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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 17, 2022 A. D.

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



Saturday, December 17
6:00 PM

Sunday, December 18
10:30 AM

Monday, December 19
9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 20
10:00 AM

Thursday, December 22
10:00 AM

Friday, December 23
10:00 AM

Saturday, December 24
8:00 PM

Sunday, December 25
10:30 AM

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS

†Helen Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS

†Anna Kutsup – Parish Family

†Michael Sawczuk- Parish (8th day)

†Peter Holoviak- Parish

God's Blessings on America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Wasył & Mary Bluey – Tom Bukowski

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY – CHRISTMAS EVE (Myrovania)

Great Compline (Liturgy) Velyke Povercheriye & Blessing of Loaves with Litiya

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR (Myrovania)

†Sophie Staronka- Parish



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

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

December 25 Christmas Day 8:30 AM

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS
December 17, 2022



TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.



TROPAR: Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

KONDAK: Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: “In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,” for You can do whatever You will.

PROKEIMON: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods^[b]? Know that the LORD has set
apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

Tremble and^[d] do not sin; when you are on your beds search your hearts and be silent.

Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”

Let the light of your face shine on us. Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.

A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23;32-40:

Brethren, by faith Abraham abode in the land, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the co-heirs of the same promise. For he looked for a city that has foundations; whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what shall I yet say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets: Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners: Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were reckoned, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes, moreover also of bands and prisons. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in want, distressed, afflicted: Of whom the world was not worthy; wandering in deserts, in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth. And all these being approved by the testimony of faith, received not the promise; God providing some better thing for us, that they should not be perfected without us.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days. Alleluia (3) You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us. Alleluia (3)

A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew(1:1-25):



The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; And Salmon begat Booz of Rahab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



DECEMBER CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Tom and MaryAnn Potsko

In loving memory of Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Pasicznyk Family

In loving memory of All the deceased members of the Pasicznyk Family.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Geraldine Adamchak in loving memory of her father, Nicholas Salonski.

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

For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the icon table of the Theotokos** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by Lisa Placek for deceased member of the Slota, Skordy & Skordinski Families.



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 Youells, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci; Bishop John Bura Emeritus

CHURCH NEWS Christ is coming are you ready?

CHRISTMAS EVE FAST: Please remember that Saturday, Christmas Eve is a fast day of abstinence from dairy and meat.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION: Father Walter will have confession before **EACH/AFTER** Liturgy, time permitting- please stand by the confessional. Confessions can also be heard by appointment.

TRANSFIGURATION CHORAL CLUB: The club meets Thursday at 6:00pm to learn and practice singing leading Congregation-Style for the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome. The Choral Club will lead the congregational singing on Sunday.

CHURCH BASEMENT SEWER ISSUE: Please when using the Church Restrooms do not flush anything but toilet paper in the toilet. We have had 2 sewer blockages recently costing the church hundreds of dollars. Please be careful.

CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: The church calendars are available in the church basement. The church envelope supplier is experiencing a delay in printing the envelopes- extra envelopes are available in the back of the church-please remember to put your name on the envelope. (The envelopes were ordered in the summer, but the printer currently has broken equipment.)



CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET, PYROHY MAKING & CHURCH DECORATION:

Thank you to everyone who help with our fund raisers and preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. Our Parish is grateful to YOU. YOU are our Parish and EVERY member is so important to our Parish Family. Thank You!!!

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. **A Thank You to the VERY GENEROUS PARISHIONERS for their donations. A thank you from the Wyoming Chapter has been expressed.**

2023 CANDLES: The new 2023 Candle List will be in the back of the Church-please look for it Christmas Weekend.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, if I go to church on Saturday, Christmas Eve does that count for Sunday?

Technically speaking Christmas Eve Great Compline with Divine Liturgy does count for both Christmas and Sunday; **HOWEVER** (note the emphasis), if you can you should attend both, **BOTH**, Christmas Eve and Christmas morning for each Liturgy is a different intention. Several times in the past I have informed the people how you can tell when the liturgy intention is different, that is, a different one and not only can you receive Jesus Christ again in Holy Eucharist but also, you should attend both. Christmas Eve and Christmas morning is a Holy Day.

By tradition, going back to early Christian times, the daily cycle of prayer is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. Therefore, when this wonderful song of praise is rightly celebrated by priests and others who are ordained for this purpose by the Church or by the faithful praying together with the priest in the approved form, then it is truly the voice of the bride addressed to her bridegroom; It is the very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body, addresses to the Father. Hence all who render this service are not only fulfilling a duty of the Church, but also are sharing in the greatest honor of Christ's spouse, for by offering these praises to God they are standing before God's throne in the name of the Church their Mother. (From the Father of Vatican II)

Father, you use the metaphor of Christ as the bridegroom? I don't understand. This is more than mere metaphor. Just as husband and wife become one flesh so God tells us, yet somehow you don't see that happening and in another sense you can see that, so this is a mystery to and yet is somehow true. The point of Christ talking to us in the way, HE is revealing to us how close He desires to be with us and how great His love is for us. Not just mankind but each and every individual. For in this marriage metaphor, Christ is not merely a Bridegroom but the perfect Bridegroom. No error, no sin, no mistake, no forgetfulness, no absence but complete and total perfection. Truly a mystery to be contemplated.