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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
August 23, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, August 22

6:00PM

Sunday, August 23

10:30AM

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael & Julia Yurchak- Yurchak Family

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†Antonio Fragelli- Fragelli Family

Monday, August 24

5:00PM

Tuesday, August 25

9:00AM

5:00PM

Wednesday, August 26

9:00AM

Vespers

Conversion of All Sinners- Brother Evangelos & Sandy
Vespers

Sanctification & Protection of All Priests
- Brother Evangelos & Sandy

Thursday, August 27

9:00AM

Gods Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 29

6:00PM

Sunday, August 30

10:30AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

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God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, Saturday, August 29 @ 8:30AM

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2024

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."

TROPAR: In giving birth you retained your virginity, in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God. You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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

KONDAK: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercession and unfailing hope of patronage, for, as the Mother of Life, she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb. **Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God 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. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (16:13-24):

Brethren, watch over yourselves, stand fast in the faith, be courageous, and be strengthened. Let all your things be done in charity. And I beseech you, brethren, you know the house of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus, and of Achaicus, that they are the first fruits of Achaia, and have dedicated themselves to the ministry of the saints: That you also be subject to such, and to everyone that works with us, and labors. And I rejoice in the presence of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because that which was wanting on your part, they have supplied. For they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. Know them, therefore, that are such. The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house, with whom I also lodge. All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss. The salutation of me Paul, with my own hand. If any man loves not our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema, maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My charity be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3). Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42



The Lord told this parable: “There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge about it and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he let it out to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come let us kill him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?’ They said to him, “He will utterly destroy those evil men and will let out the vineyard to other vine-dressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.’”

INSTEAD OF: “IT IS TRULY RIGHT.”: Seeing the pure one’s falling asleep, angels marvelled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven. O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature, for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life. Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God, never cease to save your inheritance.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3).



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL (Feast Day September 6)

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.

AUGUST CANDLES

**The Altar Candles are given by Marc & Karen Lipowski
In loving memory of Barbara Siviluch.**

**The Eternal Light is given for the repose of the
soul of Jason Yankosky.**

**The Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos is given
Lisa Placek for Special Intention.**

**The Candle before Jesus Christ is given by the
Lee Family in memory of Danny Lee.**

**The Candle before the Icon of Transfiguration is given
JoAnn Grout in Loving memory of William & Ann Grout.**

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



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!: A Very Happy Birthday to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on Saturday, August 22nd! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!



RAFFLE BASKETS We need Raffle Baskets for the Food Festival. There are baskets in the church basement if you need one. 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! There are baskets in the church basement if you need them.

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

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; www.tryzub.org. \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine. Review the website for possible offsite parking instructions.

SIGN-UP SHEET: In the back of the church is a sign- up sheet for workers for the Festival. Please take the time to sign your name if you can help so a plan can be put in place for where everyone is to work. Thanks!!

Monday, AUGUST 24 is Ukrainian Independence Day it marks the country's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. This day is significant as it symbolizes the struggle for freedom and the establishment of Ukraine as a sovereign nation. Please continue to pray for Ukraine.

We are now three weeks away from the Festival

REMEMBER WE HAVE OUR "BIG" FESTIVAL FUND-RAISER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th. We are now about 2 weeks away. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS. IF YOU CAN WORK THE FESTIVAL EVEN FOR 2 HOURS THROUGH LUNCH THAT WOULD BE FABULOUS. CAN'T STAND? WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU! IF YOU CAN'T WORK, WE DO NEED RAFFLE BASKETS AND BAKED GOODS. NEED SOMETHING PICKED UP??? CALL LISA AT 570-574-1016. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED.



DO YOU SAY GRACE BEFORE MEALS? Praise God, from whom all blessings flow... For food in a world where many walk in hunger; For faith in a world where many walk in fear; For friends in a world where many walk alone; We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech you, intercede for us at the throne of Divine Mercy in our present necessities, that as you announced to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the same benefits, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen. ... Archangel Gabriel, Pray for Us



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is "Grace?" (But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:19.) Grace is from the Greek, χάρις, Kharece, pronounced "KHAR'-rees," Greek meaning of a manner or an act of the divine influence upon the heart and it's reflection in life. Synonyms: Including Gratitude, Acceptable, Benefit, Favor, Gift, Freely Giving with Joy, Pleasure, and Thanks. Grace is commonly used in the Church to explain the concept of God's gifts to mankind. Some people use the phrase Actual grace and define this as "a supernatural help from God". This gift from God is to sanctify us hence this usage has garnered the phrase "Sanctifying Grace" which, in general, is a supernatural gift of God to mankind for their eternal salvation, whether

the latter be furthered and attained through salutary acts or a state of holiness. Eternal salvation itself consists in heavenly bliss resulting from the intuitive knowledge of the Triune God, who to the one not endowed with grace "inhabiteth light inaccessible" (1 Timothy 6:16). Grace is a fundamental idea of the Catholic Church, the pillar on which, by a special ordination of God, the majestic edifice of Christianity rests in its entirety. Among the three fundamental ideas — sin, redemption, and grace — grace plays the part of the means, indispensable and Divinely ordained, to effect the redemption from sin through Christ and to lead men to their eternal destiny in heaven.¹ In short, God's grace is that gift which God gives the faithful servant when that servant needs God's help, i.e. this gift. You will notice that many times St. Paul asked God for the gift of "removal of the thorn in his side" yet God told Paul, "My grace is enough for you."

1. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06689a.htm>

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John Commemorated on [August 29](#)

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ. Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus). The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom. The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: “Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip.” Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done. After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12). The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water.

Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck. Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain. The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day. Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia's war with the Turks and the Poles.



**Never be afraid to try, remember...Amateurs built the ark,
Professionals built the Titanic – Unknown.**