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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 15, 2023 A. D.

**Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!**

Christ is Born! Glory Him!



**Saturday, January 14**  
**6:00 PM**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings on Jared, Mary, & Charla Potsko-  
Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Sunday, January 15**  
**10:30 AM**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Irene Melnyk- Mark & Arlene Jennings

**Thursday, January 19**  
**10:00AM**

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Saturday, January 21**  
**6:00 PM**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

**Sunday, January 22**  
**10:30 AM**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†John Kaminsky- Gayle Miles



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

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

January 15, 2023

**TROPAR:** By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

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

**KONDAK:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its' powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

**PROKEIMENON:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

### **A reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 1:15-17:**

Brethren, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



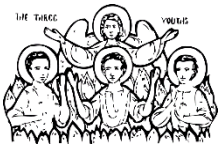
**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High. Alleluia(3). To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. Alleluia(3).

## Matthew 15:21-28



At that time Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes, it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

**CHURCH NEWS .... "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."**



**MYOSOPUSNA 2023:** Myasopusna will fall on **Sunday, February 12th**. Please save the date.

**MYASOPUSNA MEETING:** There will be a meeting for our Annual Meat-Fare Dinner on Sunday, January 22 at noon following Liturgy in the church basement.

**PYROHY MAKING:** The tentative date for making pyrohy is February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. **Please save the date.**

**MYASOPUSNA FOOD:** The week prior to our Festival will be designated to cook our Festival Food. Food most likely will be made February 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>.(Wednesday-Friday) We also will need Kitchen Help and Servers. Please come out and help with this event.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS:** If you are requesting a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved, or another intention, for 2023, please make sure you turn it into the rectory. Just a reminder that there are no weekday liturgy intentions during Lent.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262 or put a request in the collection basket.

**2023 CANDLES:** The new 2023 Candle List is in the back of the Church.

**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.)

**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.

**PIGGIE DINNER:** "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes- Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in our school hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051."

### **LENTEN SERVICES:**

**SOROKOUSTY:** The first Sorokousty (All Souls Saturday) is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. To remember your loved one at the Service, please use the envelope in your box OR create one to hand in using an envelope and turn in your loved ones names to the collection. The remaining are on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March, the fifth May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**FORGIVENESS VESPERS:** The Great Fast (Lent) will begin on Monday, February 20. This is a day of strict abstinence from Meat & Dairy Products for all Parishioners who are able between the ages of 14-60. There will be Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 19 at 3:00PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgies will be on Wednesdays at 6:30PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in Nanticoke and on Fridays at 4:00PM at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** A combined Lenten Retreat with Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth will be held with Father Paul Makar as the speaker, a date is yet to be determined.

**LENTEN ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: DO YOU WANT TO DO SOME EXTRA SPIRITUAL WORK FOR LENT?** On the Saturdays of Lent immediately following the 6 PM Divine Liturgy at Transfiguration of Our Lord, about 7:15pm, we will have a Lenten Adult Discussion Group available for both parishes. These discussion will be topic based and the group will meet for Lent. Come to one group meeting or all the group meetings, each week will be different!

**LENTEN LIBRARY:** Will be available to Parishioners for reading in the Lenten Season. Please make sure you sign out the books and return them in good condition.



The **Altar Candles** are given by Father Walter Pasicznyk  
In loving memory of Pasicznyk & Kuczeriawie Families.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of All the Deceased Members of the  
Yanoshak & Kulmatiski Families.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen  
For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Jane Slota  
in loving memory of Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before the icon table of the Theotokos** is given by  
the Lisa Placek in loving memory of All the Deceased Members  
Slota, Skordkinski & Slota Families.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION?** Father, I was doing some reading about what happens to the soul after death, and I came across the concept of “Aerial Toll Houses” on the soul’s journey to heaven. Is this “our church’s teaching? Is this a heresy? Can you shed some light on this for me?

The Aerial Toll-Houses is a concept in Theology, and an idea, a reality that is our Church’s teaching. This is basically the same concept as Purgatory but thought about and presented in a different way. This teaching has not been hashed out completely yet as a dogma of the Church but also, it is not a heresy. There are many Church Fathers, East and West, who speak of this. St. Paul the Fool For Christ (yes, that St. Paul, writer of the Epistles), St. John Chrysostom, Saint Gregory the Dialogist +604, St. Macarius of Alexandria, St. Athanasius the Great, St. Isaiah the Recluse a 6<sup>th</sup> Century Church Father of the Philokalia, St. Ephraim the Syrian +373, St. John Damascene (Octoechos), St. John Climacus +649, St. Hesychius, Presbyter of Jerusalem in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, St. Cyril of Alexandria +444, St. Eustatius the Great Martyr +4<sup>th</sup> century, St. Niphon of Constantia +4<sup>th</sup> century, St. Columba of the island monastery on the island of Iona in Scotland +597 and St. Boniface (an Aglo-Saxon) Apostle to the Germans (8<sup>th</sup> century) are but some of the

Church's saints who teach of the aerial toll-houses. I am aware of two books you might choose to read to understand your battle against demons for your soul. If you truly desire to obtain heaven, then you need to understand your enemy so you can win the battle for your own soul, to get to heaven. The two books are, **Life after Death According to the Orthodox Tradition**, By [Jean-Claude Larchet](#) Translated by [G. John Champoux](#); and, **The Soul After Death**, by Fr. Seraphim Rose. Consider this quote from page 75 & 76 of the later: "In the account of the soldier Taxiotes . . . who returned to life after 6 hours in the grave and told the following experience: "When I was dying, I saw [blackened demons] who appeared before me. Their appearance was very frightful; my soul beholding them was disturbed. Then I saw two splendid youths, and my soul leaped out into their arms. We began slowly to ascend in the air to the heights, as if flying, and we reached the toll-houses that guard the ascent and detain the soul of each man. Each toll-house tested a special form of sin; one lying, another envy, another pride; each sin has its own testers in the air. And I saw that the angels held all my good deeds in a little chest; taking them out, they would compare them with my evil deeds. Thus we passed by all the toll-houses. And when, nearing the gates of heaven, we came to the toll-house of fornication, those who guard the way there detained me and presented to me all my fleshy deeds of fornication, committed from my childhood up to now. The angels who were leading me said: 'All the bodily sins which you committed in the city, God has forgiven because you repented of them.' To this my adversaries said to me; 'But when you left the city, in the village you committed adultery with a farmer's wife.' The angels, hearing this and finding no good deed which could be measured out for my sin, left me and went away. Then the evil spirits seized me and, overwhelming me with blows, led me down to earth. The earth opened, and I was let down by narrow and foul-smelling descents into the underground prison of hell." (The rest of this Life in English may be read in ***Eternal Mysteries Beyond the Grave***, pp. 169-171.)" What is the most important take-away? The sins which you do not confess nor repent of will keep you out of heaven. Yes, even the sins you do not grasp are sins. Take series your salvation, do your part, put in the hard home work of understanding heaven, hell, the devil and God and His Law. Take advantage of the confessional, the devil hates that your sins can be forgiven you.