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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
November 23, 2025 A. D.



Saturday, November 22
6:00 PM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
†Ed Schwartz- Alberola Family

Sunday, November 23
10:30 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
†Geri Adamchak- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

Monday, November 24
9:00 AM

†Olympia Pasiecznyk – Alberola Family

Tuesday, November 25
9:00 AM

John, Martin & Jennifer Lorah, God's protection, health,
peace, family unity and salvation – Lorah Family

Wednesday, November 26
9:00 AM

†Theodore Weron – Joan Skordy

Thursday, November 27
9:00 AM

THANKSGIVING DAY

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, November 29
9am-2pm

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

Saturday, November 29
6:00 PM

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
†Pearl Shalaida – Barno Family

Sunday, November 30
10:30 AM

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
†Marge Yanoshak – Andy & Phyllis Kulmatiski



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

TWENTY FOURTH AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST
(Post Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple)

November 23, 2025

***PLEASE REFER TO THE EXTRA SHEET FOR THE ANTIPHONS FOR PHILLIPS'S FAST**

TROPAR: 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.

TROPAR: Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God, and the proclamation of salvation for mankind. In the Temple of God the Virgin is clearly revealed, and beforehand announces Christ to all men. To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice: Rejoice, fulfilment of the Creator's plan.

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

KONDAK: The Savior's pure temple, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasury of the glory of God, is brought today into the house of the Lord; and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. God's angels sing in praise of her: She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

PROKEIMENON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (no repeat)

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22):

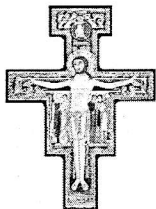


Brethren, for Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both Jew and Greek into one, and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances in decrees, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through him. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place 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). Here, O daughter and see, and incline your ear. Alleluia (3). The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance. Alleluia (3).

Luke 12: 16-21



The Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to take thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry [happy].' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night do they demand your soul of you; and the things that you have provided, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT": Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies. Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark, but instead let the lips of those who are believers sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel, crying out with great joy to the Mother of God: O pure Virgin, you are truly higher than all.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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.

You are invited to a
JOINT PARISH
Saint Nicholas Day
CHRISTMAS TEA, COFFEE
& FELLOWSHIP (Lunch)

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church Hall

240 Center Street, Nanticoke, PA

DATE: December 7th, 2025 A.D.

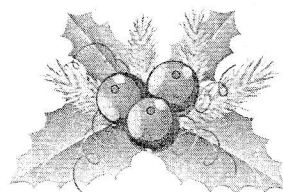
Time: Noon

Guest Appearance: St. Nick

Children welcome



Christmas Carols with
guitar accompaniment
by Christine Ferrato





CHURCH NEWS HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING! EAT MORE PYROHY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: A Very Happy Birthday to MaryAnn Kelly who celebrates her Birthday on December 1st! A Very Happy Birthday to Christine Ferrato who celebrates her Birthday on December 15th. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant them and their Families Many Happy Blessed Years!

PYROHY SALE: There are potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement. The cost is \$12.00 per dozen. Contact the church rectory or call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

COOKIES NEEDED: Cookies are needed for cookie trays. If you can spare a dozen or two cookies, bring your cookies to the St. Nicholas Fellowship.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET & RAFFLE BASKETS: We are still collecting gently used or new Christmas items for the Christmas sale. We are also in need of Baskets for the Basket Raffle. There are some empty baskets in the church basement that you may use. Also, there are some frames that can be used for cash, lottery tickets, gift cards or whatever you may wish to put in them. Items and baskets can be dropped off in the church basement before Nov 22, or after November 22 in the church hall. Please call 570-592-5776 or 570-256-7883. There are baskets and frames in the church basement for use to make raffle baskets.

DON'T FORGET NEXT SATURDAY IS THE CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET... HELP IS NEEDED.

SAINT NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP: We are requesting a donation of food or cookies for the fellowship. The cookies will be used for a cookie tray for parishioners of both parishes who are unable to come to church or are ill. Donations of pot-luck type dishes are needed. FYI- We already have a donation of Sweet & Sour meatballs. Please call Lisa at 570-574-1016 OR Ali at 570-570-709-2514 for questions or donations.

