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Divine Liturgy Schedule September 26, 2021

Saturday, September 25

6:00 PM

Sunday, September 26

10:30 AM

Wednesday, September 29

9:30 AM

Thursday, September 30

10:00 AM

Saturday, October 2

6:00 PM

Sunday, October 3

10:30 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

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†Mary Kressel – Anna Kutsup

A Conversion of Heart for Barnett Kurtz- Rita Kurtz

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Hook- M/M Michael Sawczuk

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*******St. Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)*******

Friday, October 1

9:00 AM

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Marion Hvozda, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski; 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; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich. Pavlyk Motychka(baby in Ukraine with SMA); Marion Hvozda; Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber, John R. Benjamin.

THE PASSING OF JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN- APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 26, 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!

TROPAR: O beloved apostle of Christ our God, hasten, deliver a people without defense. He who received you when you leaned upon His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer. Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the cloud of nations that besets us, asking peace and great mercy. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

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." **Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: O virgin apostle, who can recount your mighty works? For you pour out wonders and healings and you pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

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. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

A reading from the second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11):

Brethren, remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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). The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia (3).



Gospel of St. Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their word unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to 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 name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

“Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing.”

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: There will be an all-night vigil from **7:00PM Wednesday, October 13 to 8:00AM Thursday, October 14** for the Adoration with Our Lord for the remembrance of the Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Liturgy at 8:00AM on Thursday, October 14.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RUMMAGE SALE: The date for our **Rummage Sale October 15, 16 & 17** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). No donations are being accepted at this time. This sale is to liquidate our current donations- many of which have not yet been put out due to space. We have many clothes- “brand new” that have been donated. Food will be available.

PYROHY SALE: We are selling potato pyrohy at \$8.00 a dozen. The pyrohy are frozen and available anytime from the church basement.



STANDARD TIME: Don't forget Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed on November 6.

WYOMING VALLEY CHURCHES MEETING: On **Wednesday, September 29**, there will be a meeting of representatives from the Pastoral and Finance Councils Only of the Wyoming Valley Churches with Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Raby and the Financial Committee from the Archeparchy. This meeting will be held at Saint Peter & Paul Church in Wilkes-Barre.

**TRIVIA QUESTION: What is Eschatology?
ANSWER COMING NEXT WEEK.**

PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens virtue, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our Archeparchy so that we may grow in Your Charity. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Will of God never takes you to where the
Grace of God will not protect you.**



Ask Father a Question? Where did the image of the “pearly gates of Heaven and Saint Peter” originate? Is it true? Will Saint Peter be the judge and jury of our life? The idea of Peter being the judge and having the keys to the gates of Heaven, comes from people interpreting the scriptures and taking a line out of context. We must always remember that we have to take everything together- the tradition, the scriptures, and the teaching authority of the Church. A single individual line of scripture cannot be interpreted any way we desire. There are people who take the line from Matthew’s Gospel in chapter 16 verse 19, when Jesus says to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven....” If you try to interpret this how you desire and ignore all other scriptures you might think that Peter judges you and says who goes to Heaven, however that is not what Jesus taught or the scriptures teach. Jesus himself teaches “I am the judge.” What Jesus teaches with the keys and Peter is more about the sacrament of penance and forgiveness of sins. There is also a greater concept of when a Master went away, he gave the second in command of the kingdom- the keys to the gates so that the people can come and go as necessary and if necessary lock the gates to keep the enemy out. The Church sees in this the sacrament of confession and the importance of Peter and the Church.

In the same thread Father, when I read passages from Revelation I am confused and terrified.... is this what is to come? Does it have to be? Who or what is the huge red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven royal crowns on his heads? What is the Apocalypse of John really saying?

Prologue: This is the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon come to pass. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who testifies to everything he saw. This is the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear and obey what is written in it, because the time is near.

(A·po·ka'ly·psis (apocalypse), means “Uncovering” or “Disclosure.”) There is no need to be scared or worry about what is written in the Book of Revelation. The Church Fathers argued whether to include the Book of Revelation in the Books suitable for prayer- The Canon, which in time was called The Bible. The Bible get its' name from the Greek word “biblia” or the books. The exact timeline for this is uncertain. Yes, this is what is to come and some of it has already come to pass. Some of these prophecies were revealed to the prophets, Daniel and Isaiah among others. This is part of why Christ tells us that we are blessed for reading these words and we should have no fear about anything we read in the Apocalypse of John-even though, much of it is scary and fearful. Christ brings us peace if we are truly his followers, just as a good driver-watches the signs- in which to drive a correct path to their destination, Christ provides the Book of Revelations as a Book of Signs for the believer to be on the correct path to Christ. In fact, we have an Icon in our Eastern Church tradition, many Parishes have it on the Iconostas, that is Christ holding a Book open with the Letters Alpha & Omega, the beginning and the end. So, when you read about the dragon and the Lady in Chapter 12- this is the same dragon from the Garden of Eden in the tree that tempted the lady, Eve. The dragon is the devil. The Woman clothed in the sun, is clearly Mary, the New Eve. Travailing in Birth, Mary is giving birth to Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the dragon or devil is working in the world trying to prevent Christ's birth. He finds a helper in King Herod, who murdered the children of Bethlehem trying to prevent the Savior from entering the world. **(More to come next week.)**

SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski
loving memory of Joseph & Mary Englot.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek
For a Special Intention.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen
For God's Blessings on Irene Hvozda.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Mary Ann Jarolen
For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos** is
Given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Mary Kressel.

Psalm 78



My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things
from of old—

things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the
praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like
their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to
God,

whose spirits were not faithful to him. The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows,
turned back on the day of battle; they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live
by his law. They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas.

he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High.

They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved.

They spoke against God; they said, “Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?

True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly,
but can he also give us bread? Can he supply meat for his people?”

When the LORD heard them, he was furious; his fire broke out against Jacob,
and his wrath rose against Israel, for they did not believe in God or trust in his
deliverance.

Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens;
he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.

Human beings ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.
He let loose the east wind from the heavens and by his power made the south wind
blow.

He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like sand on the seashore.

He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.

They ate till they were gorged— he had given them what they craved.

But before they turned from what they craved, even while the food was still in their
mouths,

God’s anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down
the young men of Israel. In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his
wonders, they did not believe. So, he ended their days in futility and their years in
terror.

Whenever God slew them, they would seek him; they eagerly turned to him again.

They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer.

But then they would flatter him with their mouths, lying to him with their tongues;
their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant.

Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them.

Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath. He
remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

(More to come....)