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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 18, 2023, A. D.

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

Saturday, June 17  
6:00 PM

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Fathers Living & Deceased of the Parish  
**Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Sunday, June 18

### FATHER'S DAY

10:30 AM

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Fathers Living & Deceased of the Parish  
**Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Friday, June 16  
10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, June 24  
6:00 PM

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Peter & Paul Slota – Slota Family  
**Petitions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Sunday, June 25  
10:30 AM

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Deceased Members of the Wrobel & Melnyk Families  
-Mark & Arlene Jennings  
**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, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz.

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, 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:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

**PROKEIMON:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

### **A Reading of the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1-10:**

Brethren, therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3) Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33**

The Lord said, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (that is, money). Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit: and as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to put on?' (for after all these things the Gentiles seek); for your Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice; and all these things shall be given you besides."

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

#### **TRAVELERS' PRAYER**

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



### **Prayer For Peace in Ukraine**

Heavenly Father, You Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **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 Wetzell.

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

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by Father Walter  
In loving memory of his mom, Maria Olymphia Pasicznyk.

**CHURCH NEWS ....** Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always. - Father Daniel Gurovich

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Happy Father's Day to All of Our Parish Fathers!

**THANK YOU:** Father Walter and the Pasicznyk Family extended their sincere thanks for everyone's support, cards, and sympathies. Thank you, it is comforting to know that our mother touched so many lives with her talents, cheerfulness and love of church and God.

**FATHER WALTER WILL BE ON VACATION:** **Father Walter will be on funeral leave this week Monday (June 19) – Friday (June 23) 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 at the rectory phone or you may call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

**IT'S THIS WEEK! LASAGNA TAKE-OUT DINNER:** "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a **Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 21, 2023**, in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. **This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include a generous portion of meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert.** Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

**USED BOOK FAIR AT ST. ANDREW PARISH:** 316 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre will take place the weekends of June 24-25, 2023, and July 8-9, 2023. Gently used books include a variety of hard covers, paperbacks/ soft covers, children's books, and a large selection of very gently used puzzles. The hours are Saturdays from 3-4 PM and 5-6:30 PM, and Sundays from 11:00 Am to 1:00 PM in the parish hall. Come and browse our selection and enjoy a cup of free coffee. For more information, please call St. Andrew's at 570-823-1948.

**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.

**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.

**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. Please keep Father Paul Wolensky in your thoughts and prayers.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep Dolores Jennings in your thoughts and prayers so that she may have a speedy recovery.



**Prayer to Our Guardian Angel:**

O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything in which I have grieved you all the days of my life, and in which I sinned in the day just past. Protect me during the coming night and keep me from every influence of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. Intercede for me to the Lord that He may strengthen me in His fear and make me worthy to be a servant of His goodness. Amen.

# Psalm 9

## God's Power and Justice

**To the leader: according to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.**

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment. You have rebuked the nations; you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities you have rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. But the LORD sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah* The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human. *Selah*



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, Why is it that I do not recall Readings from St. Peter in the context of Liturgy? What does St. Peter write about and what is he saying in the passage below? Who is he speaking to?** St. Peter is talking

about salvation history. The letters of St. Peter are read during the church year with other Epistles. St. Peter's Epistles are read during the weeks in preparation for Lent. (An Epistle is a letter.) St. Peter's Second Letter can be considered one of the first "Encyclicals" which addresses the whole church. (An Encyclical is a letter addressed to the whole church; you may be familiar with Encyclicals written by a recent Pope.) In the context of salvation history, St. Peter reminds us that we should not focus too much in this fallen world about worldly things. He is reminding us not to be focusing all of our time on work and giving no time to a relationship with God. He reminds us of all the lessons in the past including Adam and Eve, who let themselves be deceived by Lucifer and forgot to be in a relationship with God. St. Peter's point in all this is that when we remind ourselves that our days might number 70 or perhaps 80 years and we reflect on that with a context that a thousand years to God is like one day to us and we do the simple math, that our existence doesn't even encompass a "day;" how short our life is in this fallen world. St. Peter is trying to emphasize to us that we were created for eternity with God. In this fallen world, time is fleeting and passes quickly, we should remember to work for salvation and heaven first and worldly concerns second. Our worldly concerns and works need to be in alignment with the goal of salvation and we should apply Jesus's teaching to how we live.



## **2 Peter 3:1-18 - The Day of the Lord**

Dear Friends,

This is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.