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**Divine Liturgy Schedule  
November 22, 2020**

**Saturday, November 21**

**6:00 PM**

†Gary Greenfield- Jack & Judy Lee

**Sunday, November 22**

**10:30 AM**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

**Monday, November 23**

**10:00 AM**

†Larry Czarnecki- Arlene Czarnecki

**Thursday, November 26**

**10:00 AM**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Saturday, November 28**

**6:00 PM**

†Michael Hvozda-daughter, Mary Ann

**Sunday, November 29**

**10:30 AM**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

**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; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark Jennings

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**November 22, 2020**

**TROPAR:** Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God, and the proclamation of salvation for mankind. In the Temple of God, the Virgin is clearly revealed, and beforehand announces Christ to all. To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

**TROPAR:** By Your cross, You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

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

**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.

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** The Savior's pure temple, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasury of the glory of God, is brought today into the house of the Lord; and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. God's angels sing in praise of her: She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

**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).**

### **Gospel of Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord told this parable: “The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to take thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry [happy].’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night do they demand your soul of you; and the things that you have provided, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God.” After He had said this, He cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



**INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT:** Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies. **Irmos:** Let no hand of the profane touch God’s living ark, but instead let the lips of those who are believers sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel, crying out with great joy to the Mother of God: O pure Virgin, you are truly higher than all.

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

“You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves.” -**St. Francis de Sales**

## CHURCH NEWS ....

## Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING:** Wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving! Let us thank God and count our blessings and appreciate our family and friends. **Don't forget we have Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00AM.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy Birthday to **Olga Yurkowski** who celebrates her birthday on November 20. Mnohaya Lita! May grant her Health, Happiness and Many Happy Years!

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this "pandemic" and may once again be able to all worship together.

**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. Please also be aware that the water is shut off at the cemetery.



**FLEA MARKET:** The Christmas sale will be **Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 12**; from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. We are still collecting clean usable Christmas items. Please take them to the hall. Call 570-592-7926 to make sure somebody is there. Any and all help that is offered is greatly appreciated. We will be following CDC guidelines: wearing masks, social distancing, occupancy limits. Hand Sanitizer will be available. Help is needed.

**PYROHY:** Thank you to everyone who came out to make pyrohy on Saturday (for the Flea Market). Your dedication to your church is appreciated.

**MEMORIAL DONATION:** We received a \$100 donation in memory of John Sawitzki Jr. Thank you very much for your donation.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep Father Paul Wolensky in your thoughts and prayers who is currently recovering from a health issue.



## Psalm 16 NIV

Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful<sup>[b]</sup> one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

### **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.



***An oldie but a goodie reprint.....***

**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, when you prepare The Gifts in preparation for communion, there is a “particle” or square for the deceased or living person that we have a Liturgy Intention for..... Why? I thought it was the Body of Christ? Who gets THIS particle?** Yes, there is a particle during the

Preparation of “The Gifts” for the person whom the Liturgy is Intended, as there are for many of the Saints as well as the Theotokos and Jesus Christ. We pray as we believe and part of our prayer of Holy Communion is that we become “like” Christ. So that we the Church are the Body of Christ. This is part of the symbolism of the prayer of Holy Communion. Because we truly believe and follow Christ’s Word, “that he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.” Those who partake of Holy Communion truly receive Christ. This is recognized in all of the prayers around Holy Communion. As to who receives that particle, as those of you who come to the adult discussion group learned, one of the parishioners will receive this particle, because it is co-mingled with all the particles in the chalice. All the particles originate from the one loaf that IS the Body of Christ.

**NOVEMBER CANDLES**

The **Tetrapod Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen in loving memory of Michael Hvozda.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Bob & Johanna Longenberger in loving memory of Michael Rodko.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Irene Hvozda in Loving memory of her husband, Michael Hvozda.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is by Lisa Placek for God’s Blessings on her son, Nikolas Placek.

**Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of November**

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

The **Candles on the Icon before the Theotokos** are given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Joseph Kutsup.

The **Candles before the Icon Table of the Theotokos** are given by Lee Family in loving memory of Clarence “Red” Lee.

The **Candles before the Icon of John the Baptist** are given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Joseph Kutsup.

