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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**August 2, 2026 A. D.**

**Saturday, August 1**  
**8:00AM**

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Liturgy for Families**

**Saturday, August 1**  
**6:00PM**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
God's Blessings & Good Health for Mike & Mary Oresick  
-A Friend

**Sunday, August 2**  
**10:30AM**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Jordan & Quinby Finch, God's blessings - Owen

**Wednesday, August 5**  
**9:00AM**

✠John Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

**Thursday, August 6**  
**10:30PM**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Saturday, August 8**  
**6:00PM**

Gods Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Sunday, August 9**  
**10:30AM**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Joseph, Nina, Natalia & John Becker – Becker family

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health for John Fedorko



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

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

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND ONE DAY FOOD FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am-4:00pm**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is holding a One-Day Ethnic Food Festival on**

**Saturday, September 5th.**

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

**Home-Made Pierogi, Haluski,  
PIGS-in-the Blanket, POTATO PANCAKES,  
Homemade Clam Chowder...and more!**

**RAFFLE BASKETS  
APPETITES ARE WANTED!!!!**



## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026

**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.

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

**KODAK:** 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 offers resurrection to all.”

**PROKIMEN:** 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. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

### **A reading from the first epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16):**

Brethren, for it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment. I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore, I urge you to imitate me.

**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).

**Gospel of Matthew 17: 14-23:**



At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, “Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Jesus answered and said, “O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me.” And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately

and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Remove from here’; and it will remove. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting.” Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and on the third day he will rise again.”

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **At Home:** 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.

**UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE FOLK FESTIVAL:** On Sun., Aug. 23, at 12:00 PM, the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower State Rds., Horsham, PA) invites you to the **Ukrainian Independence Folk Festival 2026**. Commencing at 1:30 PM, , a BBQ and cool refreshments for all ages will be plentiful. Admission: \$20; Free for children to age 14. Info: 267-664-3857; [info@tryzub.org](mailto:info@tryzub.org); [www.tryzub.org](http://www.tryzub.org). \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine. Review the website for possible offsite parking instructions.

**CHURCH NEWS..... Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.-** Father Daniel Gurovich



**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!:** A Very Happy Birthday to Joanne Kawczenski who celebrates her birthday on August 7! Mnohaya Lita! Our Birthday wishes are extended to Robert Longenberger who celebrates a birthday on August 11!

A Very Happy Birthday to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gagliardi who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on August 5. Mnohaya Lita! May God grant you Many, Happy & Blessed Years!

**HALL DISHWASHER:** The hall requires \$2,000 to repair the commercial dishwasher. Donations are being requested to offset this substantial cost. Thank you to everyone who donated to the dishwasher fund. We have received approximately \$1,400 in donations.



**RAFFLE BASKETS** We need Raffle Baskets for the Food Festival. There are baskets in the church basement if you need one. Baskets are needed. Please help. Johanna is in charge of the basket raffle – any questions please call 570-256-7883. If anyone would like to donate items for a basket (perhaps you have extra), please contact Johanna 570-256-7883 or Lisa at 570-574-1016 – we will put together a basket!

**BAKE SALE:** We will be having a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Food Festival. Baked Goods will be needed. Please bake.

**DORMITION FAST:** The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary. Please remember that on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we will be Blessing Flowers.

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEAST:** There will be Blessing of Fruit on Thursday for Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day, a Solemn Holy Day. The Dormition Fast is mitigated on the Feast. There will be Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul Church on Thursday, August 6 at 8:30AM.

**WHY COOK WEDNESDAYS!** “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with a Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Order from a menu of festival foods including; a Holubtsi Dinner with 2 piggies, 3 pyrohy and green beans for \$12.00, a Kovbasa Dinner with Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Hard Roll and 3 Pyrohy for \$10.00, Pagash - 3 Cuts for \$6.00 or a whole tray of 12 for \$22.00, Pyrohy - 6 for \$6.00 or a dozen frozen for \$10, Cabbage and Noodles for \$4.00 a pint, and Piggie 6-Packs for \$18.00. Desserts available at our bake sale. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody’s Happy!”

**St Isaac the Syrian says we should:**

- **Pray with attention** – so that we can have a true encounter with God
- **Pray with humility** – because this sort of prayer goes straight to God’s ear
- **Pray with affection and tears** – with joy and thanksgiving, but also with true repentance and purity.
- **Pray with patience and ardor** – ‘to deny oneself’ is courageously to persevere in prayer.
- **Pray from the depths of the heart** – even if we pray using ‘the words of another’ they should be uttered as if they are our own. St. Isaac says this is especially true of the Psalms.
- **Pray with faith and absolute trust in God** – because He knows our life



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Why do we bless flowers for the Feast of the Dormition of Our Blessed Lady?**

The historic origin of the custom seems to have been from the blessing of first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople.

The Slavic Church titles this a “Blessing of Herbs,” and the intention of the prayers seems to be the blessing of herbs (and spices) that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which is conducive to many infectious diseases, which is apparent from the reading of the prayers. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos, that flowers were discovered in her empty tomb after her body was taken into heaven, this has influenced this office and it has largely become a blessing of flowers.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Dormition Fast and when did it start?**

Just like the Feast of Resurrection (Easter), there is a preparation period which lasts 40 days (The Great Fast). The preparation period for the Feast of the Dormition of Holy Mother of God is a two week preparation/penitential period, which begins August 1 of each year. As the Great Fast ends with the Dormition of Christ on the Cross (Good Friday), we prepare for our Blessed Lady's Dormition and her resurrection and ours, even though we don't experience it yet in time. This preparation period is not only for her feast, but also to prepare us for our Dormition and resurrection and to lead us to heaven. BUT Father, can you explain this in English? The Dormition of the Mother of God is the day that she died. The Blessed Mother was put in a tomb. Thomas-aka Doubting Thomas, the Apostle, was not present at her death and burial, he asked to see where she was laid and when they arrived at the tomb was empty and filled with the aroma of roses. Roman Catholics call this day the Assumption of the Mother of God because her body was taken to heaven. **HOW DO WE KEEP THIS FAST PERIOD?** The traditional fast is a period of 14 days no meat and dairy. The fast is voluntary. Just like Lent we can omit meat perhaps on Wednesdays and Fridays, if we choose.