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



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| Saturday, December 27 | SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES |
| 6:00 PM | †Theodore Weron- Christiane Ferrato |
| Sunday, December 28 | SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES |
| 10:30 AM | †Geraldine Adamchak- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski |
| Monday, December 29 | God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko |
| 9:00 AM | |
| Tuesday, December 30 | †Roman Misorek – Rita Kurtz |
| 9:00 AM | |
| Wednesday, December 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE- No Liturgy |
| Thursday, January 1 | CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD (w/Myrovania) |
| 10:30 AM | BASIL THE GREAT |
| | NEW YEAR'S DAY |
| | †Ann Chokola, Carol Toomey, & Jan Chwiej |
| | - Lisa Chokola |
| Friday, January 2 | |
| 9:00 AM | †All the Deceased of the O'Bremski |
| | & Belitsa Families - Denise Kaminsky |
| Saturday, January 3 | SATURDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY |
| 6:00 PM | God's Blessings & Good Health for Jenn & Tom Jones |
| | -MaryAnn Jarolen |
| Sunday, January 4 | SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY |
| 10:30 AM | †Helen Bogdan- Christine Ferrato |



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



SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 28, 2025



ANTIPHON 1

I will confess You, O Lord, with all my heart, I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the council of the just and the congregation, great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

His work is filled with praise and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles, "Death had been plundered!" Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

TROPAR: Your Nativity, O Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dawn from on the high. Glory to You, O Lord.

TROPAR: O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle: You saw a virgin giving birth. With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped; they too were warned by an angel. Pray to Christ our God to save our souls. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

KONTAKION: Today the divine David is filled with gladness; Joseph along with James offers praises for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth, crying out, “O Gracious One, save those who worship You.” **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONTAKION: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being; the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach; Angels with shepherds give Him glory, while Magi make their way with a star, for to us is born a little Child, the pre-eternal God.

PROKEIMENON: How great are your works O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19:



Brethren, I want you to know that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any man. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). Lord, remember David and all his meekness.
Alleluia(3). How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.
Alleluia(3).

Gospel of Matthew 2:13-23

 When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, “Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell you. For Herod will seek the child to destroy him.” So he arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Then Herod, seeing that he had been tricked by the Magi, was exceedingly angry; and he sent and slew all the boys in Bethlehem and all its neighborhood who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted, because they are no more.” But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” So he arose and took the child and his mother, and went into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being warned in a dream he withdrew into the region of Galilee. And he went and settled in a town called Nazareth, that there might be fulfillment what was spoken through the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.
Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold: the cave is heaven; the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim; the manger, a dwelling place in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain. Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

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.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of the shadow of death a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase;" (ISAIAH 9:2...)

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER:

ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

Hymns on Paradise

ISBN: 978-0881410761

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, Josh Alberola, Mother Maria Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.



DECEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family
In loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Helen Heylek.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Alberola Family for God's Blessings
& Good Health for Joshua Alberola.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Geri Adamchak
In loving memory of Nicholas & Julia Salonski.

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given
by JoAnn Grout in loving memory of Mike & Olga Yurkowski.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by JoAnn Grout
In loving memory of Bill & Anna Grout.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by the
Pasicznyk Family in loving of Ihor Pasicznyk.

CHURCH NEWS

Father Walter wishes everyone a Health & Blessed New Year!!

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.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET: Our next AFTER-CHRISTMAS Flea Market will be on Saturday, January 3 and Sunday, January 4, weather permitting. Please plan to come out and help.

FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS: Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols to be held at the Cathedral in Philadelphia on **January 11, 2026, at 3:00pm.**

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

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG: "YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 31st Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church at 635 North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, THIS Sunday, December 28th, 2025, starting at 2:00p.m. Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes."

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2025, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like.

MYASOPUSNA 2026 is February 8th, 2026. Please SAVE the date.

JANUARY CANDLES



The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family
For the Deceased Members of the Yanoshak & Bruso Families.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is for Special Intention.

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given
by M/M Brian Kawczenski for Health & God's Blessings
for Leo Tan Kawczenski.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by the
Yanoshak Family in loving memory of John Yanoshak.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I have heard Jesus Christ called "the New Adam." Can you explain more about this?

The church from it's beginning has called Christ the New Adam. The first-created Adam was unable to fulfil the vocation laid before him: to attain deification and bring to God the visible world by means of spiritual and moral perfection. Having broken the commandment and having fallen away from the sweetness of Paradise, he had the way to deification closed to him. Yet everything that the first man left undone was accomplished for him by God Incarnate, the Word-become-flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ. He trod that path of man which the latter was meant to tread towards Him. And if this would have been the way of ascent for man, for God it was the way of humble condescension, of self-emptying (kenosis). St Paul calls Christ the 'second Adam', contrasting Him with the 'first': 'The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven' (1 Cor.15:47). This typology (parallelism) was further explained by St John Chrysostom, who emphasized that Adam was the prototype of Christ: 'Adam is the image of Christ ...as the man for those who came from him, even though they did not eat of the tree, became the cause of death, then Christ for those who were born of Him, although they have done no good, became the bearer of righteousness, which he gave to all of us through the cross'. Few people accepted the second Adam or believed in Him when He came down to earth. The Incarnate Jesus, Who suffered and was raised, became a 'a stumbling block to Jews and folly [Greek, skandalon] to Gentiles' (1 Cor.1:23). Declaring Himself to be God and making Himself equal to God, Jesus is a scandal to Jews and was accused in blasphemy. As to the Greeks, Christianity was folly for them because Greek thought sought a logical and rational explanation for everything; it was not within its power to know a suffering and dying God. For many

