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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
June 21, 2026, A. D.

Saturday, June 20

6:00PM

Sunday, June 21

10:30AM

Monday, June 22

9:00 AM

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 AM

Wednesday, June 23

9:00 AM

Saturday, June 27

6:00PM

Sunday, June 28

10:30AM

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God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Roberta Reese-Lisa Chokola

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

†Barnett Kurtz- wife, Rita Kurta

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Barbara Siviluch -Marc & Karen Lipowski

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God's Blessings for Joseph Becker- Becker Family



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (6:18-23):

Brethren, freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now present yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame forever. Alleluia (3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia (3).



Gospel Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "My servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under

authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens: Praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones. I will take the cup of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3).



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.

The Lord resists the proud; but He gives grace to the humble. (Proverbs 3:34) Particularly remember these words when you go to Confession. Nothing binds your tongue to keep it from saying, "I am a sinner," as does pride. Humble yourself before the Lord, do not spare yourself, do not fear the face of man. Reveal your shame for it to be washed; show your wounds for them to be healed; tell of all your unrighteousness, that you may be justified. The more merciless you are with yourself, the more compassion the Lord will show toward you, and you will leave with a sweet feeling of forgiveness. This is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, given by Him to those who humble themselves through sincere confession of their sins.- **St. Theophan the Recluse**

CHURCH NEWS.....

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR LIVING CHURCH FATHERS AND VICHNAYA PAMYAT TO ALL OUR DECEASED FATHERS!!

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: On June 22, Father Walter will celebrate 12 years of his priestly ordination. **We will have a coffee hour immediately following Sunday Divine Liturgy. Mnohaya Lita! Thank you Father for your dedication and service!**

RETRERAT: Father Walter will be away from Thursday, July 2nd to Friday, July 10th. Father Paul Makar will substitute for the Sunday Liturgies. In case of emergency where a priest is needed, please give Father John Seniw a call at 570-204-2532, he will be substituting for Father Vasyl Putera in Berwick at this time. The first Saturday Liturgy will not be said on July 4th, the Liturgy for Families will be on Saturday, July 11 at 8:00AM.

FOOD FESTIVAL: We will have a meeting about the food festival this Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy. **SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 5.** The meeting will be quick, but we do need to start planning.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: Volunteers are requested to help with some of the grass cutting, weed and to 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 EVERYONE who volunteered and helped out!!

PETITION TO REPEAL: Luzerne County Ordinance No. 2026 has been recently passed. A petition to repeal or amend this ordinance needs to be submitted by Tuesday, if you are interested in signing this petition, please call Joe W. for more information at 570-931-6876.

PETITIONS TO THE SACRED OF JESUS: During the month of June we will pray petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Divine Liturgy.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!: Congratulations to Tom & Jenn Jones who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on June 21! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Blessed, Happy & Healthy Years!

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.

BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE:
BIBLE
KINGS 1 & KINGS 11



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.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Being that it is Father's Day, I was thinking about where was Joseph (St. Joseph the Betrothed) when Christ was being crucified? Where was St. Joseph during the crucifixion you ask? Many of the Church Fathers speak to us about St. Joseph and remind us that he was a righteous man. Righteousness means caring to be good with God. Everything

Joseph did in his life was living the virtues and the Church Fathers tell us that he was the most righteous man in Israel at the time of the birth of Christ which is why God entrusted Mary and Jesus to his care. Tradition tells us Joseph was about 40 years old and Mary was about 16 years old when Jesus was born. Jesus was about 30 years old when He began His public ministry. Just some simple math for you, Mary is about 46 years old and Joseph would have been about 70 years old when Jesus began His ministry. Many of the Church Fathers talking about St. Joseph remind and inform us that St. Joseph being most righteous was also full of an abundance of compassion. Because of his great compassion, Joseph would not have been able to witness the crucifixion of the Son of God without dying in pain himself from this spectacle. God the Father in His compassion and mercy for St. Joseph took him before Christ began His public ministry. The Church Fathers remind us that in the scriptures the last time we hear of St. Joseph is when Jesus is 12 years old in the temple and he is not present at the wedding of Cana with Christ and St. Mary. **Is this why Jesus gives Mary to St. John as mother because St. Joseph is deceased?** Yes, there are no "social" services to take care of someone who is unable to provide for themselves. Slavery in Judaism is this social service. The master of the slave is supposed to be like God to the slave and care for the slave who is working for the master. Human sinfulness didn't always lead to this actually taking place. A widow with no sons would have become a slave to another simply to have means of living. Why would a living God permit His mother to be a slave?

Troparion (Tone 2)

**Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,
to David, the ancestor of God:
you saw a Virgin great with Child,
you gave glory with the shepherds,
you worshipped with the Magi,
you received the news from the angel.
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!**

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today godly David is filled with joy;

Joseph and James offer praise.

The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy.

**They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth,
and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"**

-Commemoration of Joseph, James & David

**A Spiritual Psalter
or Reflections on God
from the writings of
Saint Ephraim the Syrian**

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All my hope is in God's mercy.

Thy grace has made it possible for me to call upon Thy name, O Lord. O only good One, Who hast created us all, forgive the transgressions and sins of Thy sinful and ungrateful servant. I know, O Lord, that my sins exceed those of all other men, but I have as my refuge the abyss of Thy compassions which exceeds all things. I am confident that Thou wilt accept and have mercy on all who approach Thy goodness, for it pleases Thee to behold repentance, and Thou rejoicest at the ascetic struggles of Thy servants.

Grant me, Thine unworthy servant, tears, that with an enlightened mind, with love and faith, I may entreat Thine incomparable goodness and be cured of my hidden sores. Show miserable me Thy charity. Deliver me from the torment I deserve. May Thy grace be preached all about, to the benefit both of the countless multitudes who are careless, and me as well.

As Thou didst fill the waterpots with Thy blessing, so likewise fill my heart with Thy grace and Thy goodness. When a caring mother is rejected by her child, she does not scorn him, for her motherly care triumphs over all; may my sins likewise not surpass Thy grace.

I know that I will be punished even for idle words, for evil thoughts, for mere desire. Yet as soon as an opportunity to satisfy my pleasures presents itself, I immediately forget everything, and like a fool indulge in all manner of sin. I am a vainglorious, wrathful cripple, a lazy, dissolute glutton, a sensualist covered with impurities who hourly strays into error; and I do not realize it.

Only hope in the manifestation of Thy grace, O man-befriending Master, consoles me and keeps me from despair. Whether Thou so desirest or not, save me, O all-good Lord, according to Thy great kindness.

To whom shall I run? Save me for Thy name's sake.

Woe is me, burdened with unprecedented sins! The number of my transgressions exceeds the number of grains of sand in the sea and they afflict me like so many iron shackles, for I lack the boldness to gaze upon the heights of heaven.

To whom shall I run, if not to Thee, O Lover of mankind? Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out mine iniquity.

To Thee do I run, according to Thy great goodness and Thy charity.

Thee have I angered, yet to Thee do I run, according to Thy great capacity to forget evildoing.

Thee have I offended, yet to Thee do I run, according to Thy great love for mankind, and I entreat and cry to Thee: Turn Thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!

I have nothing to offer Thee, neither a good deed, nor a pure heart; but hoping in Thy compassion I lay myself down, that Thou mightest bring me to contrition and unwavering observance of Thy commandments, and that I might not fall so easily into sin again, but serve Thee from henceforth in reverence and truth all the days of my life.