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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**May 31, 2026, A. D.**

**Saturday, May 30**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, May 31**

**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

†Lawrence Kempinski- Lipowski Family

**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

†Wasil Kobela- Ellen Alqrainy & Leona Kobela

**Monday, June 1**

**9:00 AM**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, June 5**

**8:00AM**

†Jerry Arney- Lisa Chokola

**Saturday, June 6**

**8:00AM**

**ST. BESSARION & HILARY, VENERABLES**

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES-Petitions for Families

**Saturday, June 6**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, June 7**

**10:30AM**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Aaron Lierberman- Lisa Chokola

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†Geraldine Adamchak- Rick & Sue Marosevitch



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

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

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 31, 2026

**TROPAR:** 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:** Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your community, and to our souls great mercy. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** O Lord, Creator of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

**PROKEIMON:** Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. How great are your works O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

### **A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (11:32- 12:2:)**

Brethren, what more shall I say? I have not the time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah of David and Samuel, and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to gain a better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at the sword's point; they went about in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices of the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised. God had foreseen something better for us, so that without us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and preserve in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy the lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3) The just cried out and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of their afflictions. Alleluia (3) The afflictions of the just are many, and out of them all will the Lord deliver them. Alleluia (3).

**Gospel of Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30:**



The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before men, I will deny before my heavenly Father." "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Do not think that I have come to send peace upon the earth; I have come to bring a sword, not peace.

For I have come to set a man at variance with his father, and a daughter with her mother, and a daughter-in-law with her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said to him in reply, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

**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.

**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.

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**LOVE YOUR CHURCH VERY MULCH!** We received a donation of cypress mulch to the church. We are selling the excess bags for \$2.00 each. If you are interested in this purchase please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262.

**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!



**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](http://www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26). For more information call/text 570-301-9253 or email [foapilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>, don't forget to remember your Father at our Father's Day Divine Liturgy.

**LASAGNA DINNER:** Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, (WB) will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include; a generous portion of two-meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"



### 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.



### JUNE CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in  
Loving memory of Peter Wrobel, Jr. & Robert Jennings.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Marc & Karen Lipowski  
In loving memory of Barbara Sivulich.

The Candle **Before John the Baptist** is given by Rita Kurtz  
In loving memory of Barnett Kurtz.

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given  
By M/M Brian Kawczenski for Health & God's Blessings  
On Luke Matthew Kawczenski.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given by the  
Lipowski Family in loving memory of Peter Slota & Anna Kroll.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I am confused- can you please explain to me what the Beatific Vision is?** The Beatific Vision is the immediate knowledge and vision of God (the Holy Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Spirit) which the angelic spirits, angels, and the souls of the just see and enjoy in heaven. n.b. This is the soul alone of the person separated from their body,

this is not yet entering eternally into heaven. It is called “vision” to mark this as different from the knowledge of God which man can attain in this life. **Is the God the Father portrayed in iconography?** Yes and No. Yes, in the sense of Rublev’s Icon of the Trinity as depicting the three angels who visited Abraham and the colors in the icon tell you which is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Also, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are depicted in the Icon of Jesus’s baptism in the Jordan. The Son of God, Jesus Christ being baptized, the Holy Spirit in the image of a dove, and God the Father depicted as a breath coming from the clouds, in some iconography a hand coming from the clouds blesses the Son. God the Father is not to be depicted in iconography or statuary as an old man with a white beard according to Ancient Church Law, even though you have seen this it is not supposed to be done. Ancient Church Canons

The Holy Church commemorates Saints every day. However, because there have been God-pleasers who struggled in obscurity and were not revealed to the Holy Church, the Church has established a day on which we glorify all those who have pleased God throughout the ages. So that not one might be left unglorified by the Church. The Church established that this be done immediately after the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, since it is by the grace of the Holy Spirit that all the saints have been made and continue to be made. The grace of the Holy Spirit brings repentance and the forgiveness of sins. It leads one into battle against the passions and lusts, and crowns this labor with purity and passionlessness, and thus a new creature appears, fit for a new heaven and a new earth. Let us be zealous to follow the saints of God. Today’s Gospel reading teaches us how to do this: it demands fearless confession of faith in the Lord and preferential love for Him, the raising of the cross of self-denial and heartfelt renunciation of everything [else]. Let us place a beginning according to these instructions.

-St. Theophan the Recluse

## **SS. PETER AND PAUL FAST (June 1-June 28)**

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church fasts before the celebration of the feast of SS. Peter and Paul which is celebrated on the 29th of June. The fast begins Monday following All Saints Sunday and continues until the feast day. This year the fast begins on Monday, June 1st and will end at the Vespers for the Feast Day celebration Sunday evening the 28th of June for a total of 28 days this year. Because the finding of The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) varies, so too does the fast period for this minor fast period on our Church Calendar.

Most people do not follow this fast today because bishops have claimed it is not obligatory, but this does not mean that it is not observed. Some Popes have said on occasions that even though the fasts of the Church are not identified as obligatory in every instance, it does not mean that people should not fast. We have the opportunity to enter freely into the fasting periods. One may ask why fast now at the beginning of summer vacation time? Let us say, first, this is not an easy time to fast; but we should remember that fasting is never easy. The very purpose of fasting is to discipline ourselves and this requires hard work and sacrifices. We are always called by God to be in control of our appetites, what most secular society calls “passions” today. We are always to train ourselves to be in control of our appetites rather than letting our bodily and human appetites rule us.

The discipline of fasting leads one to hear and follow God's Spirit and His Word and then to truly live God's call. We look for consolation to today's problems and difficulties and we seek answers in many places. The only true and lasting place to find meaning to the crisis that face us is to return to God (repentance); but it is only in silent waiting for God to speak to us through His Spirit that we can find this consolation.

Many of us turn to the world for answers, but it rebuffs us each time. For example, people today teach us to seek personal convenience at all costs, telling us, “If it feels right, do it!” We are not permitted to ask whether what we seek is good for us; our health, our relationship with God or neighbor. “Save time, steps, energy! But this newest and latest item! It will make you happy!” It is easy to see where this emphasis on personal convenience has led us.

Isn't it strange that many of us are held under the sway of this worldly wisdom more than following God's Wisdom? Fasting and discipline asked of us by the Church, during this period of preparation for the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, is a teacher to seek out true goods. We can learn how to free ourselves from the sway of convenience by fasting at the beginning of summer. The free avoidance of foods on certain days along

with prayer can give us the strength and insights to see what things are really needful for our lives. At a time when prices keep soaring what a helpful insight fasting can be. The wisdom of this world can be met with a spiritual wisdom that can build our character and make us holier in the eyes of God.

### **For Unfailing Strength**

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him.