centuries Greek wisdom built a temple to 'an unknown God' (Acts 17:23). It was incapable of understanding how an unknowable, incomprehensible, all-powerful, almighty, omniscient and omnipresent God could become a mortal, suffering, weak man. A God, Who would be born of a Virgin, a God Who would be in swaddling clothes, Who would be put to sleep and be fed with milk: all of this seemed absurd to the Greeks. Even among the Christians of the first centuries, the mystery of Godmanhood was explained in a different way. In the second century the Docetists claimed that Christ's human nature was merely transparent: it only seemed that He suffered and died on the cross, while God in fact, being passionless, could not suffer at all. The Docetists considered all that was material and corporeal to be evil and could not concede that God had put on sinful and evil flesh, that He had united Himself with dust. The other extreme was that of Arianism which denied Christ's Divinity and reduced the Son of God to the level of created being. How were extremes to be avoided and how was the Church to find a legitimate explanation for the mystery of Christ? By understanding Jesus is the New Adam, come to conquer sin.



PRAYERS BEFORE SLEEP

O Lord our God, forgive all the sins I have committed this day in word, deed or thought, for thou art good and lovest mankind. Grant me peaceful and untroubled sleep and send thy guardian angel to protect and keep me from every evil; for thou art the guardian of our souls and bodies, and to thee we send up glory, to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer to the Mother of God For Someone who has Forsaken the Path of Salvation By Saint Gabriel of Novgorod

All-Merciful Lady, Virgin Mistress and Theotokos, Heavenly Queen: by thy birth giving thou didst save the human race from the eternal torment of the devil, for Christ our Savior was born from thee. In thy mercy look down even now upon N., Who is deprived of God's mercy and grace, and intercede before thy Son, Christ our God, by thy maternal boldness and thy prayers, that from on high He might send down His grace upon him[her], for he[she]is perishing. O most Blessed Lady, thou hope of the hopeless and salvation of the despairing, may the enemy never rejoice over his[her] soul! Amen.

For those who have died Unbaptized, and without Repentance or by Suicide

By Saint Leonid of Optina

O Lord, seek the soul of thy servant N.: if it be possible, have mercy. Thy judgements are unfathomable. Do not count this prayer of mine as a sin but rather may thy holy will be done.

On New's Day

O Lord, God of all creation both visible and invisible, thou Maker and Creator who hast established the times and seasons: do thou thyself bless the new year which beginneth today, (for January 1sr): which we reckon according to thine Incarnation for the sake of our salvation. Allow us to pass this year and many years afterward in peace and harmony with our neighbors. Strengthen and propagate the Holy Catholic Church, which thou has established and sanctified through the saving sacrifice of thy Holy Body and most precious Blood. Exalt our earthly homeland, keep it and glorify it. Grant us long life, health, abundance of the fruits of the earth and seasonal weather. As our true and chief Sheperd, save and guard us, thy sinful servants, together with all our relatives and friends, and all all right-believing Christians, and confirm us on the path of salvation, so that by following it, we may lead a good and long life in this world and afterwards attain to thy heavenly kingdom and there partake of eternal blessing together with all thy saints. Amen.

KEEP PRAYING FOR UKRAINE...

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 in this world, as is Your Will. 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.

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

"We will hope in Him (the Son of God), and through Him be saved."

The Gospel for this Sunday before Christmas is the genealogy or family tree of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel is from St. Matthew. The Evangelist Matthew begins his gospel with a listing of the ancestors starting with Abraham. It does not start with the first man Adam, but rather with Abraham who had made a "covenant" with Yahweh God. Genealogy ends with Joseph. This listing of ancestors or forefathers serves as a kind of certificate, which reveals for us who Jesus the new-born infant is. Jesus is the Son of God Who is born "from the House of David. He is fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus is perfect God and perfect man. The Evangelist St. Matthew mentions historical periods, in which the person or event mentioned is "a sign of God's intervention." Through the life decisions of each person mentioned in the genealogy, family tree. God was preparing us, all humanity for the birth of the long-awaited Messiah Who would one day save us, deliver us from sin. Christ is born and we are to glorify Him, In a world, in which there are nations at war. The newborn King, the Prince of Peace, comes to dwell in our midst. During the singing of the "God is with us" Hymn during the Great Compline on Christmas Eve, we reaffirm our belief in the omnipotence of God and His victorious power over evil. God, the Blessed Trinity is Almighty. He will rescue us from those who oppress us. Christ the Lord will crush, destroy the evil desires of those seeking to oppress us. The evildoers, oppressors are told: "For if you rise up again, again will you be crushed, for God is with us." So too their resolutions will not stand. Another versicle of the "God is with us" hymn reaffirms our hope in the Almighty Lord God: "We will hope in Him (the Son of God), and through Him be saved." May the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity work together and guide us on our journey to the Heavenly Kingdom. - Father **D. George Worschak**