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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 26, 2020

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Saturday, January 25

6:00PM

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Tania Blanco-
Blanco & Campbell Families

Sunday, January 26

10:30AM

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Monday, January 27

7:30AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for Tania Blanco
-Ulana Campbell

Tuesday, January 28

5:00PM

Removing Church Decorations

Wednesday, January 29

7:30AM

†Special Intention-Lisa Placek

Saturday, February 1

6:00PM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON

God's Blessings & Good Health for Kevin Kerr
-Alberola Family & Brian Kravitz

Sunday, February 2

10:30AM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON

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

Thursday, January 30 at 9:00am Three Holy Hierarchs at Ss. Peter & Paul Church

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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 for ever 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.

PROKEIMENON: 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 of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy 4:9-15:

Timothy my son, this saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Until I arrive, attend to the reading, exhortation, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate. Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone.



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

Luke 19:1-10



Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

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



SEEDS AND WEEDS

An old story says that Satan called in one of his most effective demons for a chat. This demon had personally overseen the ruin of thousands upon thousands of souls. "What's your secret, little brother?" asked Satan. "I tell them to get serious about God," replied the demon. "I tell them they need to open their hearts to Christ. I tell them to repent of their sins and follow Jesus." "You tell them what?!?" exploded old Slewfoot. "I tell them they need to do all these things . . . tomorrow," he answered with a sly grin. Take a moment and consider what seems so important to you right now. The things you work day and night for, the goals you try to attain—how meaningful are they in the context of eternity? Are they truly important, or are they merely "weeds" that choke out the priorities that really matter? Don't trade away what is truly significant for a bunch of weeds—no matter how pretty they look or how sweet they smell.

CHURCH NEWS

Christ is Born!- Glorify Him!

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Happy Birthday to Geraldine Adamchak, who celebrates her birthday on January 30! Mnohaya Lita! God grant good Health and Happiness to them!



BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please use the envelope in your collection box or leave a note in the collection basket.



VISITING THE SICK: Do you know a homebound Parishioner who can't make it to church and would like a visit? Please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30PM.**

SOROKOUSTY: The first Sorokousty or All Souls Saturday is Saturday, February 15 at 8:00AM. To remember your loved one at the Service please use the envelope in your box.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS: There will be North Anthracite Deanery Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Berwick. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

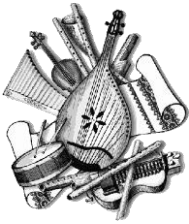
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the Church on Tuesday, January 28 at 5:00PM.

MYASOPUSNA BASKET RAFFLE: We will be having a Basket Raffle in Conjunction with Myasopusna. If you could donate a basket, psanky egg, etc. Please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

MYASOPUSNA DESSERT: We are asking for dessert items for our dinner. If anyone is able to make a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

MYASOPUSNA SERVICE HELP: Please come out and help. We need servers and help-many hands make light work. Most of the help needed is between noon and 2:00PM to serve.

PYROHY MAKING: We will be making pyrohy for Myasopusna on Saturday, **February 8 at 8:30AM**. We plan to make approximately a 120 dozen. Please come out and help. We are making extra for Lenten Orders.



MYASOPUSNA 2020: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is pleased to announce that dinner tickets are now available for our Annual Myasopusna Festival, held at the church's banquet hall at 240 Center Street, Nanticoke, on Sunday, February 16, from noon to 4 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) Festival is the parish's pre-lenten celebration, preceding the Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of holuptsi, kobasi, pyrohy, borscht, black bread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, followed by live Ukrainian dance performances by Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. A variety of Ukrainian crafts will be on display and for sale. Dinner tickets are \$13 if purchased by February 9th (\$15 at the door). Tickets can be purchased by calling Helen (735-4654) or Geri (824-3880). Invite your friends and neighbors!



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; Bishop John Bura Emeritus.



Father I have a question.... Absolution- what does it mean? Absolve, what does it mean? It is very important to go to confession on a regular basis and to have a regular Sacramental life- to attend the Divine Liturgy every Sunday and on every Major Holy Day (Holy Days of Obligation). By living in this way you keep yourself in God's good graces and keep at bay demons. The legality of sin, when we commit a sin, we take ourselves out from under God's authority and protection and we place ourselves under Lucifer's authority, i.e. we bind ourselves, we tie ourselves, to

Lucifer and to Hell. By committing the sin, any sin, we form an allegiance with Satan and we bind ourselves to him. Absolution given after the confession of the sin actually removes the bond of the sin between the sinner and Lucifer, i.e. Satan and Hell. The sinner, having confessed, now places himself back under the authority of God. Absolve is therefore to loosen, or better untie or perhaps better yet to break the bond to Lucifer and Hell. In the legal concept and thinking of the Ancient Hebrews is the legal binding to Satan is broken. The confessor is no longer under Lucifer's power following going to Confession, receiving Absolution, doing their Penance and finishing the Sacrament with The Sacrament of Sacraments, receiving The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ that is Christ Himself. The End Times, all men will stand in front of Jesus Christ at His Awesome Judgment Seat. That is, Jesus is the Judge. The "prosecuting attorney" will be Moses who was given The Law. There is no defense attorney. The person, each and every person, you, me and everyone, will stand alone before Jesus Christ to be judged to inherit Heaven, Eternal Life or to inherit Hell, Eternal Suffering. Jesus tells us that The Father judges no one, The Father has given all judgment to The Son, John 5:22. "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set." John 5:45. So, if you regularly go to confession and receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you will stand before Jesus Christ with no sins left to confess, and have the bond broken to Lucifer and hell, because you will have already received Absolution in the Confessional.

Prayer of Absolution

May Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, by the grace and mercies and of His love for mankind, forgive you all your sins and transgressions. And I, a priest, by His power given to me, do forgive and absolve you from all your sins and transgressions, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Deanery Stations of the Cross

All are welcome!



**March 1 – First Sunday of Lent
Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilkes-Barre**

**March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent
Ss. Peter & Paul, Plymouth**

**March 15 – Third Sunday of Lent
St. Nicholas, Glen Lyon**

**March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke**

**March 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
St. Vladimir, Edwardsville**

**Confessions at 3:30 p.m. and Rosary at 3:45 p.m. by all faithful present
Stations begin at 4 p.m., led by laymen Refreshments and Fellowship afterward.**



JANUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory John Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Slota Family
In loving memory Pauline Slota.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Joan Cominsky
in loving memory of her brother, John "Sonny" Petrochko.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ellen Algrainy
In loving memory of Mike & Helen Oresick.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of January

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Ann Zabroski & Donna Lee-Hischak
For God's Blessings & Continued Good Health for Caroline Dellaglio.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for
all The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Lisa Placek
in loving memory of Russell & Anna Skordy and Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given
By MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Joseph Boback.

