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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
June 7, 2026, A. D.

Saturday, June 6

6:00PM

Sunday, June 7

10:30AM

6:30PM

Monday, June 1

9:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Aaron Lierberman- Lisa Chokola

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Geraldine Adamchak- Rick & Sue Marosevitch

†Olympia Pasicznyk (3rd Anniversary)- Son, Father Walter

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, June 12

6:00PM

Sunday, June 13

10:30AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†James Hischak- Donna Hischak & Family
Wife, Children & Grandchildren

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Nicholas, Lorraine & Cathyann Gula

-Ellen & Saad Alqrainy & Leona Kobela



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: **Though** the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

TROPAR: O you, who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times, pray Christ God to look with favor on our people and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith that the souls of prayerful faithful who revere your sacred memory may be saved.

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

KONDAK: You shine as bright beacons, O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church. By your encouraging example, you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world. Therefore, we humbly bow our heads to you thanking our great and all-gracious God Who has made you our intercessors in heaven where you pray for our souls. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

PROKEIMON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Romans 2:10-16:

Brethren, there will be glory, honor and peace to everyone who does good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it, as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thought will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) God gives me vindication and has subdued people under me. Alleluia (3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia (3). Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



At that time Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION VERSE: 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. 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Belated Birthday Greetings to **Tom Potsko** who celebrated his birthday on Monday, June 1st. Happy Belated Birthday to Ben Placek who celebrated his birthday May 31st. Mnohaya lita! May God grant you & your family many Happy, Healthy Years!!

LOVE YOUR CHURCH VERY MULCH! Thank you to everyone who purchased mulch.

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. For more information call/text 570-301-9253 or email foapilgrimage@gmail.com. The faith lives on in Glen Lyon.....

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES: Father's Day is June 21st, 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!"

BIG BANG BASKET: A basket was donated to the City of Nanticoke for the BIG BANG Celebration on Saturday, June 27 at the LCCC Parking Lot.



JUNE CANDLES

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

The **Candle before the Icon of Transfiguration** is given
for Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk by the Pasicznyk Family.

Sending the Holy Apostles to preach, the Lord commanded them to call everyone, saying, *The Kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Matthew 10:7). That is, the Kingdom has come—go toward it. What ought we to preach? We should cry to all, “Sons of the Kingdom! Don’t run from the Kingdom into bondage and slavery”—for they are in fact running. Some are captivated by freedom of mind. They say, “We don’t want the bonds of faith and the oppression of authority, even Divine authority’ We’ll figure things out and make up our minds for ourselves.” So they have made up their minds. They have built fables in which there is more childishness than in the mythology of the Greeks—and they magnify themselves... Others are enticed by the broad path of the passions. They say, “We don’t want to know positive commandments or the demands of conscience---this is all abstract: We need tangible naturalness.” And they have gone after it. What has come of it? They have bowed down before dung beasts. Has not the [idea] that man originated from animals originated from this moral fall? This is where they have gone! And everyone runs from the Lord, everyone ...

-St. Theophan the Recluse



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, the world seems hopeless. Sometimes I feel- “Where is God in the world?” Why are many of the things happening allowed? I try to keep “my own house in order - meaning my soul” but often I lose hope. Maybe I fail to see God in the world. Can you offer me any reading or advice? I believe that the world seems hopeless to you because everything surrounding you in world: the media, television, radio, newspaper, magazines, books, movie, theater and much stuff on the internet – the people providing these things are not offering you God. These people are trying to lead you astray and this has been going on in the world since the time of Adam & Eve. All these things you are encountering in your daily lives today are identical to what was happening in Russia and Ukraine 100-150 years ago. Where is God in the world? God is everywhere. You may feel that God is not doing anything, but God is always at work in His providence, if HE were not, total chaos would be reigning this very second. The fact that we can openly pray as Church tells us that chaos is not reigning, that God is at work providing for His faithful ones. Despair is a sin and the devil loves to lead people there. Why are things allowed to happen? Because God is always calling all men to Him. When men choose to stay away from God, God “PERMITS” them to have the desires of their fancy which destroys themselves, with the intent that as they destroy themselves, they come to their senses like the Prodigal (sinful) Son. Seeing that they are destroying themselves they recognize that all good things came from God, so they recognize that they should return to God. **God is indeed at work today in His Providence as He always has, read 1Kings and 2Kings and notice how God works in the world.**

Blessed is he who has found a treasure hidden in a field, and cast aside all, and acquired this one piece of land.

Blessed is he who ceaselessly remembers the day of his departure and strives to be ready and fearless in that hour.

Blessed is he who finds boldness in the hour of his leave-taking, when the soul with fear and trembling bids farewell to the body, for the angels shall come to take his soul, to separate it from the body and place it before the throne at the immortal and terrible judgement place.- **14th Kathisma Excerpt from the First Stasis of Saint Ephraim the Syrian**

Syrian

If you have not yet become mightily inflamed with the Holy Spirit, avoid listening to the thoughts of others, that what you hear might not arouse passions not yet dead and pervert your soul. If you are an ardent reader, seek not brilliant and erudite texts; otherwise the demon of haughtiness will strike your heart. But like a wise bee that gathers honey from flowers, through your reading obtain also healing for your soul.

Blessed is he who preaches virtue by means of his deeds. But if you say something that pertains to virtue, but do the opposite, this will not save you. When you see people dissipated in acts of unclean love, look not at them in amazement, that you might not be seduced by rosy skin which will soon turn to dust. Rather sigh to yourself and cry out: Remember, O Lord, that we are dust — and God's grace will prevent you from becoming a prisoner of the Evil One. Pray diligently to the Lord, that He might grant you the spirit of perfect chastity, that even as you dream at night you might evade the wiles of the Evil One as a person runs when he sees a wild beast chasing after him; or as a man whose pursuer carries a burning torch runs from room to room, that the fire might not burn him. Just as one cannot buy education or artistic skills for any price without working at it, so one cannot attain the habit of exercising the virtues without zeal and diligence.

Just as your head takes priority over all other members of your body, and if a stone, stick or sword is aimed at you, you raise other members of your body to deflect the blow from your head, knowing that you cannot live in this life without your head — so may you give priority over all things to faith in the Holy Trinity Which is One in essence, for without this faith no one can live the true life. With all your heart hope on the Lord, and you will easily evade the wiles of the wicked one, for the Lord does not forsake those who work for Him.

Excerpt from *A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God*, compiled from the works of Saint Ephraim the Syrian