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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
May 24, 2026, A. D.



Saturday, May 23

8:00AM

Saturday, May 23

6:00PM

Sunday, May 24

10:30AM

Monday, May 25

9:00 AM

2:00 PM

3:15 PM

Friday, May 29

9:00AM

Saturday, May 30

6:00PM

Sunday, May 31

10:30AM

5th All Souls Saturday - Sorokousty

PENTECOST SUNDAY(Myrovania)

†Francis John & Ann Panek- Rich & Janet Harding

PENTECOST SUNDAY(Myrovania)

†John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

Memorial Day

God's Blessings on America & All Deceased Veterans

Panachyda at Transfiguration of Our Lord Cemetery

Blessing of Graves

Panachyda at Saint Nicholas Cemetery

Blessing of Graves

†Jason Yankosky- Diane Petry

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

†Lawrence Kempinski- Lipowski Family

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

†Wasil Kobela- Ellen Alqrainy & Leona Kobela



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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(At the start of Liturgy, we recite the Prayer below.)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth! You are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life! Come and dwell within us. Cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

ANTIPHON 1: The Heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us. Each day tells the story to the following day, and each night proclaims the message with understanding to the next night. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us. Their voice has resounded all over the earth, and their message to the utmost bounds of the earth. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

GLORY: NOW AND FOREVER: ONLY BEGOTTEN SON:

ANTIPHON 3:

O Lord, in your strength the king shall rejoice, and in your salvation He shall greatly exalt. **Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.**

You have granted him his soul's desire; you refused not the wish of his lips.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

You anticipated His coming with goodly blessings; you set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

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(**Procession of Gospel – After priest says “Wisdom, stand aright”. Then people continue with EISODIKON, the Entrance Hymn.)

EISODIKON: Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

TROPAR: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

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

KONDAK: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He parted the nations. When He divided the tongues of fire, He called all to unity; thus with one voice we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD”:

All you have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia

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

Amen. You have put on Christ. Alleluia. All you have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKIMEN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11):

Brethren, when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise, like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At the sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, we are travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). By the Lord's words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host. Alleluia (3). The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld mankind. Alleluia (3).

Gospel John 7:37-52 & 8:12-13



Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that he is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a great division among the people because of him. And some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought him in?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been led astray? Has any one of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, he who had come to him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first give him a hearing; and know what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search the Scriptures and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me does not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT": O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons. Rejoice, O Queen, boast of the virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

COMMUNION VERSE: Your good Spirit shall guide me on the straight path. Alleluia (3).

Tsaryu Nebesniy
Hymn to the Holy Spirit

Tsaryu nebesniy, Bozhe Mohuchiy,
Ti Uteeshitel', Dukh pravdi Ti.
Eezhe Vezdee siy ee Vseseeduchiy,
Tvoyeyee laski nam nizposli.

O King of Heaven, Spirit Almighty,
Giver of Truth and Comfort and Love,
Fill hearts with graces and every bounty that we may
Glow with fire from above, filling all places.



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 the 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

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: Volunteers are requested to help 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 Dane Sorenson for volunteering to mow the grass!

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.....

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. The basket is needed by June 1, 2026.

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES: Father's Day is June 21st, don't forget to remember your Father at our Father's Day Divine Liturgy.

BIG NEWS: Kneeling returns to the church!

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 for Deceased Veterans

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on Your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the Resurrection of Your Son they may share in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom and rejoice with Your saints forever. We ask this in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

PENTECOST QUESTIONS....

In the prayer, 'Heavenly King', we ask for salvation. But surely only Christ, and not the Holy Spirit, is our Saviour?

We use many short, and long, prayers, asking for salvation. For example: 'Most Holy Trinity, save us'. 'Most Holy Mother of God, save us'. And yet, as you say, there is only one Savior, Christ our God. So how then can we be saved by the Holy Trinity? Answer: Through the Savior, through Christ, sent down to us by the Holy Trinity. How can we be saved by the Mother of God? Surely, she cannot save us? Yes, she can – through her mother's prayers to the Savior. Christ saves us through others. So too, Christ the Savior saves us through the Holy Spirit, or, if you like, the Holy Spirit saves us through Christ. After all, it was only through the Savior, that we received the Holy Spirit and the knowledge of the Holy Trinity. It was only through the Mother of God that the Savior became one of us, only without sin.

What does the word Pentecost mean?

First of all, I should say that the most common name for this feast is 'Trinity Day', rather than the more formal 'Pentecost'. This is because this feast is the revelation of the Holy Spirit, and therefore the revelation of the fullness of the Holy Trinity, for until today, we had only known the Father and the Son. The Son had promised us the 'Comforter' and today He is here, in fulfilment of that promise. Pentecost is simply the Greek word for fifty. Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter. The significance of this is that even in the Old Testament (Leviticus 25), the number 50 was special. This is because seven is the number of fullness, and eight (7+1) is the number of completion (God rested on the seventh day, after the six days of Creation). 7 x 7 is therefore a particular sign of fullness and 50 is of course 7 x 7 + 1. Therefore, in the Old Testament, every fiftieth year was called a Jubilee year. The Jubilee year was not only the end of the old Jubilee period, but also the beginning of the new one. Thus, there were forty-nine years between each Jubilee year. By adding one to seven, we reach eight. Eight is seen as the number of what is beyond the fullness of this world, beyond Creation, beyond created time and space, what is part

of the age to come, 'the eighth day'. Thus, Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit to earth, is the fullness of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. This is why it is called Trinity Day. The Descent of the Holy Spirit from heaven is the sign of the other world, the age to come, 'the eighth day', penetrating into this world. That is why baptisteries were, and still are, octagonal. They symbolize the person baptized entering into the other world, becoming a citizen of the Kingdom to come, 'the eighth day'.