

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 9, 2017

Saturday, July 8

6:00PM

†Joseph Kovalchik- Family

Sunday, July 9

10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Tuesday, July 11

6:30PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (Discuss Feast Day Events)

Wednesday, July 12

9:00AM

Health & Blessings for Peter Slota-Helen Slota

Saturday, July 15

6:00PM

†James Hischak- Janet Weron

Sunday, July 16

10:30 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2017

TROPAR: When the Lord's faithful women disciples heard the enlightening proclamation of the resurrection from an angel, they threw off their forefathers' condemnation, and with joyful boast broke the news to apostles: Death is no more. Christ God is risen blessing the world with great mercy.

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

KONDAK: My Savior and Redeemer from the grave as God overcame earth-born bonds and shattered the gates of hell. And since he is Master over all, he arose on the third day.

PROKIMEN: O how great and wonderful are your works, O Lord! In your wisdom you have made them all. **Verse:** Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, you are exceedingly great.

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans (10:1-10):

Brethren, my heart's desire, my prayer to God for the Israelites, is that they may be saved. Indeed, I can testify that they are zealous for God though their zeal is unenlightened. Unaware of God's justice and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the justice of God. Christ is the end of the law. Through him, justice comes to everyone who believes. Moses writes of the justice that comes from the law. "The one who observes the law shall live by it." But of the justice that comes from faith he says, "Do not say in your heart, 'who shall go up into heaven?' (That is, to bring Christ down), or "Who shall go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." What is it he does say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach). For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation.

ALLELUIA: Set your sights, succeed and reign in the cause of truth, meekness and righteousness. Alleluia (3). **Verse :** You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3).

Gospel Matthew 8:28-9:1



When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So, they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.



COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord from the heavens, Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3).

Prayer for Strength and Faith

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Dear Lord, see me through these hard times. In these troubling times, I am filled with unspeakable fears. I reach out my hand to you now, And ask you to walk besides me. I cannot carry all my burdens, But I know you can, and will. Please walk beside me. Please guide me. Please help me hold on strong, Through the trials and storms. Help me hold on to my faith, In even the darkest hour. Stay with me Lord, And show me Your way. In your love and Holy Spirit I abide. Amen.





THANK YOU! Thank you to Tom & MaryAnn Potsko for volunteering to coordinate the refreshments/food for our movie. Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked or donated items for the movie!



FLEA MARKET: Furniture, jewelry, books, toys, kitchenware, towels, curtains, tools, records, crafts, Christmas, holiday, etc., we are starting to collect items for our Flea Market. If you have any Flea Market items, please contact Johanna Longenberger at 570-256-7883.



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEAST DAY BBQ: Our Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 6, following the Sunday Liturgy. The celebration will be catered by Rentkos Catering, in a Picnic/BBQ style menu. The picnic will be indoor/outdoor style picnic. The church lawn “tented” and the air-conditioned basement hall. There will be FUN, FOOD and GAMES. Please bring your family/grandchildren, etc. **There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for counting purposes only.**

UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY: The 82nd Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held from at the St. Nick’s Grove, Primrose, Minersville, PA on **July 30**. The Seminary day helps to benefit St. Josaphat’s Ukrainian Catholic Seminary.

LUC CONVENTION: The League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold their annual convention on **October 6, 7 & 8** in Wilkes-Barre, culminating with a 9:30AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 8 at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth. **Due to this Event, there will be no Liturgy at Transfiguration Of Our Lord Church on Sunday, October 8.**

VACATION SERVICES IN WILDWOOD CREST, NEW JERSEY: For all who are vacationing during the Summer months in Wildwood Crest, NJ, the Ukrainian Catholic Summer Mission in Wildwood Crest invites you to come and worship with us! We celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Ukrainian (homily in English and Ukrainian) every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm from Sunday, July 2nd, through Sunday, September 3rd, 2017, located at: Crest Community Church, 5901 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260. Crest Community Church is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Crocus Road. For more information, please contact Father Paul Makar at 856-482-0938 (after August 1st, please contact Father Roman Sverdan at the same number listed above) or Marusha Cyhan at 609-522-2811. We look forward to having you and your family spiritually refresh yourselves with us during your vacation at the Jersey Shore in Wildwood Crest!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, **July 11, 2017 at 6:30PM.**



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing**

Homes: Mary Kozmoski, Theodore Kulmatiski, Dorothy Kopiak, Geraldine Adamchak. **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak. **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski. Sophie Staronka. **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw, Peter Slota.

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad.

5th Sunday After Pentecost: By Msgr. Eugene A. Chromoga

Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus expelled evil spirits from two wild, raving, maniacs. He released these evil spirits into a herd of swine, which went over the cliff and drowned in the sea. Instead of being glad these wild men were cured and were now in their right minds, the people of the town were angry about the dead pigs and told Jesus to get out of their Territory immediately. Why did they act this way? Two men were cured.... . But the people's pigs were destroyed. They wanted no more of this! We are surprised at their selfishness and hardness of heart. God's priorities are people, not animals. The priorities of many individuals today, however, are not people, but things. They act in the same way as the selfish townspeople of Jesus' time. They don't want to be disturbed or to become involved. Self-centered, they don't care what happens to anyone else, as long as it doesn't require any sacrifice from them. But love is sacrifice; it is giving and forgiving. It means extending oneself to help others in their spiritual and temporal needs. Sometimes it has to hurt to help a little; this is what sacrifice means. Jesus demonstrated this in His life and in His sacrificial death on the cross. And His sacrifice was for each of us. Spiritual things are certainly more important than material things. People are top priority. Jesus tells us this very forcefully when He said: "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul? Don't expel Christ from your hearts because it requires sacrifice. Be compassionate! Be sacrificial.... Even if it hurts a little!

Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves (Feast Day: July 10)

The Father of Monasticism in Russia



Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, “Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you. Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos. Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, “Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here.” He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint. Among Anthony’s first disciples was Saint Nikon (March 23), who tonsured Saint Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032. The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illuminated the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, Saint Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far

Caves. At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of Saint Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although Saint Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus. For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and Saint Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of Saint Anthony remain hidden.

JULY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arelene Jennings
in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen for
Blessings & Health for Beth Davis.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by
Ed & Mary Schwartz for Blessings for their
granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann.

The **Proscedia Table** is given by Andrew & Michelle Miller in loving
memory of Michael & Dolores Grozio.

Weekly Candle Intentions

Candle Before Christ is given by Irene Hvozda in memory of
Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

Candle Before John the Baptist is given by Lisa Placek
For a Special Intention.

