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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 4, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Saturday, September 3

6:00 PM

Sunday, September 4

10:30 AM

Monday, September 5

Wednesday, September 7

10:00 AM

Thursday, September 8

10:00 AM

Friday, September 9

10:00 AM

Saturday, September 10

6:00 PM

Sunday, September 11

10:30 AM

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Olga Yurkowski- Helen Lipowski

### LABOR DAY- Enjoy the Fruits of Your Labor!

God's blessings for Kerri Michalik, Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

### BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS (Myrovania)

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Diane Petry

God's Blessings for America – Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

### SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Yurchak- wife, Julia Yurchak

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†Mary Baran, Eva Sharek & Bill Polonski- Barno Family



**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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 4, 2022**

**TROPAR:** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

**PROKEIMON:** How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom.

***A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 16:13-24:***

Brethren, Watch yourselves, stand fast in the faith, be courageous, and be strengthened. Let all your things be done in charity. And I beseech you, brethren, you know the house of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus, and of Achaicus, that they are the first fruits of Achaia, and have dedicated themselves to the ministry of the saints: That you also be subject to such, and to everyone that works with us, and labors. And I rejoice in the presence of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because that which was wanting on your part, they have supplied. For they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. Know them, therefore, that are such. The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house, with whom I also lodge. All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss. The salutation of me Paul, with my own hand. If any man loves not our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema, maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My charity be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**ALLELUIA:** ALLELUIA (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. ALLELUIA (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. ALLELUIA (3).

**Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42**



The Lord told this parable: “There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge about it and dug a wine vat in it and built a tower; then he let it out to the vinedressers and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers to receive his fruits. And the vinedressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But the vinedressers, on seeing the son said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come let us kill him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?’ They said to him, “He will utterly destroy those evil men and will let out the vineyard to other vine-dressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.’”

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

**Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes**

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** A Very Happy Birthday to Bobby Miles who celebrates his Birthday on Tuesday, September 6th! Happy Birthday to MaryLouise Bailey who celebrates her birthday on September 12! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years and Salvation!

**UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL:** Our deepest gratitude for the exceptional help and support that was received for our Festival! Thank you to our Chairpersons, Mark & Arlene Jennings! Thank you to everyone who donated their time this past WEEK to help support the Festival! Thank you for your generous donations of Raffle Baskets & Gift Cards!



**UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: Welcome Connect is a first-of-its-kind platform that enables Americans who want to be a sponsor, but don't know anyone fleeing the war in Ukraine, to be connected with Ukrainians seeking refuge. If you have been looking for a way to help, this is it! Register at Welcome Connect to sponsor a Ukrainian (click to open the link to Welcome Connect).**

Registration is not an immediate obligation to sponsor – you can create a profile, be offered an online training and start the process of connecting with a Ukrainian seeking refuge to decide whether sponsorship is a good fit for you. After you sign-up, spread the word. Your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors may also want to help but don't know how; let them know about Welcome Connect. Thank you for being a welcomer!



**PYROHY SALE:** We are selling potato pyrohy at \$10.00 a dozen. The pyrohy are frozen and available while supplies last in the church basement.

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN:** The first Catechism for children is Saturday, September 17. Catechism for children will be the third Saturday of each month following the 4:00 PM Liturgy at St. Peter & Paul's (Plymouth) Church Hall. The instructor is Allison Schappert. Children of all ages are welcome. September/October Meetings in Choir Loft.

### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL (Feast Day September 6)**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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 cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I am a Roman Catholic, and I am curious about the Eastern definition of an Icon and their spiritual and religious purpose.**

