation. We are a picture of unfulfillment. As Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Many people die with their music still in them."

In the New Testament the word for sin is 'Amartia.' Translated literally from Greek it does not mean "to break a rule." It means rather "to miss the mark," to miss the target, the bull's eye. That is the great tragedy of sin which occurs when a person doesn't measure up to his or her full potential and fails to become all that God created him to be. Thus sin is to miss the target, to fail to claim and develop the fantastic potential God has placed in us. For, man is not only hell bent, the potential God has placed in us makes us also- and even more so- HEAVEN BENT. As St. Paul writes in Romans 5:20, "Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more."