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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
May 17, 2026, A. D.



Saturday, May 16
6:00

SUNDAY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

†Tina Kempinski- Jack & Judy Lee

Sunday, May 17
10:30AM

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†Peter Wrobel, Jr. - Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

Monday, May 18
9:00AM

God's Blessing for America - Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

Thursday, May 21
9:00AM

†Shirley Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

Saturday, May 23
8:00AM

5th All Souls Saturday - Sorokousty

Saturday, May 23
6:00PM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

†Francis John & Ann Panek- Rich & Janet Harding

Sunday, May 24
10:30AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

†John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

Monday, May 25
9:00 AM

Memorial Day

2:00 PM

God's Blessings on America & All Deceased Veterans

Panachyda at Transfiguration of Our Lord Cemetery

3:15 PM

Blessing of Graves

Panachyda at Saint Nicholas Cemetery

Blessing of Graves



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

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ANTIPHON 1

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save, us.
For the Lord most high is awesome, a great king of all the earth.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save, us.
He has subdued peoples to us, and nations under our feet.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save, us.
God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord at the sound of the trumpets.
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, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to you Alleluia.
Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to you Alleluia.
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to you Alleluia.

TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPAR: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit, and assuring them through your blessing that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

TROPAR: Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

KONDAK: The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine confirmed the Church's one faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven from theology that descends from on high, she rightly imparts the mystery of godliness and sings its glory.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When you had fulfilled Your plan for us and united things on earth with those in heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way distant, but remaining in separable, You cried to those who love You: I am with You and there is none against you.

PROKEIMENON: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. **verse:** For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18;28-36):

Brethren, in those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to lose time in Asia, for he was eager to get to Jerusalem by the feast of Pentecost, if at all possible. Paul sent word from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the presbyters of that church. "Keep watch over yourselves, and the whole flock the Holy Spirit has given you to guard. Shepherd the church of the God, which he has acquired at the price of his own blood. I know that when I am gone, savage wolves will come among you who will not spare the flock. From your own number, men will present themselves distorting the truth and leading astray any who follow them. Be on your guard, therefore. Do not forget that three years, night and day, I never ceased warning you individually even to the point of tears. I command you now to the Lord, and to that gracious word of his, which can enlarge you, and give you a share among all who are consecrated to him. Never did I set my heart on anyone's silver or gold or envy the way he dressed. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have served both my needs and those of my companions. I have always pointed out to you that it is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus himself, who said, "There is more happiness in giving than receiving."

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. **Alleluia (3).** Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. **Alleluia (3).**



Gospel of John 17:1-13

At that time Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the

work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens. O Mother of God, you transcended both mind and word, and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One: it is you who, with one accord, we, the faithful, magnify.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3).

Instead of "We have seen the true light" and "Let our mouths be filled," we sing: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.

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. George Worschak; Fr. Peter Waslo; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, 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. Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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 cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.



MAY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in
Loving memory of Anna Wrobel & Miriam Jennings.

The **Eternal Light** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski
In loving memory of Julius & Lottie Kawczenski.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek
For God's Blessings & Good Health for Benjamin Placek.

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given
For the repose of the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given by the
Lipowski Family in loving memory of John Lipowski.

CHURCH NEWS

THANK YOU: Dane Sorenson has graciously volunteered to **help** cut the church lawn each week. Thank you Very Much!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Bob Longenberger for cutting the grass at the Hall. Thank you to the Men's Group for maintaining the shrubs at the Hall and the Grotto.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: Volunteers are requested to help cut with some of the grass cutting. Volunteers are also needed to weed and maintain the grotto as well as church grounds. If you are able to help with some or all of the grass cutting, please let Father know. **Thank you to Helen Lipowski who donated the Geraniums for the Grotto!! Thank you to the donors of the mulch for the grotto!**

WEBSITE INFORMATION: There are 12 new pictures on the Historical Pictures and Videos page. Captions were added on the pictures. It would be appreciated if anyone could further identify the timing or event of the pictures.

PETITIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: May is the month of Blessed Mother of God. We will have Petitions to the Mother of God following Divine Liturgies this month.



WALKING PILGRIMAGE: FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS: Save the date Saturday, June 13. A Seven Mile Walking Pilgrimage from St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua through the Pinchot State Forest, Mocanaqua Tract to St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon. Divine Liturgy offered and lunch served at the end of the walk. Register by June 6, 2026 at www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26. For more information call/text 570-301-9253 or email foapilgrimage@gmail.com. The faith lives on in Glen Lyon.....

SOROKOUSTY SERVICE: The fifth Sorokousty is Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00 am.

BIG BANG BASKET: The City of Nanticoke has asked once again if we would donate a basket to the BIG BANG Celebration Raffle. If anyone is willing to donate any type of liquor or wine for the basket it would be appreciated, if you have questions call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad. Please pray for all our priests, active and retired.



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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day began in the late 1860's as "Decoration Day" when Americans decorated the graves of Civil War soldiers. Memorial Day became a Federal Holiday in 1971. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, more than 1.3 million military members have died in America's wars. The Civil War is the deadliest conflict in U.S. history, accounting for nearly half of all U.S. military deaths.

One hundred and thirty National Cemeteries such as Arlington National Cemetery are operated by the **Department of Veterans Affairs** in the United States and serve as the final resting places for service members. The **American Battle Monuments Commission** maintains 26 overseas cemeteries where more than 200,000 American service members are buried.

Every Memorial Day, there is a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The **Tomb of The Unknown Soldier** (located in Arlington National Cemetery) honors unidentified service members and has been continuously guarded since 1937. The memorial stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. Since 1921, it has provided a final resting place for one of America's unidentified World War I service members, and Unknowns from later wars were added in 1958 and 1984. The Tomb has also served as a place of mourning and a site for reflection on military service. In March 1926, soldiers from nearby Fort Myer were first assigned to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The guards, present only during daylight hours, discouraged visitors from climbing or stepping on the Tomb. In 1937, the guards became a 24/7 presence, standing watch over the Unknown Soldier at all times. The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard," was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit on April 6, 1948. At that time, The Old Guard began guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Soldiers of The Old Guard also serve as escorts to the president and conduct military ceremonies in and around Washington, D.C., including military funeral escorts at Arlington National Cemetery. Soldiers who volunteer to become Tomb Guards must undergo a strict selection process and intensive training. Each element of the Tomb

Guard's routine has meaning. The Guard marches 21 steps down the black mat behind the Tomb, turns and faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, and then takes 21 steps down the mat. Next, the Guard executes a sharp "shoulder-arms" movement to place his rifle on the shoulder closest to the visitors, signifying that he or she stands between the Tomb and any possible threat. The number 21 symbolizes the highest symbolic military honor that can be bestowed: the 21-gun salute.

NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE ACT

Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act in 2000. The act designates 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day as a time for prayer and reflection.

As stated by the Clinton administration, the purpose of the National Moment of Remembrance is to honor fallen soldiers and remind citizens of the true meaning of Memorial Day.