

## Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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### Divine Liturgy Schedule October 15, 2017

**Saturday, October 14**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, October 15**

**10:30AM**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**9:00AM**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**9:00AM**

**Saturday, October 21**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, October 22**

**10:30AM**

†Michael Kucab- daughter, Anna Kutsup

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHER OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCILS  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

†Theodore "Tex" Kulmatiski (40<sup>th</sup> day)- Yanoshak Family

†John Petrochko- Gayle & Bobby Miles

†Edward & Anna Kroll -Family

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

### Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

**20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA**



**Welcome! VITAEMO!** You enter this Church - not as strangers, but as children of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come into His presence then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, offering Him your love. .... Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in. .... Bringing people together to worship in the hope of everlasting love.

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**Troparion:** 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!"

**Troparion:** Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

**Kontak:** 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.

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

**Kontak:** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**Theotokion:** Undaunted patroness of Christians, O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners, but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, for you are ever the patroness of those who honor you, O Mother of God.

**Prokeimenon:** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. **verse:** For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

*A second reading from the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9):*

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent<sup>[b]</sup> have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Alleluia: (3)** The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia(3) **verse:** Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. Alleluia(3)



### **Gospel of Luke 8:5-15 & John 17:1-13**

“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. He 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.’ “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 by persevering produce a crop.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia(3).



**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD- WE WILL SAY PETITIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOLLOWING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES.** Please try to say the Rosary for the conversion of Russia & the world as Our Lady requested in Fatima 100 years ago.. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate in saying the Rosary.

**CEMETERY WATER:** The water will be shut off at the cemetery for the winter on October 10, 2017. Please take note of this occurrence.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** A Very Happy Birthday to **Arlene Jennings** who celebrates her Birthday on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant her & her family – Many Happy Years!!

**BIBLE STUDY/ADULT DISCUSSION:** Come down and join us immediately following this Saturday's Divine Liturgy! Everyone is welcome!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council will be **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm.** Please note that this is the second Tuesday due to the first Tuesday being Election Day.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE/FLEA MARKET:** Our Parish will hold a Christmas Boutique in conjunction with Food Sales. We are collecting new or "gently used" Christmas decorations or items to sell at this sale. If you have items to donate or would like to help, please contact Bob & Johanna Longenberger at 570-256-7883 or email at [pasta5@epix.net](mailto:pasta5@epix.net). The tentative schedule is on Saturdays from 10AM to 2pm, as follows **Oct.28**(Potato Pancakes); **Nov. 4**(Clam Chowder); **Nov. 11** (Haluski); **Nov. 18 (Bake Sale & Christmas Cookies).**

**BAKE SALE:** We need donations of **homemade baked goods and Christmas cookies for our bake sale on Saturday, Nov.18.** If you could please donate a baked item it would be appreciated.

**PYROHY PINCHING MACHINE:** The Parish Council unanimously decided to purchase a Pyrohy Pinching Machine, (as used in St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church in Pocono Summit), for approximately \$750. If you would like to donate towards this expenditure, please feel free to do so or call the rectory office. When properly prepared for and used this machine can make at 400-600 individual pyrohy per hour.

**PYROHY MAKING will be on Saturday, December 2.**



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing Homes:** Mary Kozmoski, Dorothy Kopiak **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak. **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski. Sophie Staronka, Geraldine Adamchak. **Away:** Leona Kobela, Irene Diakiw, Peter Slota.  
**Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Sister Iliana; Father Daniel.

### **LOCAL CHURCH NEWS.....**

**FLEA MARKET:** The Women's Society at Saints Peter & Paul Church(Plymouth) will be sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Friday, October 20(9am-2pm); Saturday, October 21(9am-2pm); & Sunday, October22(1pm to 4pm). Come and browse around, you may find a treasure.



**BUS TRIP: St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Scranton,** is sponsoring a Christmastime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9, 2017. There will be three stops in Manhattan: the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, and the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. We'll have an opportunity to buy some tasty Ukrainian goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations as only New York City can do it including the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and more. Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue will be at 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30pm. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Checks should be made out to St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton PA 18414.

