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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 1, 2019

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Saturday, November 30

6:00PM

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Hvozda- daughter, MaryAnn Jarolen

Sunday, December 1

10:30AM

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Monday, December 2

7:30AM

†Loretta Fidyk -Parish Family

Tuesday, December 3

6:30PM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 5

6:30PM

Special Intention – Lisa Placek

Friday, December 6

NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Saturday, December 7

6:00PM

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners **Sunday,**

December 8

10:30AM

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Ryan Yanoshak –Yanoshak Family



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 1, 2019

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, 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: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKIMEN: Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. *verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

A reading from the Epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-6):



Brethren, as a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

ALLELUIA: (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia (3).

Know that I am with you; I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you.

- Genesis 28:15

Gospel of Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

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

Quotes from St. Francis de Sales:

Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'

Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.

Faith is like a bright ray of sun light. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.

******VERY IMPORTANT****EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FATHER WALTER: Father Walter has a new cell phone number #570-406-5882.**

BISHOP NICHOLAS + COFFEE HOUR: We will have a visit from Bishop Nicholas in conjunction with our coffee hour on Sunday, December 8 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Bleated Birthday to Olga Yurkowski who celebrated her Birthday on November 17th! Mnoahaya Lita! May God Grant her Peace, Health & Much Happiness and Many Happy Years!

BAPTISM: On Sunday, December 15, John Joseph Gavin, son of John Gavin and Cindy Zbierski Gavin, will receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

PYROHY SALE: Our deepest thanks to everyone who donated their time to make our pyrohy sale a success! Thank You!

“THANK YOU” FROM SAINT NICHOLAS: The Parishioners of Saint Nicholas would like to thank our Parish for the generous use of the banquet hall for the 125th Anniversary celebration. Saint Nicholas Parish sent a \$500.00 donation to cover the expenses for the use of the hall that day. We are deeply appreciative.



CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: Christmas Boutique time is here..... please don't forget to turn in your Raffle Baskets & donate your gently used Christmas Items. People are needed to work the flea market dates: Saturdays: November 30, December 7, December 14 & December 21- weather permitting. **DON'T FORGET WE HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER.**

ARCHEPARCHIAL SOBOR: Our Archdiocese will hold the second Sobor session on **Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8.** Metropolitan Boris is requesting that each Parish send two Representatives to Philadelphia to attend the First Session of the Archeparchal Sobor entitled, “Emmigration, Settlement and Global Unity of the UGCC.” If anyone would like to represent Parish, please contact the rectory.

NOTABLE DATES: Myasopusna (February 16); **Lent Begins** (February 24); **Sviachenne** (April 26).



CHRISTMAS CAROLING CELEBRATION: " YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 26th Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, **Sunday, December 15th, 2019 starting at 2 p.m.** Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all prepare to welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes."



FOOD COLLECTION: Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish is collecting non-perishable food products to donate to the St. Faustina Food Kitchen. There is a collection box in the church entryway. Please try to donate something for people who are less fortunate.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30PM.

CEMETERY: As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. **THE CEMTERY WATER HAS BEEN SHUT OFF.**



LITURGY STATISTICS: In the month of November our Parish will do a statistical analysis of our Liturgy Attendance to both Saturday and Sunday Services. This attendance will be sent to the Archdiocese per their request. Please come and **BE COUNTED.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself;
for every man has need to be forgiven. - Edward Herbert



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is prayer? Is there a difference between organized prayer and a “conversation” with God? Is singing praying? While you might think this is a very easy question to ask because it is a simple question and direct, this is one of the most difficult questions to answer. Volumes have been written on this subject. To give you a hint on the complexity of trying to answer this I tell of about the account of a well- known and respected monk in his town, when he was asked about this topic, the person posed the question like “. . . when I talk with God I am sometimes frustrated because sometimes I feel like God does not respond to me.” The monk replied, “Wow! You are far ahead of me spiritually; I have not gotten past “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me a sinner.” The point, if a monk who has dedicated himself to prayer “feels” like this, how are we to feel? I’ll answer the easy question first, is singing prayer? Yes. Indeed, singing is praying twice as St. Augustine tells us. Is there a difference between organized prayer (in which I will take to mean prayers that have already been written by someone else and we remember and recite) and a “conversation” (where I will take to mean as a free-wheel thinking, contemplation and feelings expressed as they come to us) with God? The short answer is yes, and, no. There is a difference because naturally the words spoken are different, but they are also alike in that the end of prayer is the same, our desire to be close to God. You might “feel” that organized prayer is the only acceptable form of prayer, like the Divine Liturgy. You might “feel” the question, ‘when do I get to say what I want to say’? You might ask, ‘does God hear me’? I believe you can begin to see how such a simple question is quite difficult to answer. Free consciousness praying, quite literally like a conversation you have with a friend, to God is the goal of spiritual life. You might think, ‘how can God, who is omniscient, be understood by me when He speaks?’ Well, I can assure you that God who is all knowing and powerful understands His creation and creatures far better than the creature understands himself. God will speak a reply to you and your prayers in a manner that you can understand. Some things need to happen for this. One is that the person needs to leave silent time for God to reply to them, i.e. sit in quiet contemplation giving God time to present His answer to you. Two, you (we) need to learn how to hear God. God will reply to you in a manner that you can understand. God will do this for different people in different ways. There is a third part to this hearing and listening and that part involves the hearer, you (us), we need to be open to hear and apply God’s response to us. God

will not always tell us things we want to hear. Many times, we know the answer to our supplications, and that answer is no, but I (you, me, we, us, whomever . . .) will refuse that answer because it does not match my whim. The fourth part is also on our end, partly with God also, and that is patience. God will reply to us in the right amount and in the right time in the right way so to be suitable for our salvation. Take into consideration the past few weeks' Gospel readings, a woman infirmed for 18 years, stooped over. Do you think she was not offering supplications to God? A woman with an issue of blood for 12 years. Likewise, the Children of Abraham who were in bondage for 400 years. Do we not believe they were praying "conversing with God"? God tells us they were. So, we can see that as we mature spiritually so too will we in prayer life. Organized prayer is sort of like learning a new language where we merely repeat words and phrases, while we "know them" we don't fully grasp their depth of meaning until we are well practiced at it. Also, the organized prayer is more for us than for God. We need the repetition and ceremony to aid us. We should not let ourselves feel like a baby in front of God, that our simple prayers too infantile for Him, our blessed Creator and Lord. What does God tell us to do? God says, "Come to me like little children."

DECEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Ellen Kobela-Alqrainy in loving memory of her father, Wasil Kobela.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko In loving memory of Helen, Henry & Joseph Heylek.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by Joan Cominsky in loving memory of her parents, John & Marion Petrochko.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Geraldine Adamchak In loving memory of her father, Nicholas Salonski.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of December

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Mary Ann Jarolen for all The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Olga Yurkowski in loving memory of her husband, Michael Yurkowskii.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given For God's Blessings & Good Health for Anna Kutsup.

