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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
August 30, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, August 29

6:00PM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Lipowski- Lipowski Family

Sunday, August 30

10:30AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

Thursday, September 3

10:00AM

Deceased Members of the Slota, Wetzel & Prozeralik Families-
Lisa Placek

Friday, September 4

9:00AM

Gods Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, September 5

8:00AM

ZACHARY PROPHET & ELIZABETH

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES-Petitions for Families

Saturday, September 5

6:00PM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings on the Marriage of Joseph & Emily Becker

Sunday, September 6

10:30AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Diane Petry

-Janice & Rita



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026

TROPARION: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

KONDAK: You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself, You as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: “Save us, O Lord.”

PROKEIMENON: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever.

A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1:21-2:4):

Brethren, now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. I call God as my witness—and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm. So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia (3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord told this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast for his son, but they would not come. Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm, and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads, and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find.’ And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he was there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ But he was speechless. The king said to the attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet and cast him forth into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

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.



Tell your Friends & Neighbors!

IT'S NEXT WEEK!!!!

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
ONE DAY FOOD FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 5

11:00am-4:00pm

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, 240 Center St., Nanticoke is
holding a One-Day Ethnic Food Festival on Home-Made Pierogi,
Haluški,**

**Pigs-in-the Blanket, Potato Pancakes,
Sausage & Peppers, Clam Chowder, Borsch,
Hot Dogs & Wimpies & Bake Sale**

APPETITES ARE WANTED!!

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



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!: A Very Happy Birthday to Bobby Miles who celebrates his Birthday on Sunday, September 6th! A Very Happy Birthday to Diane Petry who celebrates her Birthday on Tuesday, September 8th! Happy Birthday to MaryLouise Bailey who celebrates her birthday on Saturday, September 12! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them & their families Many Happy Years and Salvation!

What do we need for the Food Festival?
The Festival is next week what can I do to help?

BAKE: We are having a bake sale and need baked goods. Can you bake? Please make sure your bakery item is cut and packaged for sale. If you would like to drop off your baked goods, you may contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

RAFFLE BASKET: We are having a Basket Raffle. Can you donate a basket? If you can, please contact Johanna at 570-592-5776 or 570-256-7883.

COME OUT AND HELP: The Most Important thing you can do: please come out on Saturday and help. Ask your children or grandchildren to help.

FLEA MARKET: We will be having a Flea Market on Saturday, September 18 & Sunday, September 19th. We are collecting gently used clothing and items. Please contact Johanna to donate or arrange to drop off items at 570-592-5776.

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

PYROHY: We will be selling Potato Pyrohy (frozen) for \$12.00 a dozen at the Flea Market.

Feel shame when you sin, not when you repent. - St. John Chrysostom

AUGUST CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Marc & Karen Lipowski

In loving memory of Barbara Sivulich.

**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.**

Nativity of the Theotokos In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the eighth of September. The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant—"the poor and the needy"—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah (the Christ). The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents. The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary. The verses of the feast are filled with

titles for Mary such as those in the quotations above. They are inspired by the message of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The specific Biblical readings of the feast give indications of this. At Vespers the three Old Testamental readings are “mariological” in their New Testamental interpretation. Thus, Jacob’s Ladder which unites heaven and earth and the place which is named “the house of God” and the “gate of heaven” (Gen 28.10–17) are taken, to indicate the union of God with men which is realized most fully and perfectly—both spiritually and physically—in Mary the Theotokos, Bearer of God. So also the vision of the temple with the “door ‘to the East’” perpetually closed and filled with the “glory of the Lord” symbolizes Mary, called in the hymns of the feast “the living temple of God filled with the divine Glory” (Ezek 43.27–44.4). Mary is also identified with the “house” which the Divine Wisdom has built for himself according to the reading from Proverbs 9.1–11. The Gospel reading of Matins is the one read at all feasts of the Theotokos, the famous Magnificat from Saint Luke in which Mary says: “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden, for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” (Lk 1.47). The epistle reading of the Divine Liturgy is the famous passage about the coming of the Son of God in “the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of man” (Phil 2.5–11) and the gospel reading is that which is always read for feasts of the Theotokos—the woman in the crowd glorifies the Mother of Jesus, and the Lord himself responds that the same blessedness which his mother receives is for all “who hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11.27–28). Thus, on the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ’s Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God’s graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the “great mercy” which is given to men because of Christ’s birth from the Virgin.