CAN YOU HELP?: Everyone loves the Christmas Tea, but this year we need help with sandwiches, cookies, a monetary donation, etc. Can you lend a hand please call Ali at 570-709-2514 or Lisa at 570-574-1016.

THE ENGLot SISTERS CHRISTMAS CD: You can now listen to the Englot Sisters CD "An American Ukrainian Christmas" on YouTube and Spotify. CD's are still available for purchase- you can find them in the back of the church for freewill donation. Just type into YOUTUBE LINE "**THE ENGLot SISTERS**" and it will bring up the account.

DONATE A HAM: For the Thanksgiving Holiday, many supermarkets are giving away a "free" ham (or turkey). Consider donating your "free" ham to the church if you are not using it. We can freeze it and use it for Meat-fare or a Breakfast. Many stores are offering boneless hams for free for points (Gerrity's)- this is what we need. If you are considering this, please call Lisa at 570-574-1016.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Could you give a reflection for Phillip's Fast? All of us, indeed the whole world, should recognize the Kingship of Jesus Christ and submit to him. Only then could there be One Church and One World. Without Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is God, no peace is possible. So, we have difficulties in our lives because of a wonderful gift God gave us; notably, free will. Free will is to allow us to be free to choose the good. To choose to sin will lead you to eternal suffering, hell. Jesus, as a baby in the manger, knew that this was the beginning of the path that ends on the Cross. The Nativity of Jesus Christ is the beginning of the Story of Salvation, as recognized by mankind, and the Cross is the culmination of the Story of Salvation for mankind. This is why the Processional Cross of The Church is composed of the Star of Bethlehem and the Cross, i.e. Crucifix (notice the processional cross between the fans behind the altar). This is a reminder to us of how God entered the world and how God exited the world, saving us from our sins. When we freely choose to follow God, Jesus Christ the Son of God, then we are able to be saved from our sins. We can avoid Eternal Damnation. It is only through Jesus' sacrifice of Himself on the cross, the perfect blood sacrifice to atone for sin, that our sins could be forgiven for He is the Eternal Lamb of God. Think about it this way, if I wish to obtain something from you, that you consider your greatest possession, what do I have to give to you to obtain this? Would you accept something from me of lesser value for this? No, the typical person wants something of greater value than what they are giving up. So, what can I offer for my sins, by which I deserve hell? In short there is nothing I can give to God to atone for my sins, to trade with God, for heaven; because heaven is greater than anything I have, even my own life. The only way to "trade up" is for God to choose to give me Himself to atone for my sins because only God is this "perfect" or "greater value" gift. Hence, God is so incredibly loving (agape – sacrificial giving love) that He offers Himself to atone for my sins. This is the "Gift of Christmas." This gift is freely given and we are free to choose this gift. We demonstrate our choosing by living a holy life, to the best of our abilities.

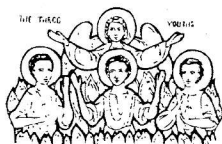
BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER:

Achieving Your Potential in Christ: THEOSIS

Anthony M. Conaris

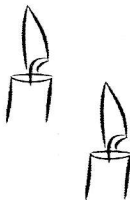
ISBN: 0-937032-93-X

Prayer is food for the soul. Do not starve the soul, it is better to let the body go hungry. Do not judge anyone, forgive everyone. Consider yourself worse than everyone in the world and you will be saved. As much as possible, be more quiet." + St. Joseph of Optina: Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina



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. 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, Josh Alberola & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.



NOVEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
In loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In honor of Saint Michael & the Guardian Angels.

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
In loving memory of Michael Hvozda.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Bob & Johanna Longenberger in loving memory of
Sister Martin Rodko & Michael Rodko.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek
For God's Blessing on her son Nikolas

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is
given by Lisa Placek for a Special Intention.

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, "if you would enter life, keep the commandments," the man expects him to add immediately, "My commandments." "Which ones?" he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for "no one is justified by the law," as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. "For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ."

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that "if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well."

St. Cyril of Alexandria