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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 8, 2019

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Saturday, December 7

6:00PM

December 8

10:30AM

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Ryan Yanoshak –Yanoshak Family

Monday, December 9

9:00AM

**MATERNITY OF ANNA**

God's Blessing & Good Health for Father Dan Guravich

Tuesday, December 10

5:30PM

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING OF THE CHURCH**

Saturday, December 14

6:00PM

Sunday, December 15

10:30AM

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

†Helen Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

**BAPTISM OF JOHN JOSEPH GAVIN**



**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.



*Christmas Liturgy Schedules*

***Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke***

*Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve  
8:00 PM Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas  
10:30 AM Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Thursday, December 26 – Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God  
9:00AM Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Friday, December 27 Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr  
7:00 AM Liturgy with Myrovania*

***Ss. Peter and Paul (Plymouth)***

*Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve  
4:00 PM Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Wednesday, December 25 Christmas  
8:30AM Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Wednesday, December 26 Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God  
11:00AM Liturgy with Myrovania*

*Friday, December 27 Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr  
7:00 AM At Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke.*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 8, 2019

**TROPAR:** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

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

**KONDAK:** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raise the world. All humanity acclaims You as God. and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

**PROKIMEN:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

### **A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (5:9-19):**

Brethren, for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

**“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”**

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

**Christ is coming...Are you ready?**

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Gospel of Luke 17:12-19**

As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”



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



**FROM THE GREAT COMPLINE(From Christmas Eve Liturgy):**  
*Rozhdestvo Tvoe, Kriste Bozhe nash, vozsiya mirovee svit razuma, vnembo zvizdam sluzhashchiyee, zvizdoyu uchakhusya, Tebee klanyateesya Solnitsu pravdee, ee Tebe viditee vysotee ostoka, Hospodi, slava tebee!*

**TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY:** *Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises and who comes from on high. O Lord, Glory to You!*

**\*\*\*\*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 THIS Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

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

**“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 125<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**LUC ANNOUNCEMENT: MARK YOUR CALENDAR** - Our 2020 Lenten Retreat is scheduled for March 27, 28 and 29 at St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY. Monsignor Martin Canavan will serve as Retreat Director. The theme: "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". Details will follow after the Christmas holidays.

**DECORATING FOR THE NATIVITY:** We will be decorating the church on **Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30PM.** Please come out and help.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** Please see extra sheet for Christmas Liturgy Schedule.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Raffle tickets are in the back of the church for the Ukrainian Scholarship Fund. Deadline to return tickets are December 13.

**NOTABLE DATES:** Myasopusna (February 16); **Lent Begins** (February 24); **Sviachenne** (April 26); Foodfest: September 2020.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING CELEBRATION:** " YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Thursday, January 16 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.



**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***

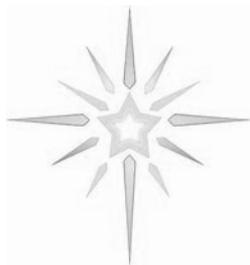
We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? If heaven is striving for perfection and man is imperfect how can anyone get in?** The answer to this question is in actually quite short and simple. We can get into heaven by following our Father's instruction who came into this world; Jesus Christ. A feeling of helplessness comes if a person has a malformed sense of mankind, i.e. their own human condition. Where does this come from and what are the 2 opposing views of mankind? The errant view of mankind comes from the false concept of we are here on the earth by pure random chance (Chemical soup to mankind Evolution). If we are here by pure chance and there is no God who created us, then our sense and grasp of Anthropology [study of mankind] will be flawed. "Evolution" says we are here by chance, therefore there is no God, you can do what you want, maximize pleasure and minimize pain, and so on. If you operate under this concept and yet hold on to the idea of God's existence then there will be a conflict between a false sense of man and God's message to us. This false sense comes from people who stubbornly try to deny God's existence because they don't want to accept that there is a concrete moral code we are called to live up to and they desire to have a subjective, everything can change, sense of morality. This cannot be. Even from our human experience we can grasp there is one objective, i.e. concrete and unchangeable, morality. The other view of our human experience in the here and now is informed by God's self-revelation to mankind. God tells us of how we were created perfect but we hurt ourselves with our own sin in the Garden of Eden; Adam and Eve's sin is our sin. Is there anyone alive who has not sinned? We have been expelled from the Garden but God knew we would do this and He prepared a way for our return. Because of God's immeasurable love for us he gave Himself, Jesus Christ, to pay our debt on the cross and God gives us what we need to get to heaven, His gifts to us which the Church calls God Graces. If we enter the church, are Baptized and Chrismated and receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and take full advantage of these and apply all of God's teaching to our living, yet recognizing my sinfulness, I can enter heaven. This is what The Divine Liturgy, a public prayer, is all about. Take the time to read all the priest's silent prayers that you normally do not read during the liturgy and you will notice this strong theme, "Lord forgive me my sins and have mercy on me so that I may enter into Your kingdom." We recognize our sins and while may fall into the occasion of sin we know we should not do this, so we go to confession and try to clean ourselves up once again. All the time while we do this we recognize it is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is God, who paid our debt. Be true to Him and do not fail to receive Him in the Eucharist the mystical medicine which heals our sins and is the mystical food which is Christ Himself that nourishes our lives through this corrupt age to give us strength to battle our own sins in this world. Your question has the same sense of Isaiah's reply to the angel who gave

God's message to Isaiah that Lord would send Isaiah to prophecy. Isaiah said, "'Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty. How can I go being a sinful man?'" The angel went to the fire and took a hot coal from the fire with tongs and touched Isaiah's lips saying, "See now, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." This is the same prayer the priest says for himself and the people after the Eucharist is distributed to the people. So the ultimate question is am I stubborn and demand things my way; or do I grasp my sinfulness and the need for God's assistance? Accepting God's graces I therefore accept His gifts and do not stay away from God and His Church and the company of the saints.

### 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 **Proscomedia 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 Yurkowski.

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