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Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 4, 2023, A. D.

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

Saturday, June 3
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

†John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday, June 4
10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

†Louise Yanoshak- Gayle & Bobby Miles

Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, June 5
9:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for Mary Laczkoslie
-Bruce & Maria Becker

Friday, June 9
10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, June 10
6:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Sr. Martin Rodko- Alberola Family

Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday, June 11
10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Sawczuk- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 4, 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!

TROPAR: Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your community, and to our souls great mercy.

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

KONDAK: O Lord, Creator of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

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

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (11:32- 12:2):

Brethren, what more shall I say? I have not the time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel, and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at the sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices of the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised. God had foreseen something better for them, so that without us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and preserve in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he

endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) The just cried out and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of their afflictions. Alleluia (3) The afflictions of the just are many, and out of them all will the Lord deliver them. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30:

The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown him before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to send peace upon the earth; I have come to bring a sword, not peace. For I have come to set a man at variance with his father, and a daughter with her mother, and a daughter-in-law with her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take up his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." Then Peter addressed him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed you; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of his glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last will be first."

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.



Psalm 22 (1-8) NIV

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."



JUNE CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
For God's Blessings on Tom & Jen Jones.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski
For God's Blessings on the Kawczenski Family.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Geraldine Adamchak
In loving memory of Daniel Adamchak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
for God's Blessings & Good Health for Peyton Schwartz.

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by
Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota & Jennifer Wetzel.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Joan Cominsky
In loving memory John Cominsky.

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

FATHER WALTER WILL BE ON VACATION: Father Walter will be on vacation this week Tuesday (June 6) – Thursday (June 8) if you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Father Roman Petryshak at 570-855-5141. Father Roman has agreed to be the emergency contact for this time period. For all non-emergency calls, please leave a message on the rectory phone.

FATHER WOLENSKY: Please keep Father Paul in your thoughts and prayers.



SUNDAY MOVIE DAY: Movie Day will be **THIS** Sunday, June 4th. Everyone is Welcome! Parishioners from Saint Peter & Paul are WELCOME! The movie is “Secondhand Lions” with a special feature following, a family friendly comedy about a young man coming of age.”



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.

FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCES: Father’s Day is June 18th, don’t forget to remember your Father at our Father’s Day Divine Liturgy.

LUC NORTH ANTHRACITE COUNCIL: Members of LUC North Anthracite Council, our group met on Thursday, June 1 at 3pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Center, Edwardsville. Important topics 2023 Membership renewal \$10/person. Upcoming National Convention in Buffalo, NY. Hope to see everyone there. God Bless! Any questions contact council President: Dorothy Jamula 570-822-5354.

FLEA MARKET & PYROHY: This Friday our church made Pyrohy for sale at the Flea Market to be held on Saturday, June 3. We will be making pyrohy again July. **Thank You to everyone who helped out with the Flea Market and Pyrohy Making!**

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God’s help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation’s soldiers and their families at home and abroad.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, what is the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy?

The Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy is the great Eucharistic offering. It is the Consecration part of the Divine Liturgy. It is the fixed or unchangeable part of the Divine Liturgy. In the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, it is preceded by three **invocations** (call to the faithful to pray with the priest to God) in the form of a dialogue between the priest and the faithful.

The first invocation, "Let us stand well.", is an admonition to the faithful to assume a proper posture of body and dispose their mind and heart during the most important part of the Divine Liturgy, the Consecration.

The second invocation, "Lift up Your Hearts." means that we are to seek the things above. It is a call to concentrate upon the divine mysteries.

The third invocation, "Let us give thanks to the Lord..." is responded by the hymn: It is right and Just to worship..."

The Anaphora begins.... Page 29 of the Black Liturgy Book. Page 50-51 of the Blue Liturgy Book with Slavonic & English.



After the invocations, the priest quietly recites the Preface or Anamnesis a Greek word which means remembering. Remembering in the Jewish sense, transports us across time to the one event, in which the priest joins the praises of the angelic choirs, and recalling the events of the Last Supper, he declares he is about to accomplish the Sacrifice of the altar. The Preface is concluded with, "Singing, crying aloud, calling..."

The Consecration is the most sacred moment in the Divine Liturgy. It is the time when the body and blood of Our Lord become present on the altar. It is the time when Our Lord offers Himself again to His Father as He did on the Cross of Golgotha. **AT THE CONSECRATION OUR LORD HIMSELF IS THE PRIEST.** The words and actions are those used at the Last Supper. The priest takes the bread into his hands, blesses it and says the words of consecration aloud.

"Take, eat: THIS IS MY BODY, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins."

In like manner the priest blesses the chalice of wine, bends over it and says the words of consecration.

