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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
September 20, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, September 19

6:00PM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Geraldine Adamchak - Lee Family

Sunday, September 20

10:30AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Sawczuk - Mark & Arlene Jennings

Wednesday, September 23

9:00AM

CONCEPTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Gods Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, September 25

9:00AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for Canon Hector

-Angel & Sandy

Saturday, September 26

6:00PM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Billy Johnson- Barno Family

Sunday, September 27

10:30AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Geraldine Adamchak- Cheryl Condo



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

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.



SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 2026

ANTIPHON 1: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not answer me; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

ENTRANCE: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

TROPAR: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

KONDAK: By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your Name. By Your power gladden the faithful people, and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKIMEN: Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy. The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble. Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy.

A Reading from Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 2:16-20:

Brethren, know that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ; we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners; is Christ then the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build up again the things which I have destroyed, I make myself a liar. For I, through the law, am dead to the law, that I may live to God: with Christ I am nailed to the cross. And I live, now not I; but Christ lives in me. And that I live now in the flesh: I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered himself for me.

ALLELUIA (3): Alleluia (3). Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning. Alleluia (3). But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord called the multitude together with his disciples, he said to them: If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel, shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For he that shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation: the Son of man also will be ashamed of him, when he shall come in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said to them: Amen I say to you, that there are some of them that stand here, who shall not taste death, till they see the kingdom of God coming in power.

INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY RIGHT...”: O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



At the end of Liturgy, we sing: To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection (3). Krestu tvoyemu pokli-nya-yem-sya, Vladiko, I svyatoye voskreseniye tvoye slavim (3x).

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.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given for all
The victims of the Terror Attacks on 9/11.

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!: Happy Birthday to Dolores & John Barno who 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. Thank you to everyone who helped out, organized or donated to the Flea Market!

We would also like to thank **Jeannie Kravitz from Maureen's Ice Cream** in West Naticoke for her donation of a dozen delicious homemade apple dumplings. Jeannie wanted to contribute something in honor of her Ukrainian parents and grandparents. If you didn't get an apple dumpling, stop by at Maureen's on Route 29 and try one!



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



MOVIE: As fall looms ahead and the days get shorter & cooler..... WHY not have another movie afternoon? The movie **A SECRET**. No flying monkeys though! Children are welcome. THE MOVIE DAY IS Sunday, October 11 after Divine Liturgy.

LONGBRANCH, NJ: Father will be on retreat from September 28- October 1.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE: The Saint Peter & Paul (Plymouth) Women's Society is holding a Rummage Sale (soup and baked goods will also be sold) Friday, **October 2nd (9am-4pm) and Saturday, October 3rd (9am-2pm)** at the church hall. A Basket Raffle for Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine will also be held.

"PASTIE SALE. Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, September 26th, 2026. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"



CONCEPTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (September 23)

This came to pass fifteen months before the birth of Christ, after the vision of the Angel that Zacharias, the father of the Forerunner, saw in the Temple while he executed the priest's office in the order of his course during the feast of the Tabernacles, as tradition bears witness. In this vision, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and said to him, "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (Luke 1:13). Knowing that Elizabeth was barren, and that both he and she were elderly, Zacharias did not believe what the Angel told him, although he had before him the example of Abraham and Sarah, of Hannah, mother of the Prophet

Samuel, and of other barren women in Israel who gave birth by the power of God. Hence, he was condemned by the Archangel to remain speechless until the fulfilment of these words in their season, which also came to pass (Luke 1:7-24).

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.

RAFFLE BASKETS

BASKET	DONATED BY	WINNER
\$100	Tom & Mary Ann Potsko	Don Reese
Eagles	Stanley Bogdan	Don Reese
Wreath	Mary Oresick	Don Reese
TV	Mary Schwartz & Sons	Russ Kobela
Roscoe Bear	Parishioner	Lisa Placek
Quilt	Parishioner (St. Cyril & Methodius)	Marianne Sailus
Wreath	Mary Oresick	Anne Kline
Fun & Games	Parishioner	Mary Ann Potsko
Virgin Mary	Parishioner	Denise Everett
\$100 Turkey	MaryAnn Jarolen	Mary Hastings
Soup DeJour	Parishioner	Denise Everett
MammaMia	Parishioner	Dolores Chantyk
Plant	Tracey Lee	Don Reese
Sensi Basket	Jack & Judy Lee	Karen Hughes
Virgin Mary	Parishioner	Helen Lipowski
Chocolate	Christine Ferrato	Denise Levrett
Wreath	Mary Oresick	Helen Lipowski
Mums	Parishioner	Carol Tredinnick
Stress Relief	Lisa Chokola	R. Davison
Fire Pit	Stanley Bogdan	Dane Sorenson
HappyGoLucky	Barno Family	Cheryl Schwartz
TV	Marianne Sailus	Nikolas/Lisa Placek
Wreath	Mary Oresick	MaryAnn Jarolen
Lamborghini	Parishioner	Rose Crisler
Popcorn & Beer	Parishioner	Ryan Kobela
\$50	Kobela & Algrainy Family	Cheryl Schwartz
Lottery Wreath	MaryMae & Brian	Holly Carol
Wine Basket	Lisa Placek	B.Davison
Maple Syrup/Honey	Lisa Placek	Dolores Chastuik

Congratulations to our winners!!

Thank you to everyone who donated a basket!!

The honorable Cross is brought out for veneration in the middle of Great Lent in order to inspire those who toil in fasting to patiently bear to the end the yoke they have taken. Why is it done in September? Is it accidental? But there are no accidents for the Providential Wisdom that arrange all things. This is why: The harvest is taken from the field in September-at least. And so, in order that some Christians might not feel too satisfied and say, *Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry!* [Luke 12:19] and so that others might not become fainthearted because of the elevated Cross is brought before all. It reminds the former that the support of well-being is not in possessions, but in the bearing of the cross in a Christian, inner way, if God's goodness should bring external plenitude; and it inspires the latter to possess their souls in patience, through the certainty they will go from the cross directly to heaven. Therefore, may some endure, knowing that they are traveling a smooth path to the Heavenly Kingdom; and may the others enjoy outward comforts with fear; not sealing the entrance to Heaven against themselves. - **St. Theophan the Recluse**