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Christ is coming Are you Prepared?

Divine Liturgy Schedule November 15, 2021



Saturday, November 13
6:00 PM

Sunday, November 14
10:30 AM

Monday, November 15
10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 16
10:00 AM

Saturday, November 20
6:00 PM

Sunday, November 21
10:30 AM

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠ Edward Baranowski- Tom & Jennifer Jones

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God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

✠ Joseph Kutsup- daughter, Anna Kutsup

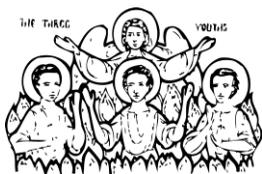
God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠ Anna Ozehowski- Alberola & Weron Families

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

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November 14, 2021

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 forever 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.

PROKIMEN: Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul Epistle 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). The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia (3).

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.



Luke 10:25-37:



At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" He answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole strength, and with your whole mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you.' Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "He who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do you also in like manner."



COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. 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. Be at peace God’s in control.”

**“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”
— St. Francis of Assisi**



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE: The Christmas sale will be held Saturday Nov 27, December 4 and December 11 from 9 am, to 2 pm. and Sunday December 12 from noon to 2 p.m. Baskets will be raffled at 1 p.m. Sunday Dec 12. Food is available to eat in or take out. We are still collecting new or gently used Christmas items. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.** Questions or concerns, please call 570-256-7883. Help is always appreciated

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.

PYROHY: We will be having a pyrohy project on Saturday 11/20/2021 at 8:30 AM. Please come out to help to make 60 dozen pyrohy. Please come out!!!



RING CHRISTMAS BELLS MERRILY RING....: Just an idea put forth. Every year it seems the Christmas Season slips by... A brother parishioner asked if anyone would be interested in Christmas Caroling after Sunday Liturgy in the church during Phillips Fast? Possibly late November before everyone is busy? Maybe put the Christmas wreaths up a little earlier? Perhaps Coffee and Cake afterward or not... Please contact the rectory.



SHARING THE TRADITION: (Thanksgiving Day Meal-Thursday, November 25)
Sharing the tradition is a time to give a Thanksgiving Meal to those who are unable to experience a traditional meal due to health or family circumstance. To schedule delivery of a meal call Yalch Insurance 570-474-6300. (Delivery to Nanticoke, Newport, Mt. Top, Wapwallopen, Mocanaqua, Shickshinny, Ashley, Sugar Notch, Warrior Run). (Delivery reserves the right to limit the number of dinners available to one household.) See Bulletin Board in Back of Church for More Details.)



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? I have a question Phillip's Fast begins Monday, November 15th. Father, didn't the Church mitigate Phillips fast, is still obligatory?

Let me begin with a question back to you. Suppose you are an athlete, a marathon runner, is it obligatory that you train? I could answer, no, it is not obligatory that you train. You could lie around eating, watching television, going to parties, reading or whatever else your heart desires and then on the day of the marathon show up and run. What do you think will happen on that day? You will very likely lose to someone else who did train. So now let us apply this to fasting. Why do we fast? We fast to grow stronger spiritually. Why do I need to be spiritually strong? It is because the devil, Lucifer, who was the highest-ranking angel in heaven before his sin, is strong than any man. Lucifer uses all his power to lead mankind, that is each of us, into sin so that we will fail to succeed to inherit heaven and as a result we would inherit hell and be forced to worship Lucifer, not God. If you desire heaven, and not hell, then you need to be strong enough to thwart the attacks of Lucifer when they come. If you are weak you will fail. How then do you grow in strength? You grow in strength by apply the gifts Jesus left us which do not make sense to a fallen world that does not believe God. The primary gifts are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The highest form of prayer is the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Fasting is critical too so that we can learn to become stronger in controlling our human desires and not letting Lucifer lead us astray through bodily desires. Fasting from food is one of those ways, to learn to be in control of all my appetites. So yes, the fast is obligatory if you desire heaven.



Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Star of David? Is it connected to the Star of the Nativity?



The Star of David is the sign of the Hebrew people-descendants of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob- a symbol for the Israelite people or Jews. The Star of the Nativity was a sign in the heavens that a virgin would give birth as prophesied by Isaiah. The “star” is a way of speaking of astronomical signs and occurrences. In ancient times, all the bright lights in the sky were called “stars.” It is commonly agreed that today that the Star of the Nativity was a conjunction of two planets. Planet- meaning “wanderer” unlike stars which are fixed. Two planets “appeared” in their orbit to be close to one another and “appeared” to the night sky on earth as one bright star. The star was not a six-pointed Star of David shining in the night sky. Since there is no exact record of the Star, it is thought that the conjunction of these two planets occurred in the constellations of The Lion (the symbol of the Israelite people) or the The Virgin- adding further symbolism and rich meaning to the Star that ancient people would have understood. The reason this is not astrology, is that astrology believes that the stars rule your life and dictate what will happen to you. Reading a sign in the heavens is not astrology, because it is a way God promised he would communicate this Miracle coming to pass.



Remembrance Day of Holodomor (death by starvation) in Ukraine is **November 27, 2021**. Remembrance Day for the Victims is annually observed in Ukraine on the fourth Saturday in November. This Remembrance Day is dedicated to the events of 1932-1933, that took millions of lives of the Ukrainians.

The term **Holodomor** (death by hunger, in Ukrainian) refers to the starvation of millions of Ukrainians in 1932–33 as a result of Soviet policies. The Holodomor can be seen as the culmination of an assault by the Communist Party and Soviet state on the Ukrainian peasantry, who resisted Soviet policies. This assault occurred in the context of a campaign of intimidation and arrests of Ukrainian intellectuals, writers, artists, religious leaders, and political cadres, who were seen as a threat to Soviet ideological and state-building aspirations. (HREC website)

Millions starved as the USSR sold crops from Ukraine abroad. “Food is a weapon.”

NOVEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Lisa Placek

In loving memory of George Palermo.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

In loving memory of Michael & Anna Yanoshak.

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

God's Blessings on Nikolas Placek.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen in

loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by

Lisa, Nikolas & Benjamin Placek in loving memory of Olga Yurkowski.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis

For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos** is

Given by Bob & Johanna Longenberger in loving memory of Michael Rodko.

The **Icon Table Candle before the Theotokos** is

Given by Lisa Placek & Helen Lipowski in

loving memory of Irene Hvozda.