**FALL DANCE:** Fall Dinner Dance featuring Joe Stanky and his Cadets, Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> @ St. Faustina Parish Center, 518 S. Hanover St., Nanticoke, Pa. Doors open: 5:15pm. Polish – America Buffet (Piggies, Pierogies, Sausage, Chicken, Fish, Potatoes & Vegetable) from 6 – 7:00 PM - Dancing to Joe Stanky from 7-10:00 PM. Tickets: \$20 included beverages Call: Mike @ 570-417-3878 or Paula @ 570-735-1351.

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER:** St. Andrew Parish, Wilkes-Barre, is holding their Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Sunday, October 22, 2017 in the church hall, 318 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre. Serving is from Noon to 4:00 P.M. Menu includes pasta, homemade sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. Eat in or take-out. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses or at the door. A bake-sale will also be held.

## **Who was the man that did all the praying in church last Sunday at the LUC convention Divine Liturgy? And, why was he wearing a funny hat?**



That man is a deacon, specifically that was our Deacon Michael Waak who presently serves in the parish Cathedral. You did not ask but, properly when addressing a deacon in our church you would call him Father Deacon. I know it sounds a bit odd but the Deaconate is the First Order in the Rank of Priestly Ordination, so we do not call him merely Deacon, but rather, Father Deacon. This is for the same reason he was wearing the skufia, or skoufos, the funny hat. He wears the skufia which has been “awarded” him by his bishop for a number of reasons. One, God calls on all of us, men and women, to keep our heads covered in honor and respect of the goodness He created in us. Two, this reminds us of the constant Divine Presence that covers us. Three, this is awarded a deacon, a priest or a monk for their service to the church. You may have noticed he took the skufia off during the Gospel, during the consecration and celebration of Holy Communion. This action is taken because God is With Us. Literally because Jesus Christ is in our presence, in The Word or in the Eucharist, and out of reverence for God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are mystically present with us, no one at the altar wears their ‘hat’. You may have noticed that Bishop John removed his mitre during the consecration and did not put it back on until after the Celebration of Holy Communion was over, notable that Jesus Christ was fully consumed and the diskos and chalice were back on the Table of Preparation, the prokometia. So, he was the deacon who is the master of ceremony, directing the entire Divine Liturgy so that the prayer of the people may be ordered and his wearing of the hat reminds us of God’s intimate presence in our midst, in a very intimate yet mystical way. This is similar to God’s command to Moses, to take off his sandals because he was on Holy Soil. In other words, our bodies are gifts to us but to be returned to God and God asks us to be intimate and vulnerable to and with Him.

## **Why do we have a procession with the banners entering the church when the bishop visits, and why do you not have the American, Ukrainian or Papal flags?**

The answer has to do with the meaning of the word, Sabaoth? You see it on page 30 of the little black Divine Liturgy book; do you know what that word means? It is not Sabbath, i.e. Saturday, it is pronounced sabā, äTH and is a Hebrew word meaning: heavenly hosts, in other words, the angels in heaven. In the Bible God is called “the Lord of Sabaoth” and that is why we pray that way. God’s angels are His heavenly Army and Michael the Archangel [Archangel means he is the head of the legions of angels] is the General. If we were to draw a parallel between the angels and a profession in this world we would call

the angels the Army of God. So what does a battalion, an army, carry before themselves? They carry the banner of their division. So the LUC members, indeed all of us true Christians, i.e. Catholics, enter into God's domicile behind the banner of the Legion of God's Army to which we belong. We are that Heavenly Army here on Earth, living as God intended for us to live. Praying and loving our Creator the Lord of Sabaoth. This is why no flag of a nation or of the Papal state, because this is not a national thing and we are not Roman Catholics, we are the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in America. The absence of said flags is not in disrespect for the nation we live in or the nation which brought this church here or the brother we are in a common union [communion] with but we are trying to find and live in that balance that recognizes The Church is about God and goes beyond mankind's drawn borders because all of creation belongs to God our creator whom we wish to be reunited with for eternity, i.e. Heaven. So we battle sin in this life as part of God's visible army while we can. That is why we process in to the church.



## OCTOBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are

given by the Barno Family

in loving memory of Pearl Shalaida.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family

In loving memory of Randy Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

In honor of St. Michael & the Guardian Angels.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Saad & Ellen Alqrainy and Leona Kobela  
for Blessings & Health for Anna Kutsup.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of October

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

Candle Before the Theotokos is given by Anna Kutsup  
In lovingly memory of Michael Kucab.