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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 6, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, September 5
6:00PM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for Joseph & Emily Becker in celebration of their wedding

Sunday, September 6
10:30AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Diane Petry
-Janice & Rita

Monday, September 7
9:00AM

LABOR DAY

Gods Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

5:00PM

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

Vespers on the Eve of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 8
10:30AM

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

All of the Souls in Purgatory- Diane Petry

Saturday, September 12
6:00PM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Bobby Miles- Lisa Placek

Sunday, September 13
10:30AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Sandra Fragelli
-Fragelli & Becker Family



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS 8:30 AM

"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them." (Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima – August 19, 1917)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You! Glory be to the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all the Savior, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

PROKEIMENON: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A reading from the second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15):

Brethren, for God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 22:35-46



At that time, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.''" If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be His son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.



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.

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

WELCOME: We welcome everyone to our Church! We are a Ukrainian Catholic Church in communion with Rome. Our Liturgy is in English and we invite you to come and pray with us! Check out our **Website: www.Transfigurationucc.org.**



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!! **Happy Birthday to Dolores & John Barno** will celebrate their Birthdays on Sunday, September 27th!!! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them and Bless Them With Many Happy Years!!

FLEA MARKET: We will be having a Flea Market on Saturday, September 18 & Sunday, September 19th from 9AM to 2PM at the church hall. 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

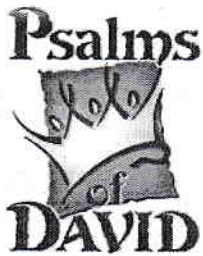
PYROHY: We will be selling Potato Pyrohy (frozen) for \$12.00 a dozen at the Flea Market.

DISHWASHER: Thank you to the men who so diligently worked to fix the hall dishwasher ! Thank you for your hard work!

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." --Isaiah 40:8

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Monday September 14)

In the twentieth year of his reign (326 A.D.), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ. With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption. The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy". This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life. The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption Christ accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Eternal Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.



Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to

Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I am confused... John the Baptist, John the Forerunner and Saint John the Evangelist are they the same person? Furthermore, I don't fully understand why the murder of John the Baptist qualifies as a simple feast when many of the faithful have been murdered in the name of Jesus, but we do not celebrate those days as feasts. Why?

John the Baptist is the cousin of Jesus. He is the son of Elizabeth, who is the cousin of Mary. John the Baptist is the last prophet of Israel, if you like, call him the last prophet of the Old Testament Age. We call him Saint John the Baptist because he is the one that Baptized Christ in the river, Jordan. John the Baptist is also known as the Forerunner, because he is proclaiming that Christ is coming after him. He knew Jesus was the Messiah but he did not know when Jesus would begin his ministry. Hence, one day while in the Jordan preaching repentance from sin and turning back to God, he sees Jesus walking and he calls out, "Behold the Lamb of God." John's mission in the world was to prepare the way for Christ, hence those two titles both refer to this one and same man. Saint John the Evangelist is St. John the Apostle who was about 16 years old at the crucifixion of Christ. Evangelist proclaimer of the "Good News" and Apostle means "One Who is Called." This follower of Christ has the 2 titles of Evangelist and Apostle. Our church calendar is called "The Martyrology." Every martyr, witness, has a date on the calendar coinciding with the day they died. Because of the importance of John the Baptist that is why we celebrate this simple holy day. Indeed, we remember all the martyrs and recall every day a holy day of opportunity.

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Do not lose heart. There is hope, and it is Christ.



Do not lose heart, O soul, do not grieve; pronounce not over thyself a final judgment for the multitude of thy sins; do not commit thyself to fire; do not say: The Lord has cast me from His face. Such words are not pleasing to God. Can it be that he who has fallen cannot get up? Can it be that he who has turned away cannot turn back again? Dost thou not hear how kind the Father is to a prodigal? Do not be ashamed to turn back and say boldly: I will arise and go to my Father. Arise and go! He will accept thee and will not reproach thee, but rather rejoice at thy return. He awaits thee; just do not be ashamed and do not hide from the face of God as did Adam. It was for thy sake that Christ was crucified; so will He cast thee aside? He knows who oppresses us. He knows that we have no other help but Him alone. Christ knows that man is miserable. Do not give thyself up to despair and apathy, assuming that thou hast been prepared for the fire. Christ derives no consolation from thrusting us into the fire; He gains nothing if He sends us into the abyss to be tormented. Imitate the prodigal son; leave the city that starves thee. Come and beseech Him and thou shalt behold the glory of God. Thy face shall be enlightened and thou wilt rejoice in the sweetness of paradise. Glory to the Lord and Lover of mankind Who saves us!

From A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God, compiled from the works of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by M/M Brian Kawczenski
In loving memory of Joseph & Mary Englot.

The **Eternal Light** is given By Marc & Karen Lipowski
In loving memory of William Vincent.

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

Treasury and Treasurer

Mary alone forms the boundary between created and uncreated nature, and no one can come to God except through her and the Mediator born of her, and none of God's gifts can be bestowed on angels or men except through her. As in the case with lamps on earth constructed of glass or some other transparent material, it is impossible to look at the light or enjoy its rays except through the lamp, so it is beyond the reach of all to look upwards to God or be helped by Him to make progress in any direction, except through the Ever-Virgin, this God-bearing lamp who is truly radiant with divine brightness. "God is in the midst of her," it says, "she shall not be moved" (Ps 46: 5).

If God requites us according to the measure of our love for Him, and he who loves the Son is loved by Him and by His Father, and becomes

in a mysterious way the dwelling of Both, as they make their home and walk in his soul, as the Lord promised (Jn 14: 23; cf. 2 Cor 6: 16), who could love Him more than His Mother? For not only was He her only Son, but she bore Him on her own without a spouse, so her parental love was naturally double, not being shared with a partner.

Thus she is both the treasury and the treasurer of the riches of the Godhead, and the highest ranks of Cherubim look to her and trust in her. They, above all others, are seized with longing for her, as, more than all others, they long for the outpouring of light and the granting of indescribable divine graces which come through her.

St. Gregory Palamas