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Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 11, 2022, AD

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



Saturday, September 10

6:00 PM

Sunday, September 11

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Michael Yurchak- wife, Julia Yurchak

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

Wednesday, September 14

10:30 AM

September 15

10:00 AM

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Myrovania)

God's Blessings for America – Tom & MaryAnn Potsko **Thursday,**

†Deceased Members of Yadwinska, Rogozynska,
Kuczeraia & Pasicznyk Families- Olympia Pasicznyk

Friday, September 16

10:00 AM

†Ivan & Rosalia Cienki –John Cirenki

Saturday, September 17

Sunday, September 18

10:30 AM

NO LITURGY DUE TO CATECHISM CLASS

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

† John Lipowski-sister, Virginia Palermo

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH (20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth)

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

Holy Day: Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:00 AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022

TROPAR: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

TROPAR: Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect* He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

KONDAK: By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.”

PROKIMEN: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading from Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 6:11-18:

Brethren, See with what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand. Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

ALLELUIA (3): I have exalted one chosen from among My people; with My holy oil I have anointed him. ALLELUIA (3). My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong. ALLELUIA (3).

Gospel of John 3:13-17

The Lord said, “No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb. Imros: Virginitiy is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth* without ceasing magnify you.

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



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.

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.**

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



UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: I, Father Walter would like to thank Mark & Arlene Jennings who chaired the Food Festival and EVERYONE who donated to the Food Festival Event in anyway with your time, money, food donations or Basket donations! Thank you for sharing our Festival with your Family and Friends! A Special “thank you” to Pumpkin Hill

Farms in Nescopeck, O’Malia Farms in Plains, Reading Terminal Meats in Berwick, Sanitary Bakery in Nanticoke, and Mozip Signs in Kingston. Thank You to Everyone! We could not have done it without **YOU!** **Just a reminder, that there will be a PARISH MEETING this Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM.** The Food Festival will be one of the discussion points.

NO LITURGY: NO SATURDAY LITURGY ON Saturday, SEPTEMBER 17 at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church due to Catechism Class.



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.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: The Wyoming Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human, 31 Hanover Street, WB are always in need of wipes or disposable diapers in sizes 1-4. If you would like to donate to this cause, please drop them off in the church basement and Diane Petry has offered to deliver them to the center.

TRADITION, FAMILY PROPERTY (TFP): There will be a Presentation Sunday, October 2 following Divine Liturgy with a light lunch to follow. The two talks are “Catholic America” and “The Final Interview with Sister Lucia” (Fatima). Everyone is Welcome!

BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

#1-	Fire Pit Basket	-Paulette Williams
#2	Soup Du Jour	-Ben Placek
#3	MysteryGift/Sewing Basket/Lttry	-Lorraine S.
#4	Beer FOR Us	-Ben Placek
#5	CarWash	-Olympia Pasicznyk
#6	TV	-Rich Rynkyewicz
#7	Happy Fall	-Ben Placek
#8	Lottery Blooming Basket	-MayMae Alberola
#9	Fall Wreath	-Joan Cominsky
#10	Wreath	-Anna Kline
#11	Mum's the Word/Gift Card	-Marianne Sailus
#12	Grocery Gift Credit Cards	-Tammy Springer
#13	Gift Cards	-Joanne Duda
#14	Home Imp. Gift Cards	-Irene Andrucik
#15	Restaurant Gift Cards	-Joanne Duda
#16	Summer Picnic	-Don Massal
#17	Wreath	-John & Patti Dinelli
#18	Wreath	-Lisa Placek

BASKET RAFFLE DONORS- THANK YOU!!!!

Fire Pit Basket	-Bogdan Family
Soup Du Jour	-Bob & Johanna Longenberger
\$Gift/Sewing Basket/Lttry	-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
Beer FOR Us	-Donna Davis
Car Wash	-Bogdan Family
TV	-Ed Schwartz
Happy Fall	-Mike & Mary Oresick
Lottery Blooming Basket	-MaryAnn Jarolen
Fall Wreaths (4)	-Mike & Mary Oresick
Mum's the Word/Gift Card	-Mary Schwartz
Summer Picnic (3 Baskets)	-Mike & Mary Oresick

Thank you to our generous GIFT CARD donors: Tom & MaryAnn Potsko, Stanley Bogdan, Lisa Placek, Marianne Sailus, & Nancy Marshall.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is the Jesus Prayer?

