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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 15, 2019

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Saturday, December 14

6:00PM

Sunday, December 15

10:30AM

Monday, December 9

7:30AM

Saturday, December 21

6:00PM

Sunday, December 22

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**

†Lawrence Czarnecki- mother, Arlene Czarnecki

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS**

†Peter & Ann Wrobel –Jennings 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.



## *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.*

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

**DID YOU GO TO CONFESSION? SET ASIDE TIME TO PRAY.... PLAN TO ATTEND SERVICES?  
TEACH YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT CHRIST?? There's still time.**

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 15, 2019

**TROPAR:** 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!"

**TROPAR:** By faith You justified Your ancestors and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youths. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

**PROKIMEN:** 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. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

### **A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11):**

Brethren, when Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins, which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now; all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you. You are one body and one Spirit, just as you were in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is above all beings, pervades all things, and lives in all of us.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Moses and Aaron are among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. They called upon the Lord and he heard them. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**Gospel of Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord told this parable: “A certain man gave a great supper, and he invited many. And he sent his servant at supper time to tell those invited to come, for everything is now ready. And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a farm, and I must go out and see it; I pray you hold me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them; I pray you hold be excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ And the servant returned and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the crippled, and the blind, and the lame.’ And the servant said, ‘sir, your order has been carried out, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that none of those who were invited shall taste of my supper. ‘For many are called but few are chosen.’”

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**FROM THE GREAT COMPLINE (From Christmas Eve Liturgy):**  
*Rozhdestvo Tvoye, 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\*\*\*\* Father Walter has a new cell phone number #570-406-5882.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Joyous Birthday greetings to Christine Ferrato who celebrates her birthday on December 15! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant her Many, Happy, Blessed Years to her and her Family!

**BISHOP NICHOLAS + COFFEE HOUR:** Thank you so much to the Gayle & Bobby Miles and Mike & Jill Gagliardi for hosting our coffee hour! Saint Nicholas delighted everyone YOUNG and YOUNG at heart!! Thank You!!

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



**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. WE HAVE ONE MORE WEEK LEFT! GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Catholic Education Funds with donations or the purchase of Raffle Tickets! The spirit of giving is alive and well at our Parish!! The School Raffle Drawing will be held Friday, December 20 at about 2:00PM EST and streamlined on Facebook on the Archdiocese web site.



**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." **IT'S THIS WEEK! WHAT A GREAT CELEBRATION OF CHURCH AND FELLOWSHIP....DONT' MISS IT! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



**WYOMING VALLEY BAND CONCERT:** Wyoming Valley Band Concert presents “The Spirit of Christmas,” at Saint Stephen’s Church, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm**. Admission is free.

**FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS:** Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols to be held at the Cathedral on January 12, 2020, at 3:00pm.

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



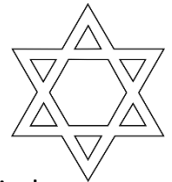
**FOOD COLLECTION:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish is collecting non-perishable food products to donate to the St. Faustina Food Kitchen. There is a collection box in the church entryway. Please try to donate something for people who are less fortunate.

**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.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Star of David? Is it connected to the Star of the Nativity?** The Star of David is the sign of the Hebrew people-descendants of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob- a symbol for the Israelite people or Jews. The Star of the



Nativity was a sign in the heavens that a virgin would give birth as prophesied by Isaiah. The “star” is a way of speaking of astronomical signs and occurrences. In ancient times, all the bright lights in the sky were called “stars.” It is commonly agreed that today that the Star of the Nativity was a conjunction of two planets. Planet- meaning “wanderer” unlike stars which are fixed. Two planets “appeared” in their orbit to be close to one another and “appeared” to the night sky on earth as one bright star. The star was not a six pointed Star of David shining in the night sky. Since there is no exact record of the Star, it is thought that the conjunction of these two planets occurred in the constellations of The Lion (the symbol of the Israelite people) or the The Virgin- adding further symbolism and rich meaning to the Star that ancient people would have understood. The reason this is not astrology, is that astrology believes that the stars rule

your life and dictate what will happen to you. Reading a sign in the heavens is not astrology, because it is a way God promised he would communicate this Miracle coming to pass.



### ***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.



### **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 Yurkowskii.

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