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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Divine Liturgy Schedule
October 4, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, October 3

6:00PM

Sunday, October 4

10:30AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙Michael Sawczuk- Mike & Jill Gagliardi

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙Peter Wrobel- Gail & Bobby Miles

Thursday, October 8

9:00AM

Friday, October 9

9:00AM

Saturday, October 10

6:00PM

Sunday, October 11

10:30AM

✙Russell & Margaret Yanoshak- Tom & Mary Potsko

St. JAMES ALPHEUS-APOSTLE

God's Blessings for America- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙Michael Sawczuk- Lisa Placek

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✙Miriam Jennings- Gail & Bobby Miles

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE THEOTOKOS, MARY
PLAN TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR MOTHER!



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

October 4, 2026



TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”!

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

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

PROKEIMON: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9): Brethren, The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands. I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 6:31-36:



The Lord said, “Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for he is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful.”

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3).

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.

When St. Anthony, the hermit, saw the world full of the snares of the devil, he cried out : “Who can escape so many dangers?” He heard a voice say, “Anthony, humility alone walks securely; he who goes with head bowed down, need not fear to fall into these snares.” In a word, if we do not become children-not of course in age, but humility-we cannot, as our Savior said, enter the Kingdom of Heaven. “Learn of me, for I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:29) The proud man has no peace nor rest, for he is seldom, if ever, treated in a manner corresponding to the the exalted opinion he has of himself.

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 Arlene Jennings who celebrates her Birthday on October 16. Mnohaya lita! God's Blessings and Happiness To You & Your Family!



MOVIE: As fall looms ahead and the days get shorter & cooler..... WHY not have another movie afternoon? Children are welcome. THE MOVIE DAY IS **NEXT** Sunday, October 11 after Divine Liturgy. The movies is "The Monuments Men." 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.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY 2026: From October 1 to 7, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children, families, schools, and parishes around the world to take part in "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." This year, the initiative will unfold as a worldwide week of prayer, beginning with a vigil in Rome on October 1 and culminating on October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
STRIVE TO BE ONE IN A MILLION!

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.

CEMETERY: Please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. We will also be shutting off the water to the cemetery soon.



HOAGIE SALE: St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian Hoagie Sale on Thursday, **October 31st from 11:00am to 2:00pm.** The

cost of each hoagie is \$8.00 and a quart of vegetable soup is \$9.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, October 23. A bake sale will also be held with the soup and hoagie sale. A Basket Raffle is also being held to Benefit Ukraine and the church.

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 CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

In loving memory of Margaret Yanoshak.

The **Eternal Light** is given By the Yanoshak

In loving memory of Randy Yanoshak.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given

Lisa Placek for Special Intention.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given by

Donna Lee-Hischak in loving memory of
her husband, Jame Hischak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by a
Parishioner in loving memory of Anna Kutsup.

How to Walk in God's Presence - Always At the Side of Jesus

Now a good means of walking in God's presence is to picture Our Lord as present with us wherever we may happen to be. We may think of Him at times as a little babe in the crib of Bethlehem; as a poor exile on His way to Egypt; as an apprentice in the workshop of Nazareth; a man of sorrows who was condemned a criminal to suffer and die; as scourged and crowned and crucified. St. Teresa praised this practice very much. It is necessary to observe, however, that in this pious exercise we must avoid all straining of the imagination, which is apt to be very fatiguing and might possibly be injurious.

Seeing With the Eyes of Faith

Another and better means of walking in the presence of God is based on the truths of holy faith. It consists in seeing God with the eyes of faith and being thoroughly persuaded that He is present and a witness of our actions. It matters not that we are unable to see Him with our bodily eyes; we cannot see the air around us, and we never doubt for a moment that it exists and that without it we could not possibly live. We do not see God, but faith tells us He is everywhere present. The Apostle St. Paul says: "In him we live and move and are." (Acts 17:28). This is an easy practice and is not tiring to the mind. It is sufficient to make little acts of faith such as the following: My God, I firmly believe that Thou art here present. With this may be joined acts of love, of conformity and of good intention.

Seeing God In His Creatures

Still another beautiful practice is that of seeing God in His creatures. The beauties of nature such as the rising and setting of the sun, a magnificent landscape, a majestic river, a garden of beautiful flowers are so many reflexes of the beauty of the Creator. The thought of a learned or handsome or holy man can lead us to admire the wisdom and beauty and sanctity of God and return Him thanks for permitting His creatures to share in His holy attributes.