## Doors, Windows, Mirrors, and the Secret Place

My first impression of the monasteries on Mt. Athos began with their doors: massive, thick, iron and steel configurations with bars and locks. They are not decorative in the least. They are meant to keep out marauding Turkish pirates and the like. The walls of the monasteries are similar in their function. The whole structure, complete with the crenelations on the tops of the walls are more castle-like than anything else I can imagine. They represent not an adaptation to the unique needs of the life of prayer, but a continuation of the most ancient function of walls: protection. The first monastery I ever visited was an Anglican establishment in the low country of South Carolina. The main house was simply a former plantation-style home, once the seat of a prominent low-country family. Along the drive leading in were a collection of small hutments, monastic cells that probably bore more similarity to the slave houses that likely once sat in the same place. That is its own meditation. I was disappointed that there were no walls. I cannot explain my inner fascination with *walls*. The definition of space that they create holds a mystery for me (in a way that the walls of a house do not). Some older cities have little garden spaces between houses, with gates that invite while they protect. The marvelous space that forms the heart of the children's novel, *The Secret Garden*, could not have been represented in any other way, to my mind. The garden itself is healed, even as a child is healed. That rich image, I think, points to the place of the heart. Our interior life can be extremely noisy (for some of us, it is an unavoidable artifact of the brain). Finding the heart is thus far more complex than merely looking for a "quiet place." It is the place of the *true self*, which is far more than the absence of noise. The stillness of that place is rooted in its *stability*. Cutting back the vines and weeds that intrude is also a cutting back the things that are temporary or driven only by passing concerns of the moment. Thus, when we manage to quiet the noise of various passions (anger, shame, fear, greed, envy, etc.) something remains. Ultimately, that "something" is the heart of the true self. I have engaged in that search through any variety of paths (looking for the door). Fasting and prayer are always seen as a traditional means but need guidance to be effective. Prayer is (many times) the sound of our anxiety crying out to God. There's nothing wrong with this, *per se*, but your anxiety is not the place of the heart. One exercise that has been of use for me can be categorized as "guarding the heart." The admonition is often found in the fathers, that we should "enter the place of the heart and let the prayer of Jesus (the Jesus Prayer) stand guard at its door." That admonition can be frustrating at first. "If I could find the place of the heart then it might be possible. But what if I have no idea of how to get there?" **Several helpful thoughts:** The place of the heart is always with you.

The true “you” dwells there. It’s the noise of everything else that hides this from us. Begin by naming (noticing) each of the other sounds (distractions) and name them (anger, shame, envy, greed, loneliness, sadness, etc.). Let them go. One by one, set each one aside. Certain things will refuse such treatment. If I am deeply enmeshed in shame, or the anger of unforgiveness, etc., its noise might insist on staying. I sometimes bargain, asking only that for a short time I will let that passion alone. Oddly, it works. The resulting strengthening that follows helps create the ground on which this passion can eventually be silenced. What is left after this exercise is a “place.” It might even feel empty. We are so accustomed to the noise of the passions that their absence might seem an emptiness at first. What we find in this place is the true self, the soul in the freedom of simple existence. It is at this point that I would shift our attention from the image of a door to that of a window and mirror. It is quite common to see an icon described as a “window.” Windows, however, suggest that there is something “outside.” That image would direct our attention *away* from the place of the heart. A related image is that of a mirror – which is probably more *apropos* in that a mirror reflects something that is *present*. I recently heard the comparison in this manner: *Imagine looking out your window and seeing a lion. It would be interesting, but, perhaps nothing more. Imagine looking in your mirror and seeing a lion in the reflection. The terror that would follow speaks of a presence. What you see is right there with you.* In this sense, the soul can be described as a mirror (that is an image used by St. Gregory of Nyssa). The soul is a mirror of Christ. This can be understood as true if by “soul,” we mean this true self, absent the noise and distractions of the passions. It is not an image which we are trying to “match” – a model for moral improvement. Rather, the image of Christ is a means by which we may slowly begin to recognize the true self. The true self looks like Him – we are His reflection. With this in mind, I take us back to the walled garden. This is a place of intimacy and safety. It is sheltered from the world and its distractions. What is found in the garden is precious and wonderful. It is a place of “secret” meetings. There, we may be alone with Christ. Such images are more than mental pictures. We see in the thing itself (if you are so fortunate as to have an actual example to visit) something that reflects the inner reality of the heart. These reflections are helpful in finding the inward path itself. Monks went into the desert, and other hidden places, for a reason. Those places are not the heart, but they “rhyme” with it. That rhyming can give an important assistance. Human beings are a “microcosm” of the universe the Fathers held. Places in the “cosmos” can teach us much about life in the “micro.” That a place such as a walled garden speaks so loudly to a human heart is not an artifact of culture. It is an artifact of many cultures because it reflects so clearly a

reality that is the true home of the soul itself. Christ, teaching us the greater secrets of prayer, said:

**“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your inner room (ταμείον – *an inner chamber or secret room*) and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:5–6) (pravmir.com)**