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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
September 27, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, September 26

6:00PM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Billy Johnson- Barno Family

Sunday, September 27

10:30AM

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†Geraldine Adamchak- Cheryl Condo

Thursday, October 1

9:00AM

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS- POKROV

†John Bukoski- Tom Bukoski

Friday, October 2

9:00AM

GREAT BISHOP & MARTYR CYPRIAN

Gods Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, October 3

6:00PM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Sawczuk- Mike & Jill Gagliardi

Sunday, October 4

10:30AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Peter Wrobel- Gail & Bobby Miles



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 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 be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

PROKEIMENON: 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 second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11):

Brethren, remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples 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 St. Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that when the multitudes pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Genesareth, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And going into one of the ships that was Simon's, he desired him to draw back a little from the land. And sitting he taught the multitudes out of the ship. Now when he had ceased to speak, he said to Simon: Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said to him: Master, we have labored all the night, and have taken nothing: but at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a very great multitude of fishes, and their net was at the breaking point. And they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they were almost sinking. Which when Simon Peter saw, he fell down on his knees at the feet of Jesus saying: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was wholly astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken. And so were also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. And Jesus saith to Simon: Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And having brought their ships to land, leaving all things, they followed him.

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

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

Prayer to Our Lady in Time of Trouble

Holy Virgin Mary, you are reigning in glory, with Jesus, your Son. Remember us in our sadness. Look kindly on all who are suffering or fighting against any difficulty. Have pity on those who are separated from someone they love. Have pity on the loneliness of our hearts. Have pity on the weakness of our faith and love. Have pity on those who are weeping, on those who are praying, on those who are fearful. Holy Mother, please obtain for all of us hope and peace with justice.
Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affections for the passing joys of this earth, I may long for the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforth all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed toward this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our Divine Lord Jesus, and to the Holy and Immaculate Mother of God.
Amen.

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.

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: Thank you to everyone who helped out and donated to the Flea Market!



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 **NEXT** Sunday, October 11 after Divine Liturgy. If you would like to contribute to the movie food, please call Lisa at 570-574-1016. FYI-We had a contributor for chips and snack bags, but no pretzels. Pot Luck contributions are welcomed.

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.

NOTABLE DATES: **Daylight Savings Time Ends** (Sunday, November 1); **Thanksgiving** (Thursday, November 26); **Myasopusna** (January 31); **Lent Begins** (February 14), Good Friday (March 26), Easter (March 28).

OCTOBER BOOK: School of Darkness, Bella Dodd. Bella Dodd's 1954 autobiography *School of Darkness* was written at the urging of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and it recounts her conversion to Catholicism after a lifetime in the Communist Party, culminating in her baptism by Archbishop Sheen in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.



**The Miracle of the Virgin Mary at the Church of Blachernae
POKROV-celebrated Thursday, October 1, 2026
Constantinople in the Year 911 AD**

A Brief History of the Miraculous Apparition (1)

In the year 911 AD, Constantinople was under military threat and the people were praying for God's help in the Blachernae Church in the suburb of the city. It was in this church that the *omophor* or veil of the Virgin Mary was reserved as a most precious relic. The church was crowded for an all-night vigil. Andrew, the future Saint known as a fool-for-Christ, was there, along with his disciple Epiphanius. At about four in the morning, Andrew and Epiphanius had a vision of the Virgin Mary: *She entered through the church doors, escorted by St. John the Forerunner and St. John the Theologian and preceded by a host of angels.* She stopped at the *ambo* (the great stair-cased pulpit in the center of the church) and knelt there, praying fervently and with tears. She then entered the altar and prayed again and finally removed Her veil and held it out over the faithful as She ascended from them. They concluded from Her presence that Her intercession would be the protection to the faithful in this hour of trial. And so it happened that the feared military menace was averted. This Miraculous Manifestation and happy consequences are celebrated by the Eastern Catholic Church on Thursday, October 1st.

The word **Pokrov** (Покровъ) comes from Church Slavonic and means literally *veil*, *cloak* or *covering*. In Slavic languages, the word carries both the meaning of "covering" and "protecting" — a semantic doubleness that reveals the theological heart of the feast already in its name. In the Hebrew of the Old Testament, the word *seter* (veil) also means, in its figurative sense, *protection* and *shelter*. The veil of the Mother of God is therefore not merely a piece of cloth spread over an assembly — it is the visible sign of an invisible reality: the maternal protection of the Theotokos over the faithful who seek her intercession.

SAINT ANDREW FOOL FOR CHRIST

Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ is one of the best-known saints of the East — and, at the same time, one of the least understood. His feast is known to most Ukrainian Catholics chiefly through its link to the vision at Blachernae, the foundation of the feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. Beyond that central liturgical moment, however, his Life is seldom read in full, and his place within the Tradition of folly for Christ — the place, that is, in which one comes to understand what a *salos* is — remains unclear to most readers.

The scriptural ground: the folly of the Cross

Folly for Christ is not an invention of later monasticism; it grows from a deep scriptural root: the word of the holy Apostle Paul concerning the folly of the Cross. The whole paradox of the *salos* phenomenon is already contained, in seed, in the opening chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. Paul sets down from the very beginning a reversal that will stand at the foundation of the entire ascetic struggle: *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”* (1 Corinthians 1:18). What the world reckons folly — a crucified God, victory through defeat, glory through dishonor — is, for the faithful, the very saving power. And Paul carries the reversal to its limit: *“Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”* (1:20), only to conclude: *“the foolishness of God is wiser than men”* (1:25). Here lies the key. There are two wisdoms and two follies, set crosswise: the wisdom of the world, which before God is folly, and the “folly” of God, which is the true wisdom. The *salos* takes upon himself precisely this position: putting on visible folly before the world, he confesses that he has chosen the other wisdom. His folly played out in the marketplace is a living icon of the folly of the Cross — a scandal to them that perish, salvation to those who understand it. And the verse from which we set out carries this reversal into the very flesh: *“We are fools for Christ’s sake... we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place... Being reviled, we bless... we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things”* (1 Corinthians 4:10-13). Paul here describes the apostolic life itself, but in terms that will become, letter for letter, the programme of the *salos*. He does nothing other than carry to an extreme, literal expression what the Apostle called the very condition of a servant of Christ. For this reason the *salos* phenomenon, however unusual, is no exotic appendix to the Catholic tradition, but a living-out to the very end of a central apostolic word. The fools for Christ took with full seriousness, down to the last consequence, what many Christians read without flinching. The first to embody this apostolic word in a complete Life, preserved whole, was Saint

Simeon of Emesa, in the sixth century; Saint Andrew, across the centuries, treads the same path.

The encounter with the tradition of the fools for Christ — *saloi* in Greek — produces in most readers a first reaction of bewilderment. How is it that these men and women, who hid their holiness beneath an appearance of madness, sleeping in refuse and at the edges of roads, letting themselves be beaten, spat upon, and dragged through the streets, come to be honored by the Church alongside the great teachers of the world, alongside martyrs and venerable ascetics? It seems a paradox. And yet, if we look closely at the teaching of the Fathers on humility, the paradox dissolves. Humility is, by consensual patristic witness, the foundation of all the virtues. Saint Anthony the Great, founder of Eastern monasticism, left the word that remains to this day the touchstone of the spiritual life: *“I saw all the snares of the enemy spread out over the earth, and groaning I said: who then can pass through these? And I heard a voice saying to me: humility.”*

The whole work of the enemy can be passed through by a single virtue, and that virtue is humility.