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Divine Liturgy Schedule

August 13, 2023, A. D.

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

Saturday, August 12
 6:00 PM

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†George Marshall- Helen Lipowski

Sunday, August 13
 10:30 AM

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Helen Bogdan – Brian & Joanne Kawczenski

†Bishop Walter Paska

Monday, August 14
 6:30 PM

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

@ St. Nicholas, Glen Lyon, PA

****Father is substituting for Father Roman Petryshak.**

Tuesday, August 15

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS-Obligation

Blessing of Flowers & Myrovania

10:30 AM

†Danny Lee- Lee Family

Friday, August 18

10:00 AM

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, August 19

6:00 PM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Michael Sawczuk- MaryAnn Jarolen

Sunday, August 20

10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Wasył Kobela- Ellen Alqrainy & Leona Kobela



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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
August 13, 2023

ANTIPHON 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendor;

You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, Transfigured on the Mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, Transfigured on the Mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, Transfigured on the Mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

<p>ENTRANCE: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.</p>

TROPAR: When You went down into death, O Life Immortal. You then dealt a death blow to hell with the brilliance of Your divinity. When you raised the dead from the very bowels of the earth, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

TROPAR: You were Transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could behold. Make Your eternal light shine also on us who are sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

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

KONDAK: You were Transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, and Your disciples saw Your glory as much as they could behold; that when they saw You crucified they might know that You suffered willingly, and might proclaim to the world that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

Now and forever 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.

PROKIMEN: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. How great are Your works, O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom.

A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12):

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

ALLELUIA: 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). Yours are the heavens, and Yours the earth. Alleluia (3).

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.

Matthew 18:23-35



The Lord told this parable; “This is why the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and besought him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you all.’ But he would not; but went away and cast him into prison until he should pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, ‘Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you did entreat me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?’ And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So also, my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts.”

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT....: O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain. **Irmos:** Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord, and rejoice in Your name forever. 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.

AUGUST CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Diane Petry
in loving memory of **Jason Yankosky**.

The Altar Candles are given by Koretz Family

In loving memory of Leo R. Koretz.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Lee Family
in loving memory of Danny Lee.

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
MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Julia Boback.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is given
By the Koretz Family in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Proscomedia Table Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In Honor of Saint Benedict.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given for a special intention.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND FOOD FESTIVAL

Schedule



UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: We will hold our Annual Ukrainian Food Festival on Saturday, September 2nd from 11am to 4pm. **We need help in putting out flyers and publicizing this event. (flyers in back of church.) HELP IS NEEDED THE DAY OF THE EVENT.** Mark & Arlene Jennings are coordinators of the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, if you can help PLEASE sign up (include your phone number). **This year our fund-raiser has taken on a new significance as we need to have some repairs done in the church.** Please help, consider asking your children and grandchildren if they can help for this one day.

BAKE SALE AT FOOD FESTIVAL: Once again we call upon the talented bakers of our parish to donate homemade baked goods for our Food Festival on September 2. Please have cakes cut into serving pieces and items individually wrapped. Baked goods can be brought to the hall the day of the food festival or contact Lisa at 570-574-1016 to make arrangements. Please bake.

PYROHY MAKING: We will be making Pyrohy on August 30 to use “fresh” and not frozen for festival food. Help is needed.

FOOD PREPARATION: Schedule to be announced. Food will be made the Monday-Friday before the Festival. Please come out and help.

BASKET RAFFLE: Please consider donating a Basket for our Ukrainian Basket Raffle in conjunction with our Food Festival. If you have any questions, please contact Johana Longenberger at 570-256-7883. If you cannot contribute a basket and would like to help, consider... donating lottery tickets, gift cards you are not using, cash, etc. All these items can make one basket.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
ONE DAY FOOD FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 2

11:00am-4:00pm

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

**240 Center St, Nanticoke is holding a One-Day
Ethnic Food Festival: Home-Made Pierogi, Home-
Made Haluski,**

Pigs-in-the Blanket, Potato Pancakes,

Clam Chowder, Borsch,

Hot Dogs & Wimpies & Bake Sale

APPETITES ARE WANTED!!

**CAN YOU ALMOST HEAR THE POLKA MUSIC
PLAYING...**





ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Why do we bless flowers for the Feast of the Dormition of Our Blessed Lady?

The historic origin of the custom seems to have been from the blessing of first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Slavic Church titles this a “Blessing of Herbs,” and the intention of the prayers seems to be the blessing of herbs (and spices) that used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which conducive to many infectious diseases, which is apparent from the reading of the prayers. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos, that flowers were discovered in her empty tomb after her body was taken into heaven, has influenced this office and it has largely become a blessing of flowers.

