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Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Christ is Born!
Slavyte Yeho! Glorify Him!
January 25, 2026, A. D.

Saturday, January 24
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

†Mary Hoolick- Lee Family

Sunday, January 25
10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

†Pearl Bavitz- Bavitz Family

Tuesday, January 27
9:00 AM

Special Intention

Wednesday, January 28
9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, January 30
9:30 AM

†Roman Misorek- Diane Petry

Saturday, January 31
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

†Geraldine Adamchak- Diane Cates

Sunday, February 1
10:30 AM

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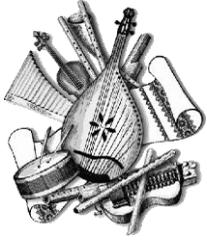
†Edward Schwartz- Gayle & Bobby Miles



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

MEATFARE IS 14 DAYS AWAY..... GET READY!



MYASOPUSNA 2026

Myasopusna Dinner Celebration is fast approaching! The Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for **February 8th, 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 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.

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**

TROPARION: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You

TROPAR: Like a shepherd's flute, O Father Gregory your theology vanquished the trumpets of orators, for searching the depths of the spirit, beauty of speech was increased in you. Pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

KONDAK: O glorious saint, your tongue, versed in theology, loosed the webs of vain philosophers; you adorned the Church with a robe of true belief woven on high. Wearing it she cries with us, your children: Rejoice, O Father, highest mind of theology.
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKEIMENON: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding. (no repeat).

A Reading of the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 3:10-15:

Timothy, my son, You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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).

Gospel of Luke 18:10-14:



“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 7th; February 28th, March 7th and 14th, and May 23rd.. 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.



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.

CHURCH NEWS

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH: We will be undecorating the church on **Tuesday, January 27th at 4:00pm.**

PYROHY MAKING FOR MEATFARE DINNER: HELP IS NEEDED. We will be making pyrohy on Tuesday, February 3rd at 8:30AM for our Meatfare Dinner. We will be making 60 dozen pyrohy. Please come out and help.

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.

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 31st, 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 7th 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 15th.** 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.

PSANKY CLASSES: St. Cyril & Methodius are holding Psanky classes. These classes are artistically taught by TAMMY BUDNOVITCH on February 22 & March 1st. Pick either 12:00 or 3:00 for classes. All supplies are provided. Fee: \$25. All proceeds support SS. Cyril & Methodius, Ukrainian Catholic Church. For reservations: Call Tammy 570-766-1919.

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



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 & Brusio 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 & Wetzell Families.

“Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.” (Luke 18:17). How is one to receive it as a little child? Here is how: in simplicity, with a full heart, without a moment’s thought. A rational analysis is not applicable in the realm of faith. It can have a place only on it’s threshold. As an anatomist divides the whole body into it’s parts but does not see life, so also reason, no matter how much it deliberates, does not comprehend the power of faith. Faith itself provides contemplations which on the whole, show that faith completely satisfies all the requirements of our nature, and obliges our consciousness, conscience and heart to receive faith. They receive it, and having received it, do not want to break from it. The same thing happens here as with someone who has tasted pleasant and healthy food. Having tasted it once, he knows that it is suitable, and he accepts it among the substances that nourish him. Chemistry is not help to him in the conviction, either before or after he tastes it. His conviction is based on personal, direct experience. In the same way a believer knows the truth of the Faith directly. Faith itself instills in him the unshakeable conviction that it is faith. How, then, could faith be rational faith? The rationality of faith is to directly know that faith is faith. The intellect only ruins things. Cooling faith and weakening life according to faith; but the main thing is that it is arrogant and chases away God’s grace—and in Christianity this is an evil of the first degree. - **St. Theophan the Recluse**

“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils (Luke 11:21-22).” This allegory explains how demonic power over souls is destroyed by the Lord. While a soul is in sin, its evil spirit possesses it, although it may not always be clearly demonstrated. The evil spirit is stronger than the soul, and this is why it does not fear an uprising on the soul’s part. It rules and tyrannizes it without resistance. But when the Lord comes to a soul, attracted by faith and repentance, He tears apart all of Satan’s bonds, casts out the demon and deprives it of all the power over this person’s soul. While this soul serves the Lord, the demons cannot prevail over it, for the soul is strong through the Lord, Who is stronger than they are. When the soul takes a false step and roams away from the Lord, the demon again attacks and overcomes it, and for the soul, the poor thing, the last state is worse than before. This is the general, unseen order of phenomena in the spiritual world. If only the eyes of our mind were opened, we would see the worldwide battle of spirits against souls: First one side, then the other overcomes, depending upon whether the soul communes with the Lord through faith, repentance, and zeal for good works, or falls back from Him through carelessness, lack of concern, and coolness toward doing good. -**St. Theophan the Recluse**