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Divine Liturgy Schedule

November 29, 2020

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

Wednesday, December 2

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Thursday, December 3

11:00 AM

†Jeanne Owen- Helen Lipowski

Friday, December 4

10:00 AM

Special Intention-Lisa Placek

Saturday, December 5

6:00 PM

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Sunday, December 6

10:30 AM

NICHOLAS OF MYRA-ARCHBISHOP

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Ronald Bogucki-Mike & Jean Sawczuk

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

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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 acclaim 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. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

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.”

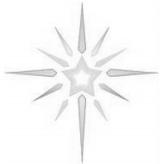
Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one 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: (3). God gives me vindication and has subdued people under me.
ALLELUIA (3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. **ALLELUIA (3).**

Luke 13: 10 – 17



At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look upwards. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said to her, “Woman, you are delivered from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, “There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath.” But the Lord answered him and said, “Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loosen his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it forth to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, who Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. -Isaiah 7:14



Prayer for Strength and Faith

Dear Lord, help me through these hard times. In these troubling times, I am filled with unspeakable fear. I reach out my hand to you and ask for your aid. My burdens are overwhelming me, with Your aid I can succeed. Please walk with me. Please guide me. Please help me fight the good fight, Through the trials and storms I am purified. Help me remain faithful even in the darkest hour. Show me Your way and will abide in You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

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.



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. We will be selling potato pyrohy (\$7.00 ea) and some assorted food items for “take-out” and eat home only.



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

PSALMS: We have been reading from the Book of Psalms in our bulletins... Do you have a favorite? Please submit it to the rectory.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES: Do you have a favorite Christmas Memory? Can you submit it to the rectory? Here’s our first submission:



Christmas 1973: Dear Santa, thank you for the presents! But please do not give me more than 3 things. Did you bring my parents some things? I hope you did, because children aren’t the only ones to get presents! I think that if parents get presents from now on, ‘specially old people, it’ll make them feel a little happier!

My priest, the one that is at the church go to said, “We are preparing for the coming of Jesus.” My Sunday School teacher, Miss Terry, said that that’s called advent. The first paragraph that I wrote said that parents should get presents too! I really thinks so, It’s nice for older people to get presents! **I don’t think it’s fair that they don’t!!!** Your truly, Natalie Pasicznyk, age 9 1/2 Plus-Your are so nice! Thank You! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Editor’s Note: Letter Found by Santa and submitted.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION.....???: Our church weekly feature is currently “out of questions.” If you have any questions, please submit them in writing to the rectory via the mail, email or the collection basket.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is a Litiya? - (Lity, litiya) A word implying a fervent, prolonged prayer. It is a service of blessing of the breads joined to the Vespers on the eve of major feasts. Five breads, oil and wine are blessed. In the prayer of blessing we ask our Lord that as He blessed the five loaves and fed the five thousand, to bless the loaves, wheat, wine and oil, and to multiply them in all the world; and to sanctify all the faithful who partake of them. The bread is cut and distributed to the faithful at the end of the service. Litiya is part of the Great Vespers and it occurs at the end of the Vespers Service on major Holy Days. At the Litiya, there are loaves of bread, a vessel of oil, a vessel of wine and wheat which are blessed. These will be the substance for the people for the all-night vigil. Traditionally, on Christmas Eve in the “village” the local church acted as both the monastery and Parish for that community. Vespers (and Litiya) was incorporated into the traditional all-night Christmas Eve Vigil Service that was observed in the community church. Since the monks and the Parish were together in the church community, the people attended that part of the service that they were able due to family and work commitments. At Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, this service is only celebrated on Christmas Eve.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Could you give a reflection for Phillip’s Fast? All of us, indeed the whole world, should recognize the Kingship of Jesus Christ and submit to him. Only then could there be One Church and One World. Without Jesus Christ, the Son of God who is God, no peace is possible. So we have difficulties because of a wonderful gift God gave us; notably free will. Free will is to allow us to be free to choose the good. To choose to sin will lead you to eternal suffering, hell. Jesus, as a baby in the manger, knew that this was beginning of the path that ends on the Cross. The Nativity of Jesus Christ is the beginning of the Story of Salvation as recognized by mankind and the Cross is the ending to the Story of Salvation for mankind. This is why the Processional Cross of The Church is composed of the Star of Bethlehem and the Cross, i.e. Crucifix. This is a reminder to us of how God entered the world and how God exited the world to save us from our sins. When we freely choose to follow God, Jesus Christ the Son of God, then we are able to be saved from our own sins. We can avoid Eternal Damnation. It is only through Jesus’ sacrifice of Himself on the cross, the perfect blood sacrifice to atone for sin, that our sins could be forgiven. Think

about it this way, if I wish to obtain something from you, that you consider your greatest possession, what do I have to give to you to obtain this? Would you accept something from me of lesser value for this? No, the typical person wants something of greater value than what they are giving up. So what can I offer for my sins, by which I deserve hell? In short there is nothing I can give to God to atone for my sins, to trade with God, for heaven; because heaven is greater than anything I have, even my own life. The only way to “trade up” is for God to choose to give me Himself to atone for my sins because only God is this “perfect” or “greater value” gift. Hence, God is so incredibly loving (agape – sacrificial giving love) that He offers Himself to atone for my sins. This is the “Gift of Christmas.” This gift is freely given, and we are free to choose this gift. We demonstrate our choosing by living a holy life, to best of our abilities.

Psalm 118 NIV

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever." When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them down. They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them down. I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand,

join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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.

DECEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Koretz Family in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

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

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is by Mrs. Geri Adamchak in loving memory of her father, Nicholas Salonski.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of December

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