Beholding God Within Ourselves

The most perfect method, however, of keeping alive the thought of God's presence consists in beholding God within our very selves. It is not necessary to ascend to Heaven to find the Lord God; we need only to recollect ourselves, and we shall find Him within us. He who, at prayer, pictures the Lord at a great distance from him is preparing for himself a source of abundant distractions. St. Teresa says: "I never really knew what it meant to pray well until the Lord Himself taught me the proper way to converse with Him. I entered within my very self and found this practice exceedingly profitable for my soul." God is within us in a different manner from what He is in other creatures; in us He dwells as the Lord in His temple and in His house. "Know you not," says St. Paul, "that you are the

temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). And our Divine Saviour Himself has said: "If anyone love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him." (John 14:23). Endeavor, therefore, to reanimate your faith in this consoling truth. Humble yourself profoundly before so exalted a Majesty who deigns to dwell within you. Excite yourself to frequent acts of confidence, of oblation and of love towards the boundless goodness of God. St. Catherine of Siena tells us that she built a little cell in the innermost part of her soul; there she entertained herself in loving converse with her God. Once, when speaking of this presence of God in our heart, St. Teresa said: "Those who withdraw into the little heaven of their soul, where He who created them is enthroned, can be certain that in a brief space of time they will have advanced far on the road to perfection." The happiness of the elect in Heaven consists in seeing and loving God. Our happiness here on earth must likewise consist in loving and seeing Our Lord, not indeed face to face as the Saints and angels do, but by means of the light of faith. Thus we begin in this valley of tears, this earthly exile, the life of the blessed in Heaven, a life of endless joy in the fruition of the vision of God. *This article is taken from a chapter in [The School of Christian Perfection](#) by [Saint Alphonsus Liguori](#) which is available from [TAN Books](#).*



Who Is Our Lady of Kibeho? The Apparition That Prophesied a Genocide

On the evening of November 28, 1981, in a small Catholic boarding school in the hills of southwestern Rwanda, a seventeen-year-old girl named Alphonsine Mumureke was serving tables in the school dining hall when a voice called her name. She walked toward the corridor to see who was there, and she encountered a woman of extraordinary beauty — a young, luminous Black African woman surrounded by radiant white light, who spoke to her with a gentleness that Alphonsine would spend the rest of her life trying to describe. That encounter was the beginning of one of the most remarkable and theologically urgent events in the history of modern Christianity. Over the following years, two more of Alphonsine's schoolmates — Nathalie Mukamazimpaka and Marie-Claire Mukangango — would receive their own apparitions. Thousands of witnesses would attend the public ecstasies and emerge shaken. The visionaries would describe visions so terrible that observers who heard their accounts wept and prayed

aloud. And ten years after the visions ended, approximately 800,000 people would be slaughtered in Rwanda in one hundred days — a genocide so precise in its horror that those who remembered the Kibeho visions recognized in it exactly what the Mother of God had shown her visionaries and begged them to help her prevent. Our Lady of Kibeho is unique in the history of approved Marian apparitions in several ways. She is the first and only officially approved apparition in Africa — confirmed by Bishop Augustin Misago in 2001 and recognized by the Vatican. She appeared not as a European woman but as a young Black African woman, in the face and features of the people she came to. She did not give a message of gentle consolation; she gave a message of urgent, prophetic warning that the world — and Rwanda in particular — faced catastrophic consequences if it did not repent. And she gave a specific devotional request that had fallen into neglect: the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, a profound prayer meditating on the suffering of the Mother of God that she said was urgently needed for a world in spiritual peril. The specific devotion Our Lady requested at Kibeho — the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows — is a devotion oriented entirely toward suffering. It asks its practitioner to sit with the sorrows of the Mother of God, to enter into them, to meditate on them, and to find in them not escape from suffering but a way of bearing suffering with love and without despair. This is a specific theological gift to a Rwanda that would need to bear enormous suffering in 1994 and afterward — and to a world that needs, in every age, a way of bearing the suffering that comes to men who love truly in a world broken by sin. The Seven Sorrows is not a prayer for the removal of suffering. It is a prayer for the transformation of suffering. It asks the practitioner to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross, where the worst thing in the world is happening and where love does not abandon its post. That is what Rwanda needed in 1994 — people who could stand at the foot of their particular cross and not run. And it is what every person in every situation of suffering needs: not the promise that it won't hurt, but the company of a mother who has been through the worst and who is still standing.

The Relevance of Kibeho's Message Today Our Lady's message at Kibeho — repentance, prayer, penance, love, and the urgent need for conversion before catastrophe — is not dated by time or place. Every element of it speaks with equal force to the contemporary world. The warning about a world moving away from God, about the organization of common life in ways that exclude love and dehumanize neighbor, about the consequences of ethnic hatred and the failure of reconciliation — these are not messages for 1981 Rwanda alone. They are messages for every society, in every era, that has organized itself along the lines of fear and hatred rather than love. The mother who came

to Rwanda in 1981 with tears on her face is still weeping. She is still asking for the same thing she asked for then. She is still available to those who ask her for help.