**Can you educate me on them?** Answering your question is difficult, yet easy, simple yet obtuse. How do we know God? Is it not with our minds? Why this way? Because we have sinned, God does not presently walk the surface of the earth as He did prior. God who is immaterial, can be known by our immaterialness. Our thoughts are immaterial and happen in our souls which are immaterial. Prior to our sin, God walked with man every day, physically present to us. We encounter God with all our senses, not merely with our minds. So too we pray with all our senses in the Eastern Church-including our eyes. Icons are windows into heaven, they are story in image, they are sacramentals and not, I repeat, not religious art that is they are writings of things not of this world. The icon makes present the person or event just like the Jewish sense of “memory.” When Jesus says, “Do this in memory of me,” we do not merely have a mental thought of something now gone, but rather, we are transported across creation to be present at that one event for all time. Now we are transported to heaven, the Eternal Sacrifice and Banquet. Likewise, the icon transports us into this one event for all time and hence to heaven. Icons help us pray because it makes heaven present to us visually and mentally, helping us to focus on divine things. We are taught to transform ourselves, not to reject our physical life, but to transform our life to match God’s will for us, just as the holy people in the icons have done. This is why we venerate the icon, venerate literally means to ‘bow in front of.’ We venerate icons and we worship only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since icons are story in image and they show us heaven then there are rules, or language of icons, which need to be obeyed and understood. For example, the color blue tells us this creature is human and red tells us divine. So, we see to our left on the iconostas Mary holding Jesus, her inner robe is blue because she is man, and her outer cloak is red because when she says yes to the Angel Gabriel’s message she puts on divinity. To our right is Jesus. His inner robe is red because He is divine, He is God, and when He was born, He put on mankind, i.e. became human. These colors cannot be changed because to change the color is to change the meaning. Mary is a created creature like us and is not divine in and of herself like Jesus is, being God.

Icons are not created to force an emotional response. When portraying historical scenes, the faces don’t show emotion, but instead portray virtues such as purity, patience in suffering, forgiveness, compassion and love. An example of this would be the portrayal of Christ on the cross. Christ is always shown as God. Even the icons of Christ seated on His mother’s lap show Him with an adult face [and adult proportions], revealing that even

though Christ lived as a child among us He is also God ( Forest,1997).[i] Icons depict silence. There are no actions displayed, no open mouths. The icon invites the Christian to enter into contemplation, prayer, and silence (Ware,1979). Space is not defined as three-dimensional, and time is insignificant. The story told by the icon precludes time and space. An example would be the icon of the Nativity, which shows the cave where Christ was born in the background with those who came to adore in small vignettes. Lighting proceeds from the character portrayed in the icon. There are never shadows in icons. This shows us that the saint portrayed is “glorified” having completed the race and entered into heaven (Quenot,1991).[ii] Symbolism is used in icons and details are used minimally. For example, when showing John, the Baptist baptizing in the river, the grown man he baptizes is shown as an infant because the baptism is a rebirth. Colors are also symbolic. Blue reveals heaven and mystery. Green is youth, fertility and the earth’s vegetation. Red, the color of blood, suggests life, vitality and beauty. White is purity, the divine world and innocence. Gold indicates sanctity, splendor, and the glory of God and life in the heavenly kingdom [eternity]. Purple reveals wealth, power and authority.

[i] From the website [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org), Eastern Orthodox Christians and Iconography, By Cindy Egly.



### SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
in loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski  
In 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 Anna Kutsup  
in loving memory of Mary Kressel.

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 Jarolen  
in loving memory of Irene Hvozda.

**The Liturgical Year (Begins September 1) HOLY DAYS**

The ecclesiastical year, in the Eastern tradition begins on the first of September, is divided between movable and immovable, or fixed, holy days. The movable holy days are determined by the date of Pascha (Easter), the most important of all feast days and The Central Feast of the Liturgical Year. The determination of the date of Pascha was definitively regulated by the decision of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea (325). Next in importance to Pascha are the "Twelve Great Feasts," of which three are movable. Eight of these feasts are devoted to Christ and four to the Theotokos (The Birth-giver, Mary). There are also a number of feast days of varying importance, most of which commemorate the more popular saints. The "Twelve Major Feast Days," as they occur in chronological order after September 1, are as follows:

**The Nativity of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) (September 8)**

**The Elevation of the Life-giving Cross (September 14)**

**The Presentation of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) in the Temple (November 21)**

**Christmas (December 25)**

**Epiphany (January 6)**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (February 2)**

**The Annunciation (March 25)**

**Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter)**

**Feast of Ascension (40 days after Easter)**

**Pentecost (50 days after Easter)**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior(August 6)**

**The Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15)**

### **Fast Days and Fast Periods**

**Four main fast periods are included in the ecclesiastical year. They are:**

**The Great Fast (Lent)**--beginning on a Monday 7 weeks before Pascha.

**Fast of the Apostles**--varying in length from 1 to 6 weeks; it begins on a Monday, 8 days after Pentecost, and ends on June 28--the eve of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

**Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos** --August 1 to 14.

**Philips Fast**--lasting 40 days, from November 15 to December 24, so named because the fast begins the day following the Feast Day of St. Philip.