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Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 26, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Saturday, June 25

6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for MaryLouise Bailey
- Arlene Czanecki

Sunday, June 26

10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessing's & Good Health for Irene Menyck-
Mark & Arlene Jennings

Monday, June 27

10:00 AM

BLESSED MYKOLAY CHARNETSKY

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, June 28

10:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health on Frank Bailey-
Arlene Czarnecki

6:30 PM

†Dorothy Swiderski- Peggy Hoolick James

Wednesday, June 29

10:30 AM

PETER & PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES

†Marge Yanoshak-Donna & Rob Drummond

Saturday, July 2

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE

†John Opachinski, Sr. –Lee Family

Sunday, July 3

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Josephine Latoszewski. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Ted Weron, Fr. Gregory Maslak, Mary Yules, Angel Ocasio.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

PROKEIMON: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1-10:

Brethren, therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33



The Lord said, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (that is, money).

Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit: and as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to put on?' (for after all these things the Gentiles seek); for your Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice; and all these things shall be given you besides."

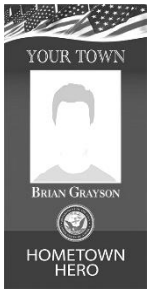
COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, You Son taught us "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.



HOMETOWN HERO FLAGS in NANTICOKE: Do you want to remember your family member or Friend who served in the armed forces? The Hometown Hero Flags that you see honoring our Veterans along the city streets of Nanticoke are still available-the city will order them in units of 10. Currently, the city has as requests for 5 flags. When 5 more requests arrive, they will order and display additional flags. The cost per flag is \$200 and typically the flags will be displayed from Memorial Day to Labor Day for three years. You can also request to have a flag displayed in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke.

Requests can be made through Ann Kotsko at the City Building at 570-735-2800 from 8am to 4pm M-F.

The deadline for 2022 Flag submissions is Friday, July 2, 2022.



JULY CANDLES

The Eternal Light is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings

In loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel and Robert Jennings.

The Altar Candles are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko in loving Memory of Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen

For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are

Given by Maryann, Jenn & Tom In memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Proscomedia Table Candles** are given by Marianne Sailus in Thanksgiving.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz For God's Blessings on on their grand-daughter, Elizabeth.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by The Pasicznyk Family for Conversion of Heart For Laura Holt.

The **Icon Table Before the Theotokos** is given by Fr. Walter for God's Blessings & Salvation for Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Icon Table Before the Transfiguration of Our Lord** is given by Olympia Pasicznyk For Salvation of Pavlo Kuczeriawey.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Lisa Placek for God's Blessings & Good Health for Helen Lipowski.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE BASKET WINNER!

UKRAINIAN BASKET RAFFLE:



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| #1 Pizza/Beer/Pretzel Basket – | Nikolas Placek |
| #2 Coach Purse & Candles- | Mary Middleton |
| #3 Electric Kettle/Coffee/Choc/Beer- | Nikolas Placek |
| #4 RW&B Patriotic Wreath- | Anna Finley |
| #5 \$100- | Nikolas Placek |
| #6 Summer Kids Toys- | M. Demarco |
| #7 Nuts/Choc/Snack- | Barbara Davison |
| #8 Bicycle Lawn Ornament- | Carol Tredinnick |
| #9 Pysanky Basket (4 eggs) | Bob Post |
| #10 RWB Gnome Wreath- | Jodi Welki |
| #11 Garden Basket- | Mary Hastings |
| #12 Sunflowers/Lottery- | Karen Altavalla |
| #13 Television- | Nikolas Placek |
| #14 Psanky Basket (6eggs)- | Alice Pawlowski |
| #15 RWB Gnome Wreath | Lisa Placek |
| #16 Coffee Mugs/Coffee- | Joanne Spagnola |
| #17 \$100- | MaryAnn Jarolen |
| #18 Kid's Beach Basket- | Barbara Davison |
| #19 Sunflower Wreath- | Lisa Placek |
| #20 NineWest Purse/Beauty- | Gayle Miles |
| #21 Picnic Basket- | Barbara Davison |
| #22 July4th Novelties- | Barbara Davison |
| #23 Dog Basket- | Diana |
| #24 RWB Gnome- | Rebecca Mica |
| #25 Cutie Pie Squishmellow | Michaela Kawczenski |
| #26 Pop-Up Garden Basket- | Bernie Kosek |
| #27 Outdoor Firepit- | Dooleys' |
| #28 Car Wash- | Jody Seltzer |
| #29 Country Basket- | Helen Lipowski |
| #30 Make-up Basket- | Tom Hannon |
| #31 Fourth of July | Barbara Davison |

Our deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who helped make our Ukrainian Fund Raiser a Success! The Profits go to a great cause! Thank You! Thank you to everyone who helped make the flea market and food sale a success. All profit announcements will be in next week's bulletin.

