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**Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Christ is Born!  
Slavyte Yeho! Glorify Him!  
January 18, 2026, A. D.**

<b>Saturday, January 17</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS</b>
6:00 PM	†Ted Weron- Gayle & Bobby Miles
<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS</b>
10:30 AM	†Geraldine Adamchak- Mike & Marion Ogin
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
9:00 AM	
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b>	Special Intention- Lisa Placek
10:00 AM	
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	God's Blessings for Jay Bauer - Ulana Campbell
9:00 AM	
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	†Holy Innocents & Reparations for Abortion
9:00 AM	- Diane Petry
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE</b>
6:00 PM	†Mary Hoolick- Lee Family
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE</b>
10:30 AM	†Pearl Bavitz- Bavitz Family



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

**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

**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.

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

**KONDAK:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

**PROKIMEN:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

**A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (4:9-15):**

Timothy my son, godliness is profitable to all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. A faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we labor and are reviled, because we hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of the faithful. These things command and teach. Let no man despise your youth: but you, be an example of the faithful in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in chastity. Until I come, attend unto reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine. Neglect not the grace that is in you, which was given you by prophesy, with imposition of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate upon these things, be wholly in these things: that your profiting may be manifest to all.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel of Luke 19:1-10

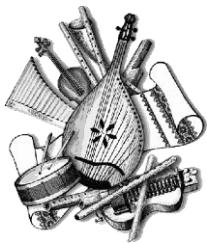
At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through the city. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, "Look, LORD! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

**BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY:**  
**As It Was In The Beginning Is Now And Ever Shall Be**  
By Bishop Roman Danylak, Titular Bishop of Nissa  
**ISBN: 978-0986534300**



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; 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, Sister Evhenia Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.



## MYASOPUSNA 2026

Myasopusna Dinner Celebration is fast approaching! The Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, the date of our Meat-fare Sunday. This event combines a delicious ethnic meal (Ham, kobasi, Halupki, pyrohy, kapusta, bosch, & dessert) with cultural dance, singing and art. This year will feature the St. Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. Ukrainian Beer and wine will be available. Ticket price is \$25 and kids are \$12. Doors open at noon. Cocktail 1/2 hour is noon-12:30. **Serving** starts at 12:30PM and **stops** at 2:00PM. Tables are not reserved ahead of time. Program will start at approximately 1:30PM. **For tickets call 570-735-4654 or 570-574-1016 (leave message) to order advance tickets. No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Door.**

**Take-outs are available.**

**MYOSOPUSNA 2026: Tickets are now available.** Myasopusna requires everyone to pull together to make our event successful. Your assistance is priceless and appreciated. Please try to keep the week before the event open and help out where you can, tell your neighbors, try to sell a few tickets, and when you see flyers in the back grab one and put it up at your school, library, or supermarket, etc. - **THANK YOU**-every little bit helps! **Your church needs YOU and don't forget to pray- we can't do this alone! You don't have to be a parishioner or Ukrainian to help! Please ask your family members, grandchildren, and friends to come out and help with Meat-Fare- we really do need everyone to pull together.**



**UKRAINIAN RAFFLE BASKETS:** We are requesting Raffle Baskets for the Myasopusna Dinner. The raffle is one of the highlights of our events and we are hoping people will be generous in their donations as they have in the past. Please, always include your name and the contents of the basket on it. If you have any questions, give Johanna a call 570-256-7883.

**MYASOPUSNA DESSERT:** We are asking for dessert items for our dinner. If anyone is able to make a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

## **CHURCH NEWS ....**

**PRAYER BOOKS:** We received from a parishioner as a donation Prayer Books published by Saint Tikhon's Monastery. They are located in the back of the church. These books are for use in church. Please do not remove them from the church. There is a selection of prayers for many situations in the books that perhaps you might find useful.

**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.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If you would like your house blessed, please put a note in the basket or contact the rectory.

**ST. VLADIMIR'S CHURCH PRESENTATION:** The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy is hosting a screening of Making NEPA Home, an original documentary from WVIA Public Media, highlighting the immigrant communities of Northeastern PA on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 N. 7th Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. The screening is followed by a question & answer period with Kara Washington, Promotions Coordinator, WVIA. All are welcome.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS:** Church envelopes and calendars are in the basement of the church for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes, please let the rectory know.

**PIGGIE DINNER:** "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes- Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in our school hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinners include; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051."

**FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY:** Twelve Liturgies were given for the first Saturday of each month starting February 7<sup>th</sup> for any Family experiencing troubles in their lives and seeking God's help. If you have such a petition for a family please feel free to share it with Fr. Walter to be included in the Saturday's liturgy intention.

**LENT:** Remember, the first day of Lent is a fast from Meat and Dairy Products. **Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The first full day of Lent will begin on Monday, February 16** and is a day of abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products for everyone who is able to do so. All Fridays are always a day of fast. Traditionally, Wednesdays are a day of fast during the Great Fast. Anything you can do extra is also indicated. Remember there are no weekday Liturgy during the Great Fast.



### **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.



### **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.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is for all the  
Deceased Members of the Slota & Wetzel Families.

### **THE FIVE SATURDAYS OF THE DECEASED (SOROKUSTY)**



The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty) The Church Typikon designates the five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased for 2026 as February 21<sup>st</sup>; February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at

Matins of the Deceased (Parastas) on these five Saturdays of the year. Sorokousty Services will be celebrated at 8:00am.

**ANSWERS TO PRAYER:** If God is slow to grant your request and you do not receive what you ask for promptly, do not be grieved, for you are not wiser than God. When this happens to you, it is either because your way of life does not accord with your request, or because the pathways of your heart are at odds with the intention of your prayer. Or it may be because you inner state is too childish by comparison with the magnitude of the thing you have asked for. It is not appropriate that great things should fall easily into our hands, otherwise God's gift will be held in dishonour, because of the ease with which we obtain it. For anything that is readily obtained is also easily lost, whereas everything which is found with toil is preserved with care. - **St. Isaac of Syria**

**Woe** to those who are rich, who are full, who laugh, and who are praised. But good shall come to those who endure every wrongful accusation, beating, robbery, or compulsory difficulty. This is completely opposite to what people usually think and feel! The thoughts of God are as far from human thoughts as heaven is from the earth. How else could it be? We are in exile; and it is not remarkable for those in exile to be offended and insulted. We are under a penance; the penance consists of deprivations and labors. We are sick; and most useful for the sick are bitter medicines. The Savior Himself all of His life did not have a place to lay His head, and He finished his life on the cross — why should his followers have a better lot? The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of preparedness to suffer and bear good-naturedly all that is sorrowful. Comfort, arrogance, splendor, and ease are all foreign to its searching and tastes. Its path lies in the fruitless, dreary desert. The model is the forty-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert. Who follows this path? Everyone who sees Canaan beyond the desert, boiling over with milk and honey. During his wandering he too receives manna, however not from the earth, but from heaven; not bodily, but spiritually. All the glory is within. - **St. Theophan the Recluse**