The Jesus Prayer is a simple, easy prayer to recite and remember: "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The Jesus Prayer according to many Church Fathers is "essential" to our spiritual maturity. The Jesus Prayer declares our faith and humbles us by requesting mercy for our sinfulness. The Jesus Prayer is believed to be as old as the Church itself. The Jesus Prayer involves three stages of progress in its practice. You begin praying the Jesus Prayer by repeating the words of the prayer out loud or at least moving the lips. This is called verbal prayer. After some time saying of the Jesus Prayer becomes silent or mental and is repeated only in the mind. This is mental prayer. Finally, the Jesus Prayer becomes a continuous prayer in the heart, the inner core of our being. We begin with vocal prayer and do not force the move to mental prayer. This will happen naturally when you are ready.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Why do we have TROPARS and KONDAKS?

A Tropar in Old Slavonic is a Hymn, likewise a Kondak is a Hymn. These are Church Hymns that pertain to the event of the Church Liturgical Day. There are more Hymns than Tropars and Kondaks, there is a greater encompassing term called Stichera(plural). Stichera are Hymns sung during the Evening or Morning Prayer which we call Vespers and Matins. They generally come from the Psalms and they encompass Church Life. In Latin we have "LexOrandi, LexCredendi, LexVivendi." They are loosely translated to English "The Law of Praying is the Law of Believing is the Law of Living and will direct you where you will spend Eternity."



PSALM 61

For the Director of Music. With Stringed Instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth, I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations. May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him. Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.



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 **Proscmedia 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 Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross Commemorated on September 14th.

The pagan Roman Emperors tried to obliterate the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and rose from the dead, so that they would be forgotten. Emperor Hadrian (117-138 A.D.) ordered that Golgotha and the Lord's Sepulchre be buried, and that a temple in honor of the pagan "goddess" Venus and a statue of Jupiter be placed there.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the Christian holy places, the Sepulchre of the Lord, and the Life-giving Cross, were discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337 A.D.) after his victory over Maxentius (in 312 A.D.), who ruled the Western part of the Roman Empire, and over Licinius, the ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 A.D. Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 A.D. Saint Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, by which Christianity was legalized and persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the Empire were stopped. Although Licinius had signed the Edict of Milan in order to oblige Constantine, he continued his cruel persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the Empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, triumphing over his enemies in three wars, with God's assistance, had seen the Sign of the Cross in the heavens. Written beneath were the words: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives



where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings, and where the Mother of God was buried after her Dormition.

Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty and on this spot the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the "Life-Giving" Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found. Christians came in a huge crowds to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching Saint Makarios to lift the Cross, so that those far off could see it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders lifted the Holy Cross, and the people prostrated themselves before the Honorable Wood, saying "Lord have mercy." This solemn event occurred in the year 326 A.D.

The elderly Jude (October 28) and other Jews believed in Christ and were baptized. Jude was given the name Kyriakos, and later he was consecrated as the Bishop of Jerusalem. He suffered a martyr's death for Christ during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363 A.D.).

Saint Helen took part of the Life-giving Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. Saint Constantine ordered a majestic and spacious church to be built at Jerusalem in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The church was built in ten years. Saint Helen did not survive until the dedication of the church on September 13, 335 A.D., she reposed in the year 327 A.D.

The church was consecrated On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Honorable and Life-giving Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen-year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Phokas (602-610 A.D.) the Persian king Khozróēs II attacked Constantinople defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem, capturing both the Life-giving Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633 A.D.).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years, and only under Emperor Herakleios (610-641 A.D.), who defeated Khozróēs and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Lord's Cross returned to the Christians. With great solemnity the Life-giving Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Herakleios, wearing a crown and his royal purple garments carried the Cross of Christ. The Emperor was accompanied by Patriarch Zachariah. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the Emperor stopped suddenly and was unable to proceed. The holy Patriarch explained to the Emperor that an Angel of the Lord was blocking his way. Herakleios was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Herakleios donned plain clothes, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, Saint Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: "The Cross is exalted, and everything true is gathered together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast."