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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 9, 2023, A. D.

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



Saturday, July 8

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 9

10:30 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Dorothy Swiderski- Bill Rocke

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Anna Kutsup- Family

Thursday, July 13

10:00 AM

Friday, July 14

10:00 AM

†George John Marshall- Nancy Marshall

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, July 15

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 16

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

†John Skordy- Lee Family

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†Thomas Sydnor- Sandra Sydnor & 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TROPAR: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

KONDAK: You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

PROKIMEN: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 12:6-14:

Brethren, we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia (3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of Matthew 9:1-8



At that time, Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!” Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So, he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

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



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your 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.

Enter the Church and wash away your sins. For here there is a hospital and not a court of law. Do not be ashamed to enter the Church; be ashamed when you sin, but not when you repent. – **St. John Chrysostom**

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



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!: Happy Birthday to Mike Gagliardi and John Ferrato who both share a July 20th Birthday!! Mnohaya Lita! May God

FATHER WALTER WILL BE ON VACATION: Father Walter will be on vacation this week **Monday (July 10) – Thursday (July 13)** 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.

CHICKEN DINNER: “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 19, 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 brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll 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!”

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

DORMITION FAST: The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary.

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.



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.

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.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Dormition Fast and when did it start?

Just like the Feast of Resurrection (Easter), there is a preparation period which lasts 40 days (The Great Fast). The preparation period for the Feast of the Dormition of Holy Mother of God is a two-week preparation/penitential period, which begins August 1 of each year. As the Great Fast ends with the Dormition of Christ on the Cross (Good Friday), we prepare for our Blessed Lady's Dormition and her resurrection and ours, even though we don't experience it yet in time. This preparation period is not only for her feast, but also to prepare us for our Dormition and resurrection and to lead us to heaven. BUT Father, can you explain this in English? The Dormition of the Mother of God is the day that she died. The Blessed Mother was put in a tomb. Thomas-aka Doubting Thomas, the Apostle, was not present at her death and burial, he asked to see where she was laid and when they arrived at the tomb was empty and filled with the aroma of roses. Roman Catholics call this day the Assumption of the Mother of God because her body was taken to heaven. HOW DO WE KEEP THIS FAST PERIOD? The traditional fast is a period of 14 days with no meat and dairy. The fast is voluntary. Just like Lent we can omit meat perhaps on Wednesdays and Fridays if we choose.



REASONS TO LIGHT CANDLES IN FRONT OF ICONS

Because our Faith is light. Christ said, "I am the light of the world." The light of a candle or vigil lamp reminds us of the light with which Christ illuminates our souls. Our prayer is devotion, and as we, because of the work necessary, can't stay to pray the whole week, the candle stands in reminder of our devotion to the saint the candle stands before. When the saint, who is human also, sees the candle burning knows he is remembered. To remind us of the radiant character of the saint whose icon we light the candle in front of, for saints are called "sons of light" (John 12:36, Luke 16:8). To serve as a reproach for our deeds of darkness, for our evil thoughts and desires, to call us to the path of evangelical light, and so that we zealously try to fulfill the Commandments of the Savior: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works". So that the candle will be a small sacrifice to God, who gave Himself completely as a sacrifice for us, and as a small sign of our great gratitude and radiant love for Him from whom we ask life, health, salvation, peace and everything that only boundless heavenly love can bestow. So terror will strike the evil powers that assail us and lead our thoughts away from the Creator, even at the time of prayer. The evil powers love darkness and tremble at every light, especially light that belongs to God and to those who reflect Him. To remind us that the Creator created light before anything else: "And God said, 'Let there be light;' and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). Light must be present at the beginning of our spiritual lives, so that the light of Christ's truth will shine within us before anything else. From the light of Christ's truth every good is created, springs up, and grows within us.

PSALM 37



Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity. The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. The blameless spend their days under the LORD's care, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. But the wicked will perish: Though the LORD's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke. The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be destroyed. The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing. Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish. The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. The law of their God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip. The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death; but the LORD will not leave them in the power of the wicked or let them be condemned when brought to trial. Hope in the LORD and keep his way. He

will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it. I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a luxuriant native tree, but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found. Consider the blameless, observe the upright; a future awaits those who seek peace. But all sinners will be destroyed; there will be no future for the wicked. The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.