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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 2, 2023, A. D.

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



Saturday, July 1
6:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Theodore Weron-Jack & Judy Lee

Sunday, July 2
10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Helen Bogdan- Helen Lipowski & Lisa Placek

Tuesday, July 4
9:00 AM

FOURTH OF JULY

†Peter & Anna Wrobel- Mark & Arlene Jennings

Friday, July 7
10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, July 8
6:00 PM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Dorothy Swiderski- Bill Rocke

Sunday, July 9
10:30 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Anna Kutsup- Family



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.

**DEPOSITION OF THE VENERABLE ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 2, 2023

TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

TROPAR: Protection of men, ever-Virgin Mother of God as a mighty bulwark for your city and you gave your pure body’s robe and sash. They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed. For in you are nature and time made new. Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city, and – to our souls – great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK: O pure one, full of the grace of God, you have given your sacred robe as a garb on incorruption to all who believe. It covered your sacred body, O protection of all mankind. We feast its deposition with love, and in awe we cry: Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians. **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONDAK: My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

PROKEIMON: How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones. (No Repeat)

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

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” that is, to bring Christ down “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The

word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3). Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 8:28-9.1



At that time, when Jesus arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens: Praise Him in the highest. I will take the cup of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3). Praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia (3).

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Tom & MaryAnn Potsko who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on July 3! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Healthy Blessed Years!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to Arlene Czarnecki who celebrates her Birthday on July 6. Mnohaya Lita!! God Bless her Health and Happiness!

FATHER WALTER WILL BE ON VACATION: **Father Walter will be on vacation this week Monday (July 3) – Thursday (July 6) 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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS: A reminder to remit your Catholic Home Mission collection to the Chancery if you have not done so already. If you can, please consider a donation to Catholic Home Missions, there is an envelope in your envelope box. Thank You.

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

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.

PYROHY-MAKING: We will be making pyrohy on Thursday, July 13 at 8:00am. Please come out and help.

UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 2, 2023.

LUC NORTH ANTHRACITE COUNCIL: Members of LUC North Anthracite Council, please consider your Membership renewal \$10/person. The LUC has an upcoming National Convention in Buffalo, NY. Hope to see everyone there. God Bless! Any questions contact council President: Dorothy Jamula 570-822-5354.



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.



JULY CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen and Tom & Jen Jones in loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Joseph & Henry Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Marianne C. Sailus In Thanksgiving.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
for God’s Blessings & Good Health for Elizabeth Ann Schwartz.

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by
Lipowski & Placek Families in loving memory of Mrs. Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Slota Family
In loving memory Peter & Pauline Slota and Jennifer Wetzel.

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

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given
For God’s Blessings on Ed & Mary Schwartz.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father,You mentioned humility and we should have it, however how does one apply it to everyday life? Should we welcome being walked on? Is there a good time to speak up for one's self? If someone wrongs you and offers a half-hearted apology, does that mean offer it up to God (as a sacrifice), and treat that person as no harm has been committed? The very thought of total humility is sometimes a difficult concept for me. Humility does not mean that you act like a door mat and merely let people walk all over you. Part of humility is being reminded that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. God Himself, especially in the Person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, showed us how-to live-in humility when He was walking on the earth. Jesus lived with all His emotions. Out of love for people (us), He always gave to the person what they needed for their salvation, speaking truthfully in a gentle and compassionate manner. When people refused truth He would calmly repeat Himself. If people rejected him, He merely walked away and when people attacked Him, He even got angry and responded in an appropriate manner for their salvation. For example, overturning the money changers tables in the temple. In humility, we apply the same manner of living in our lives, always beginning by speaking the truth in a calm and compassionate manner. If people do not understand what we are saying to them, we take the time to explain to them, so that they can understand this truth. If a person rejects this truth, in a calm, gentle and compassionate manner we repeat this truth, and if they refuse it a second time we walk away. God grants every person free will. In respect for them, God does not force His will on a person when they chose different from His will. In humility, we do the same. We cannot and will not force God's will on a person. Now, coming to a situation where a person offers a "half-hearted" apology, which we know is no apology at all, we grasp that we are not being shown compassion and humility by the other and further, we recognize that confession and repentance is a two-way street for healing. The "half-hearted" apology is understood to be no apology at all because the person who does this is telling us that they do not intend to change their behavior. There is never going to be true healing between the person who hurt me and myself. All you can do at this point is pray for that person and offer it as a sacrifice to God. God also teaches you to protect yourself from harm, you will naturally limit your contact with this person to protect yourself. In extreme cases, when a person is trying to murder you, for example, you are permitted to defend yourself, even to the point of death of the other person. For example, the crusades came only after 600 years of Catholics living such a life with the Muslim hoard attacking them willfully. This is indeed very difficult to understand and even more difficult to apply in our modern life.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name, we pray in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 103

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness, Of David

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,



so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.