Psalm 7- NIV



LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me, or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me. LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands— if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe— then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust. Arise, LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice. Let the assembled peoples gather around you, while you sit enthroned over them on high. Let the LORD judge the peoples. Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts. My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge, a God who displays his wrath every day. If he does not relent, he^l will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow. He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows. Whoever is pregnant with evil conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment. Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit they have made. The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads. I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

O Martyr invincible, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master. Amen.

“Humility is a Divine property and the perfection of the Christian life. It is attained through obedience. He who is not obedient cannot gain humility. There are very few in the world today who have obedience. Our humility is in proportion to our obedience.”

— **Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica**

“If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride, because it shows you trust in your own powers.
- **Mother Teresa**

JESUS PRAYER - PRAYER OF THE HEART

The Jesus Prayer is very simple:

"Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner,"



The Jesus Prayer according to numerous Church Fathers is "essential" to our spiritual growth. The Jesus Prayer proclaims our faith and humbles us by asking mercy for our sinfulness. The Jesus Prayer is thought to be as old as the Church itself. The Jesus Prayer, says Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, *"more than any other,"* helps us to be able to *"stand in God's presence."* This means that the Jesus Prayer helps us to focus our mind exclusively on God with *"no other thought"* occupying our mind but the thought of God. At this moment when our mind is totally concentrated on God, we discover a very personal and direct relationship with Him. The Jesus prayer is very powerful in its simplicity. But it is not a method of meditation or simply a method to discipline the mind. It is much more. It enables us to participate in the life of Christ. It allows us to call Him into our thoughts and feelings continually, to make Him a part of our minds and hearts in a living way. This prayer brings Christ into every aspect of our life. It is with us no matter where we are or what we are doing. It eventually becomes a living part of us and is continually repeated in our heart. Remember, its aim is union with Christ and not some kind of spiritual experience or peaceful state. There are two functions of the Jesus Prayer: **The first is worship** with repentance like all prayer. In this regard it must be repeated with total sincerity. It must be coupled with an attitude of repentance coupled with humility. We must also have a feeling of awe when calling on God's name, recognizing His perfect love and His awesome power. At the same time, we must be fully aware of our limitations in being able to live the way He intended for us at our Creation. We know from the story of our creation in Genesis, He made us in His "image and likeness". So, we have an incredible potential to live up to. If we honor this and recognize how far we miss the mark, we will approach Him with a contrite heart and along with a sincere desire to be helped and transformed so we can live up to this beautiful potential He gave to each of us. The **second** purpose of this prayer is **to help us concentrate our inner life**, calming it, so we can focus our attention totally on God and his teachings. We may refer to this as a form of spiritual purification. If we study human behavior, we know that our brain is very active and easily distracts our mind as it continually reacts to various stimulus through our five senses based on hidden assumptions programmed in its inner workings. This is not all bad, because it is through these programmed responses that we are able to survive

in this physical world. Think of the infinite inputs that our brain continually receives. By its inner structure we are able to respond in ways that allow us to survive. But we are created as higher creatures than mere animals, and we need to make sure to control these instinctual responses and direct them appropriately according to God's direction. We should not try and eliminate them but transform them. In our brain there are an uncountable number of connections between the neurons that make up our brain. Based on our genetic program and our environmental conditioning, some of these connections are very firm. It is not easy to change them, let alone counteract the responses they imply. One thing the Jesus Prayer can help us with is reprogramming our brain and freeing us from animal like behavior, allowing our minds to regain control and focus on God's will for us. The repetition of this prayer is an ascetic discipline to help us focus the attention of our mind on God rather than on the endless stimulation of our senses and our biased orientation to seek pleasure and avoid pain.

Excerpt from [Jesus Prayer \(orthodoxprayer.org\)](http://orthodoxprayer.org).

Pray simply. Do not expect to find in your heart any remarkable gift of prayer. Consider yourself unworthy of it. Then you will find peace. Use the empty, cold dryness of your prayer as food for your humility. Repeat constantly: I am not worthy, Lord, I am not worthy! But say it calmly, without agitation. This humble prayer will be acceptable to God. When practicing the Jesus prayer, remember that the most important thing of all is humility; then the ability-not the decision only-always to maintain a keen sense of responsibility towards God, towards one's spiritual director, men, and even things. Remember, too, that Isaac the Syrian warns us that God's wrath visits all who refuse the bitter cross of agony, the cross of active suffering, and who, striving after visions and special graces of prayer, waywardly seek to appropriate the glories of the Cross. He also says, "God's grace comes of itself, suddenly, without seeing it approach. It comes when the place is clean." Therefore, carefully, diligently, constantly clean the place; sweep it with the broom of humility. **St. Makarii of Optino**

It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in your own home. Bring love into your home for this where our love for each other must start. **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**