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Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slayte Yeho! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 24, 2021

Saturday, January 23

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

God's Blessings & Good Health for Mike Sawczuk - A Parishioner

Sunday, January 24

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 AM

†Deceased members of the O'Bremski & Belitsa Families

Wednesday, January 27

10:00 AM

-Denise Kaminski

God's Blessings for America

- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 30

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Sunday, January 31

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

†Ronald Bogucki-M/M Michael Sawczuk

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Plymouth will have funeral services on Thursday, January 28 at 10:30am for Father Frank Patrylak.

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:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark Jennings; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

January 24, 2021

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: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican and approach the Master as sinners, for He desires salvation for everyone. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

PROKEIMENON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. 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 of the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 3:10-15:

Brethren, you, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



ALLELUIA: 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).



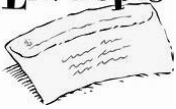
Luke 18:10-14

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself; 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I possess.' But the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you; this man went back to his

home justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

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

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Church envelopes and calendars are in the church basement for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes there, please contact the rectory so that we can arrange to have envelopes for you. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. THANK YOU!

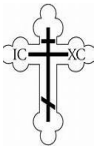
CHARITABLE CARE ACT 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS: Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish, parish schools, St. Jospahat Seminary and the Archeparchy qualify for this charitable deduction. Please consider making an additional donation to your parish, parish school, St. Jospahat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary or the Archeparchy. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020. Your donation must be made by cash, check or credit card. "

CHURCH NEWS



“O Joyful Light”

O Joyful Light, Holy Glory of the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ: Having reached the setting of the sun, having seen the evening light, let us sing of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. It is proper at all times to praise You with reverent voice of Son of God, the Giver of Life, the whole world glorifies You.



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of Father Frank Patrylak who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, January 20th. May Our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints, and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat. May His Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Patrylak Family. Services will be on Thursday, January 28th at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Plymouth at 10:30am and interment in the Parish Cemetery. Metropolitan Archbishop Boris Guziak will be the main celebrant.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Gerri Adamchak who celebrates her Saturday, January 30. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Her Many Happy Years!

A PASCHAL PILGRIMAGE: A Guide for the Great Fast for Ukrainian Catholics by Bishop Basil H. Losten pamphlet has been purchased by a parishioner for the Parish. Please take one for a family- please share. If necessary, we can order additional pamphlets. **Great Lent begins February 15 and is just around the corner. You will find this pamphlet useful as a preparation tool.**

PIGGIE / HOLUBTSI DINNER: Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, January 31st, 2021. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 3:00 pm in Our Parish Parking Lot, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (12 and under). Drive-up customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.

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.

LINENS: In preparation for the Great Fast we will be changing the linens in the church on Sunday, February 14th immediately following Divine Liturgy.

LENTEN VESPERS: If you would like to do an extra devotional for Lenten on Sunday late afternoon in lieu of Deanery Stations of the Cross, each Sunday of Lent we will have the service of Vespers which is the foundation of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Vespers will not have communion. The first Vespers will be Sunday evening, February 14th with Forgiveness Vespers at 4:00pm. So far I have heard nothing about Deanery Stations of the Cross and I do not foresee these deanery services being held this Lenten Season.

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS: If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2021, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like. Please keep in mind that there are no weekday liturgies during Lent. Please note that during Lent if there is a Funeral, there will be no Divine Liturgy with that service. If you want to add a Divine Liturgy, a special Liturgy can be done on Saturday morning.

JANUARY CANDLES



The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given
By Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek.

The **Proscmedia Table** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in
loving memory of Joseph Boback.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of January

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

The Candle before the Theotokos is given by Lisa Placek for
the deceased members of the Slota & Skordy Families.

The Icon Table **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Ellen Alqrainy
For God’s Blessings for Mary Oresick.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, if God is so loving and kind and gentle, why does He allow pain in the world? The following is an explanation of an answer to your question that I believe would even help children understand. A parishioner shared this with me many years ago, so I saved it and I include in completion as I received it.

Why God Allows Pain

This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen. It is an explanation other people will understand.

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed.

As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation.

They talked about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said:

"I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber:

"You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you"

"No" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is that people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- Affirmed the customer. "That's the point! *God*, too, DOES exist! What happens is that people do not go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

May God bless you with many happy years, peace, health and salvation.

Psalm 97

The great upheavals which precede the coming of the Messiah will cause the world to recognize the folly of its gods and its reliance on all the other instruments of human invention. God will then reign supreme over the entire earth.



The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.
Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him
and consumes his foes on every side.
His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.
All who worship images are put to shame,
those who boast in idols—
worship him, all you gods!
Zion hears and rejoices
and the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments, LORD.
For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
Let those who love the LORD hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light shines^[a] on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.