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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 29, 2023, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glory Him!



Saturday, January 28

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 29

10:30 AM

Monday, January 30

10:30 AM

Wednesday, February 1

10:00AM

Thursday, February 2

10:30AM

Saturday, February 4

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 5

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

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

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

† Michael Sawczuk- Helen Lipowski

THREE HOLY HIERACHS(Myrovania)

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Josephine Latoszewski- Diane, Janice & Rita

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON(Myrovania)

Blessing of Candles

†John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Marc Lipowski

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

THIRTY-FIFTH 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

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

January 29, 2023

TROPAR: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

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

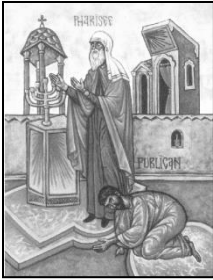
KONDAK: Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican and approach the Master as sinners, for He desires salvation for all mankind. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For as God, the One-Who-Is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

PROKEIMENON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

A Reading of the Second Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 3:10-15:

Brethren, you, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

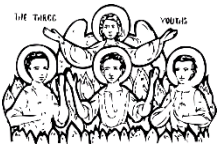
ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). God gives me vindication and has subdued people under me. Alleluia(3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia(3).



Luke 18:10-14

At that time, “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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



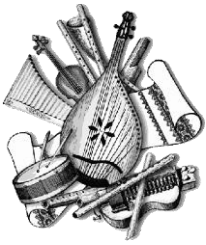
Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Josephine Latoszewski. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer**

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.

He who does not confess receives no forgiveness. - **St. John Chrystostom.**
Do not feel embarrassment when you confess, feel embarrassment when you sin.
- **St. John Chrystostom.**

With the cross of your humility, make my sleep untroubled, preserve me from the iniquitous dreams of sleep and the impure conjurings of the imagination. Grant that I might spend the whole night in peaceful sleep and that evil and deleterious thoughts might not take possession of me.- **St. Ephraim the Syrian from Prayers from Untroubled Sleep**

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



MYOSOPUSNA 2023

The next big fund-raising event for our Parish will be Myasopusna Dinner Celebration. Our Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for February 12, 2023, the date of our Meat-fare Sunday. This event combines a delicious ethnic meal (Ham, kobasi, Halupki, pyrohy, kapusta, bosch, & dessert) with cultural dance, singing and art. This year will feature the St. Mary's Ukrainian Dancers and Kazka. Ukrainian Beer and wine will be available. Ticket price is \$22 at the door and \$20 in advance, kids \$10. Doors open at noon. Cocktail 1/2 hour is noon-12:30. **Serving** starts at 12:30PM and **stops** at 2:00PM. Tables are not reserved ahead of time. Program will start approximately 1:30PM. **DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 8, you can call 570-735-4654 or 570-735-1901(leave message) to order advance tickets.**

Take-outs are available.

Offering Envelopes



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.)

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 Great 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.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR FORGIVENESS VESPERS IS 4:00PM.

LENTEN SERVICES:

GREAT FAST: The Great Fast begins at Sundown, Sunday, February 19th immediately following Forgiveness Vespers. Monday, February 20th is day of abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products for everyone who is able to do so. All Fridays are always a day of fast. Traditionally, Wednesdays are a day of fast during the Great Fast. Anything you can do extra is also indicated.

CONFESSION: Confessions are offered before every liturgy. Please stand by the confessional to indicate that you want to go to confession. If I am running late for confessions, we can either hear your confession before Liturgy (we start a little late), hear your confession after Liturgy, or you are very welcome to make an appointment for confession with me. Remember this includes the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies also. If for personal reasons, you would like to confess with another priest, Father Paul Makar will be here for a Retreat in March and will have confessions during the retreat.

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.

TFP TALK AND THE SHOWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY: HOLY EUCHARIST-GOD'S LAMB. Immediately following Liturgy on Sunday, February 19th we will have a talk in the church hall, provided by Walter Camier and following the talk titled "The Solution to our Crisis is a Christian Civilization," we will be showing of the documentary. **AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE TIME FOR FORGIVENESS VESPERS NEEDED TO CHANGE TO 4:00PM. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:30PM TO 4:00PM BEFORE FORGIVENESS VESPERS.**

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 **4:00PM** at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. ****A TIME CHANGE. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:30PM TO 4:00PM BEFORE FORGIVENESS VESPERS.**

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. This 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! The first Adult Discussion group is Saturday, February 25th. Topic to be announced.

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!



Psalm 150

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Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.



Praise the LORD.

JANUARY CANDLES

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 & Skordy Families.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I have always been perplexed by the Parable of the Prodigal Son..... it really seems like the older son got "cheated" because the younger son had a good time and then came back and said "I'm sorry." I know there is a lesson to be taught but I do not fully understand it. Can you help me? The word prodigal means "sinful." You

are in error thinking the younger son was off having fun. He was deceiving himself that he was having fun. His so called friends were no friends at all. The people he was spending time with did not love him one bit at all. They took advantage of his father's money, living a sinful, frivolous life. The proof of this comes when he runs out of money and famine hits the area. Would a friend abandon another friend? You know the answer to that question is no. Friends never abandon each other. Yet all of these people who had a non-stop party provided for them by the prodigal son's Father, who is clearly God, even in their sinfulness and had been receiving blessings from the Father, whether they recognize it or not, they only begin to learn their lesson when famine hits and the sinful son is forced to consider the future, perhaps for the first time. In his contemplation of the future, he starts to think correctly and recognizes finally what he thought was "fun" was no fun at all. In contemplating what might happen to him in the famine, and recognizing that the man he is slaving for, working much harder than he ever did for his father, he recognizes this man does not love or care for him even the tiniest bit. That's when he realizes the only way out of all this trouble is to go home to his father who he now realizes loves him and to beg for forgiveness. The father because he truly loves him,

forgives the son, and accepts him back, The older son was always with the father and always had the pleasure to be with his father. Every evening meal with older son is a little celebration, the son never suffered or sinned. The younger son was actually miserable and didn't realize it. You take the parable at face value, but it is about God the Father and what it truly means to love and forgive. The parable shows what an authentic love actually is, not a modernistic, heretical concept of love. The sinful son has truly repented, that is to change how he lives, he is with the Father for all eternity, not just in the parable. You will also notice that because he already spent his inheritance, it is gone. **I don't understand Father, is the repentance complete for the younger son?** Yes, the repentance is complete. **If the repentance is complete then why does it seem like the younger son is still being punished? Are we still punished after repenting?** The younger son is not being punished. **But he only has one bedroom?** The son inherited a great reward and frivolously threw it away in this life, because he did not value his father's love. To be blunt he was stupid. He lived a stupid life because he chose to understand things only in his own way. The older son, whether he understood what he was doing or not, in being faithful to the father, was saving his inheritance for eternal life, the great reward you receive in heaven. This does not completely answer the parable, the question or both. Come to the adult discussion group, if you still have trouble understanding this parable.