"Drink of it, all of you. This My blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The priest says quietly the last prayers of the Anaphora which are Prayers for the Sanctification by Holy Spirit, while the people sing, "We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You...."

The Anaphora ends after the Epiclesis and before the Hymn to the Mother of God.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, when are the gifts changed into the Body and Blood of Christ according to our Eastern Faith? Is there a moment, or a time in the Liturgy when we are certain? It happens during the Liturgy which begins even

before most parishioners arrive at church. There is no single specific moment in the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom that you can point to and say it happens here. The most you can say from that mindset is that by the time the Epiclesis Prayer is completed, this is now without question the body and blood of Christ. Remember, the priest begins the Prayers of Preparation before the Liturgy begins which most people notice is happening when people hear the bells of the censor. (Priest incensing the gifts.)

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever." When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord, I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord, I cut them down. They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord, I cut them down. I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hymn to the Mother of God.

Healing Prayer

Holy Spirit, come down and reclaim my body which was consecrated to Thee at my baptism, filling my entire dimensive quantity, from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet. Fill my faculties with Thy presence, my senses, memory, imagination, cogitative power, common sense power, intellect, will and appetites. Take up Thy residence in all aspects of my body and soul, leaving no place unfilled, closing off any doors, caves, or portals to the demons, driving them to the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ, never to return again. Heal me of the wounds of NN (Name the wounds). In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. *From Deliverance Prayers; Father Chad Ripperger*



PETROVKA (St. Peter & Paul Fast): St. Peter & Paul Fast begins on Sunday evening at Vespers with the singing of “O Joyful Light...” after the Sunday of All Saints and continues until Wednesday, June 28th. The Apostles' Fast is not as severe as Lent or the Dormition Fast, but entails fasting from red meat, poultry, meat products, eggs, dairy products, fish, oil, and wine. Fasting also partners with prayer, alms giving and confession, readying the whole person like an athlete; body, mind, and soul, for an upcoming feast, similar to the way in which orthodox Catholics would hope to be properly prepared for the Second Coming. For this reason, during fasting seasons, no marriages should take place. Another important part of any fasting period is going to Confession. The Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul is Thursday, June 29th.



“Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all “fulness of blessing,” both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment.” + **St. Basil the Great, “On the Holy Spirit”**

Troubles are usually the brooms and shovels that smooth the road to a good man’s fortune; and many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away hunger.” + **St. Basil the Great**

IN OTHER NEWS.....

FACTS ABOUT HONEYBEES



1. Honeybees are important pollinators for flowers, fruits, and vegetables. This means that they help other plants grow! Bees transfer pollen between the male and female parts, allowing plants to grow seeds and fruit.

2. Honeybees live in hives (or colonies). The members of the hive are divided into three types:

Queen: There is only one queen in a hive. She lays the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behavior of the other bees.

Workers: These are all female, and their role is to forage for food (pollen and nectar from flowers), build and protect the hive, clean, and circulate air by beating their wings. Workers are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside the hive.

Drones: These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new queen, and out of laziness they do not work. Several hundred live in each hive during the spring and summer. But come winter, when the hive goes into survival mode, the drones are kicked out, because they did not work to produce the food during the summer.

3. What are these *buzzing* bugs most famous for? Honey! But did you know they produce honey as food stores for the hive during winter? Luckily for us, these efficient little workers produce 2-3 times more honey than they need.

4. If the queen bee dies, workers will create a new queen by selecting a young larva (the newly hatched baby insects) and feeding it a special food called "**royal jelly**". This enables the larva to develop into a fertile queen.

5. Honeybees are fab flyers. They fly at a speed of around **15miles per hour** and beat their wings **200 times per second!**

6. Each bee has **170 odorant receptors**, which means they have one serious sense of smell! They use this to communicate within the hive and to recognize different types of flowers when looking for food.

7. The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she'll produce around a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey.

8. The queen can live up to five years. She is busiest in the summer months when she can lay up to **2,500** eggs a day!

9. Honeybees are also brilliant boogie-ers! To share information about the best food sources, they perform their '**waggle dance**'. When the worker returns to the hive, it moves in a figure-of-eight and waggles its body to indicate the direction and distance of the food source.

10. Sadly, over the past 15 years, colonies of bees have been disappearing. Referred to as 'colony collapse disorder', billions of honeybees across the world are leaving their hives, never to return. In some regions, up to 90% of bees have disappeared! Colony Collapse Disorder is caused by Nicotine Bases Pesticides. In France, these pesticides have been banned and the CCD has stopped occurring.

We can all do our bit to support these brilliant bugs, gangs! Why not plant flowers rich in nectar, such as **lavender** and **bluebells**, which will help bees find the food they need? And when your family is buying honey, try to choose varieties that are **locally made**, to support our honeybees and their beekeepers!

