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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 22, 2023, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glory Him!



Saturday, January 21

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 22

10:30 AM

Monday, January 23

10:00 AM

Wednesday, January 25

10:00AM

Friday, January 27

10:00 AM

Saturday, January 28

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 29

10:30 AM

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Kaminsky- Gayle Miles

†Josephine Latoszewski- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

God's Blessings on Marie Slota- Helen Lipowski & Lisa

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings for Angel, Sandy & Elizabeth-Father Walter

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

† Michael Sawczuk- Helen Lipowski



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

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
January 22, 2023

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, 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: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKEIMENON: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

A Reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 4:9-15:

Brethren, this is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom we give glory forever and ever. Amen.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia(3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia(3).

Luke 19:1-10



At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So, he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, "Look, LORD! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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.



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 4th 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 8th -10th. (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 28th, 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 11th 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 one's names to the collection. The remaining are on the 4th, 11th, and 18th of March, the fifth May 27th.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS: The Great Fast (Lent) will begin on Monday, February 20th. 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 19th 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 celebrant and presenter, 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 discussions 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.

Bring a friend or a neighbor or invite a parishioner from another church!

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, as I was looking for “The Soul After Death” online some suggestions on Amazon popped up.....one of the books was the “The Gospel of Mary Magdalene” is that a valid gospel? What is that? If you mean by the word “valid,” ‘correct in it’s teaching on theology and the history of the church,’ then no it is not a valid Gospel. This book falls into the general class of books called Apochryphal Gospels, of which there are many more. Apochryphal means of “doubtful authenticity” and all of these books mix truths of Jesus Christ and the church with untruths. All of these books were known to exist at the time of the church fathers and most of them spread outright **heresy** (defined as a doctrine, a belief or opinion that is contrary to correct church teaching on Jesus Christ, the Holy Scriptures or the church). The church fathers knew of these books at the time of codifying the Bible. The book called The Gospel of Mary Magdalene is spreading outright heresies. It is okay to be aware of these books, but absolutely they are not teachings of God, Jesus Christ or the Church.

Father, did Jesus write the Bible? In a matter of speaking “Yes.” The Bible gets its name from the Greek word “Biblia” which means “The Books.” In the time of Jesus Christ, you hear about Him reading from a scroll in one of the synagogues, the ancient way of writing a book was to write on a scroll, analogous to one long sheet of paper rolled up.

The church fathers around the time of the Council of Nicea codified, decided which books or scrolls teach the truth and are authentic, and that is when our understanding of the Bible comes into existence. These “scrolls” did exist prior to that time, it is the Catholic Church that wrote the Bible. There is so much more to learn. If you are interested come to the Adult Discussion Group where any question is allowed to be asked.

Father, I fear the end of the world, can you help me with your thoughts on this? So if you are afraid of the End of the World, I ask you why? Naturally there can be no answer to this in a letter. Since you fear your end or death (and your final judgement) you should take the teachings of Jesus Christ seriously and make yourself right with God. As Lent approaches we are reminded to challenge ourselves with honestly evaluating our lives in completion. Am I obeying all of God’s commands correctly? I should examine my life with a well-formed conscience. I should go to confession. I should receive absolution from the priest. I should do the penance that the priest gives me. I should receive Holy Communion which finishes the Act of Confession, and now being in a state of grace, I should not sin so that I may die in a state of grace which allows me to enter into heaven. Gospel means “the Good News,” The Good News of Jesus Christ risen from the dead is that He came to save us from eternal damnation. This why you should not fear. God is with us. God is in control and therefore have no fear. It is not people making things

happen no matter how hard they try. God permits things to happen and His desire for you is that you have eternal happiness in heaven. Focus on that and have no fear.

***These questions were submitted by actual parishioners. I urge you to come to the Lenten Adult Discussion Group as an EXTRA MISSION during Lent. Remember, you can attend one group discussion or all of them it is your choice.**



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.

