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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
June 28, 2026, A. D.

Saturday, June 27

6:00PM

Sunday, June 28

10:30AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Barbara Siviluch -Marc & Karen Lipowski

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for Joseph Becker- Becker Family

Monday, June 29

10:30AM

Wednesday, July 1

9:00AM

PETER & PAUL-PRIME APOSTLES (Myrovania)-Obligation

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Latoszewski Ancestors - Diane. Janice & Rita

Saturday, July 4

*******7:00PM*******

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOURTH OF JULY

†Peter Sr. & Anna Wrobel- Mark & Arlene Jennings

Sunday, July 5

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-NO LITURGY



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

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

KONDAK: My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

PROKIMEN: How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 10:1-10:

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3).

Gospel Matthew 8:28-9:1



At that time, when Jesus arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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.

CHICKEN DINNER: Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 8th, 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 brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll 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!

CHURCH NEWS.....

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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CHANGE IN LITURGY SCHEDULE. Liturgy on Saturday, July 4th will be at Holy Transfiguration at 7:00PM only. Liturgy on Sunday will be at St. Peter & Paul Church at 7:30 AM only. There will be no Saturday Liturgy at St. Peter & Paul Church on Saturday, July 4th. There will be no Sunday, July 5th Liturgy at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church.

HALL DISHWASHER: The hall requires \$2,000 to repair the commercial dishwasher. Donations are being requested to offset this substantial cost.

FOOD FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 5th. We really need help, please contact Mark or Arlene if you can help out in the kitchen. We do plan on having a bake sale in conjunction with the Food Festival.

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!!

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 & MaryAnn Potsko** who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on July 3rd! 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.



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.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND ONE DAY FOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 5th

11:00am-4:00pm

**Our Parish is holding a One-Day Ethnic Food Festival
on Saturday, September 5th.**

CAN YOU HEAR THE POLKA MUSIC PLAYING??????

**Home-Made Pierogi, Haluski,
PIG-in-the Blanket, POTATO PANCAKES, Clam
Chowder.....**

**FOOD PREPARATION HELP: Help is needed, keep
your eyes on the bulletin for dates.**

Pyrohy making dates to come!

SATURDAY HELP IS NEEDED.

**APPETITES ARE WANTED: Tell your friends &
neighbors, put up flyers!**



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

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Life's lessons — eight evil thoughts

Know that there are eight evil thoughts that bring about all that is vile: those of sensuality, lechery, love of money, anger, inappropriate grief, despondency, vainglory, and pride. All these conduct warfare with every man.

If you want to conquer sensuality, cherish restraint, have fear of God; and you will conquer it.

If you want to conquer lechery, cherish wakefulness and thirst, ever contemplate death, never converse with women; and you will conquer it. If you want to conquer love of money, cherish non-acquisitiveness and frugality.

If you want to conquer anger, acquire meekness and generosity, and keep in mind how much evil the Jews did to our Lord Jesus Christ; yet He, the man-befriending God, did not become angry with them; but on the contrary He prayed for them, saying: Father, forgive them this sin, for they know not what they do.

If you want to overcome inappropriate grief, never grieve for anything that is transient. If people injure you with words or upset you or dishonor you, do not grieve; but, on the contrary, rejoice. Grieve only when you sin, and even in this case do not go to extremes, that you might not fall into despair and perish.

If you want to overcome despondency, take up some handiwork for a short while, or read, or pray frequently.

If you want to conquer vainglory, love not praise, nor honor, nor fine clothes, nor precedence, nor favor; but on the contrary, cherish occasions when you are reprimanded and dishonored, when false charges are brought against you; and reproach yourself for being more sinful than any sinner.

If you want to conquer pride, then whatever you do, say not that you do it by your own labors, or with your own strength. But if you fast, or stand vigil, or sleep on the bare ground, or sing psalms, or serve in the altar, or do a great number of prostrations, say that it was done with God's help and protection, not by your own strength and effort.

Grace approaches and, finding the heart impure, withdraws — so keep your heart pure.

The good God grants us the enlightenment of knowledge, and His grace ever visits our hearts. If she finds peace there, she enters and dwells constantly in the soul.

But if she does not find the heart pure, she immediately withdraws. Yet compassion encourages her to descend anew and visit us sinners, for we are all inconstant because of our free will, but not by nature.

We are always distracted and weak, envious, and wicked; often do we think evil of one another; we occupy ourselves with wicked ideas, and are always plunged in a mire of unclean thoughts. Thus when grace comes to visit us and encounters in our hearts the stench of unclean thoughts, she immediately withdraws without seeking an entrance, that she might make her habitation there and dwell in us, as is pleasing to her.

She leaves only a trace of her radiant sweetness in the heart, so that one might recognize that grace has visited him but not found an entrance, and, having delighted in grace's radiance, might seek her out.

Do you see God's Providence? Do you see Christ's loving-kindness? Do you see how God Who is Holy ever loves us and wants us to be saved?

Blessed is the man who ever strives to prepare a pure heart for grace, that when she comes she might find the fragrance of virtues and a sacred place in the soul and reside therein unto the ages of ages.