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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

October 18, 2026 A. D.

Saturday, October 17

6:00PM

Sunday, October 18

10:30AM

Thursday, October 22

9:00AM

Friday, October 23

9:00AM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Shirley Kozar – Parishioner

†Stanley Ftorkowski (40th day) - Rebecca Micca

JAMES-APOSTLE BROTHER OF THE LORD

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

Saturday, October 24

6:00PM

Sunday, October 25

10:30AM

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Theodore Weron - Barno Family

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Wasil Kobela - Kobela Family

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., Reader John Fedorko & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues. Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LUKE- APOSTLE

October 18, 2026



TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

TROPAR: Let us praise in sacred hymns the celebrated Luke, herald of the acts of the apostles, brightly shining author of the Good News of Christ, scribe of things unwritten which he wrote for Christ’s Church. He is a physician for the feeble, healing nature’s ailments and the maladies of souls and he prays unceasingly for all of us. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

KONDAK: Let us praise a genuine preacher of piety, the godly Luke, a star of the Church and eloquent speaker concerning ineffable mysteries. For the Word who alone knows the heart of man chose him with the wise Paul to teach the gentiles.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

PROKEIMENON: How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (No Repeat).

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

Brethren, know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So, we too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ Who lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3). The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia (3).

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 8:5-15:



“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ““though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.”¹¹ “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and produce a crop in patience.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia (3).

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 On November 2, 2026.

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

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary before liturgy.



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 ANNIVERSARY: A Very Happy 53rd Wedding Anniversary to Mike & Mary Oresick who celebrated their Anniversary on Tuesday, October 27th! Mnohaya Lita! God Bless Them with Health and Many Happy Joyful Years!!!

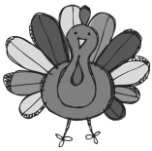
NOTABLE DATES: **Daylight Savings Time Ends** (Sunday, November 1); **Thanksgiving** (Thursday, November 26); **Myasopusna** (January 31); **Lent Begins** (February 14), Good Friday (March 26), Easter (March 28).

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.



HOAGIE SALE: St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian Hoagie Sale on Saturday, **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 25th. 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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE Plymouth: Saint Peter & Paul Church Women's Society women's society will hold a second rummage sale will be held in two weeks, Friday, **Oct 16th (9am-4pm)**, **Saturday October 17th (9am-2pm)**, and **Sunday -Bag Day October 18th (12pm-2pm)**. Basket Raffle will be available and tickets drawn on Saturday. Food Available.



"ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER: "ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER- Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on Saturday, November 7th in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00(noon) to 4:00pm. The event will feature our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$16.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Call (570) 829-3051 to make your reservation. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry."

PYRAMID HEALTHCARE IN DALLAS: Are asking for clothing (gently-used) donations for adult men and women especially as the cold weather approaches. Please call Father Walter at the rectory 570-735-2262.

Every Evil Screams Only One Message: I am good. – Alexander Schmemmann

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.

Remembrance Day for the Victims of Holodomor (Stalin imposed Genocide) in Ukraine this year is Saturday, NOVEMBER 28, 2026.

In 1932–1933, a man-made [famine](#), known as the [Holodomor](#), killed 3.3–12 million ethnic Ukrainians in the [Soviet Socialist Republic](#) (The [Soviet Union](#)), included in a total of 5.5–20 million killed by the broader [Soviet famine of 1930–1933](#). *At least* 4 million ethnic Ukrainians died as a result of the famine in the USSR.

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.

When you wish to live piously and be a true Christian and so be saved, pray to God incessantly and beg help of Him with fervor. Just as according to His love for man God commanded us to pray and ask of Him every good thing, He also promised to give us what we ask for, and most of all what is needful for our salvation. *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."* ([Matt 7:7-8](#)). Know, beloved, that a Christian without prayer is as a bird without wings and as a warrior without weapons. Pray fervently, then, to Christ the Lord and give yourself to Him for direction, and He will correct and guide you to eternal blessedness according to His love for man. Only be careful and watch yourself, and seeing you care He will help you in everything. Read the Beatitudes, and the rest, often and with fervor. **+St. Tikhon**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children ([“The Three Seers”](#)) near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that She had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. ***“If My requests are granted ... there will be peace”*** Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His Will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God’s Mother prophesied that Russia would be God’s chosen “instrument of chastisement,” spreading the “errors” of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere. ***“If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be annihilated.”*** In all Her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the [Rosary daily](#), of wearing the [Brown Scapular](#) of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. To prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert “that poor nation”, Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months ([“The Five First Saturdays”](#)). The heart of Our Lady’s Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the “Secret” which She confided to the three child seers in July 1917. The Secret actually consists of three parts, the first two of which have been publicly revealed. The first part of the Secret was a horrifying [Vision of hell](#) “where the souls of poor sinners go” and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls. The second part of the Secret specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the Mother of God’s solemn request for the [Consecration of Russia](#) as a condition for world peace. It also predicted the inevitable triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia’s consecration and the conversion “of that poor nation” to the Catholic Faith. The last part of the Secret (often called the [“Third Secret”](#)) has not yet been made public, but was written down by Lucy Dos Santos, the last living Fatima seer,

in 1944 and has been in the possession of the Holy See since 1957. Most informed sources reveal that this --+ portion of the Secret concerns chaos in the Catholic Church beginning with the head, predicting widespread apostasy and a loss of faith beginning in the seventh decade of the 20th Century.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A CUT FLOWER CIVILIZATION

D. Elton Trueblood said once, "The terrible danger of our time consists in the fact that ours is a cut-flower society civilization. Beautiful as cut flowers may be... they will eventually die because they are severed from their sustaining roots. We are trying to maintain the dignity of the individual apart from the deep faith that every man is made in God's image and is therefore precious in God's eyes."

All the precious values of our democratic society are rooted in God. Equality, rights of man, freedom to worship, etc ... are connected to the fact that we are created in God's image, that every man is loved by God Who has counted the very hairs of our head and cannot see even a sparrow fall to the ground without concern. Rights are rooted in Christian faith...Those in our country who deny God yet cling to the concept of rights are destroying the very roots which nourish and sustain these precious values. Cut off from their Christian roots, rights and values wither and die.

Emerson said once that Harvard now taught all branches of learning. "Yes," said Thoreau, "all branches but none of the roots." At another time Thoreau said, "There are thousands striking at the branches of evil and few striking at the roots." This reminds us of John the Baptist who said. "Even now the axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Luke3:9). -

Anthony Coniaris