Beneath thy compassion, We take refuge, O Mother of God: do not despise our petitions in time of trouble, but rescue us from dangers, only pure one, only blessed one.- Earliest Prayer to the Theotokos

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord concluded the parable about the two debtors with the following words: So likewise shall My Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses (Matt. 18:35). It would seem that such a small thing is required: forgive and you will be forgiven. When you are forgiven, you are received into mercy; and when you are brought into mercy, you have become a participant in all the treasures of mercy-salvation, and Paradise, and eternal bliss. What great acquisition for such a small thing as forgiving! Yes, it is a small thing, but for our self-love there is nothing more difficult than forgiving. We might forgive some unintentional annoyance dealt us in private that no one sees. But if the offense is just a bit more sensitive, and takes place in front of people, don't even ask-there is no forgiveness. There are circumstances when, whether you want to or not, you are not allowed to express your displeasure-and so you remain silent. However, only your tongue is silent. Meanwhile, your heart speaks and builds evil plans. Raise the annoyance yet another degree, and there is no restraint. Neither shame, nor fear, nor loss, nor any other thing will restrain you. Egoism which has reached the boiling point makes a person as though insane, and he who gives into it begins to talk foolishly. The people most subject to this unfortunate state are usually not just anyone. The more civilized one is, the more sensitive he is to insults, and the less forgiving. Relations will often remain smooth on the surface, but inwardly there is clearly discord. Meanwhile, the Lord requires that we forgive with our whole hearts.

THE OLD OBSESSION WITH END-TIMES MYTHS:

The rapture is stupid and unbiblical. By Michael Voris, THE VORTEX. Reproduced from <https://shorturl.at/eFQV1>. Edited for the Bulletin With the civilization in its death throes, many people start scrambling around looking for what we guess you could call "the easy out." As a point of reference, when the Roman Empire was breathing its last, and the barbarians were swarming over the walls and marauding down the streets, the citizenry thought it was the end of the world. And remember, when all that was going on, most of the empire had already been either directly converted to Catholicism or at least understood it was the State religion (and had been at that point for over a century). So we aren't exactly talking about a bunch of pagans here worshiping false gods. In fact, so horrified and end-of-the-world crazy were they that St. Augustine sat down and penned his tremendous work **The City of God**, still one of the giant classics of Western civilization and, dare we say, human history. In that opus, he drew the sharp distinction between the city of God and the city of man. The faithful belong to the city of God and simply dwell temporarily in the city of man. We are citizens of the heavenly city, and what happens in the earthly city should not be considered paramount, his counsel went. Empires and civilizations come and go, but the city of God remains. Well, approximately 15 centuries later, with various empires having risen and fallen over those centuries, here we are again. And right on cue, the end-of-the-world crazies are at it again. In the Catholic world, it takes the form of almost gnostic prophecies from centuries earlier shoe1horned into our contemporary days, and little-known apparitions and isolated mystics and so forth. But one that never seems to die the death it so richly deserves is the absolute [crazy story] about "the rapture." For those unfamiliar with it, or only in passing, the rapture is the anti-biblical belief that before the end of the world, all those who have believed in Jesus will be sucked up from the earth and taken up to Heaven, and then all those "left behind" will have to deal with the calamity. The idea has been around for a couple hundred years in Protestant circles, but because it has no basis in Scripture, unless you go to great pains to twist and distort Scripture, there are multiple contradictory beliefs about the rapture and what flows from it. For example, there are huge discussions raging right now in more fundamentalist and some [Protestant] evangelical circles about how should a believer live his life based on which version of the rapture and millennialism and the tribulation is correct. The question on my mind at this point is which eschatological position is correct. The answer to this question impacts everything about how a Christian ought to live his life in these wicked days. I'll explain. If post-millennialism is correct, the New World Order itself is a psyop. The elites are likely using the book of Revelation as a playbook to psyop the masses into hopelessness, and we both can and should overcome this evil. If pre-

millennialism is correct, then the next question I have is whether the rapture is pre-trib, mid-trib or post-trib. Each possibility carries significant implications for how a Christian should live his life in these final days. Pre-tribulation or mid-tribulation rapture means our time is best spent witnessing the gospel to as many people as humanly possible right now (literally nothing else matters, in my opinion). Post-tribulation rapture would mean our time would be best spent witnessing the gospel, but also preparing to be cut off from the global economy and to have war waged against us. Big implications for parents, especially. OK, did you get all that? Seriously, large groups of so-called "Christians" are consumed with all this. It is important to pray for clarity on which eschatological position is correct, that is true, but it's already been answered. None of that is correct. It's all based on faulty and bad personal interpretations of Scripture. There's a reason that for 1,700 years or so, no one who called himself "Christian" ever even though much of all this, much less broke down into multiple contradictory positions about it. Because it's not true. None of it is correct. The underlying assumption is itself wrong. Once again, we see the fault lines in the heresies that plague Protestant denominations that promote this view — that there is no final authority when it comes to Scripture interpretation, and so this nonsense is the logical conclusion of that. Luther detonated any authority on the Bible and created an environment where any ramblings from any nut-job with a persuasive personality could be considered "learned" or "authoritative." Take the one point of the rapture, for example. St. Paul uses the term as it related to a specific practice common in the ancient world: When a king, emperor, great general, or whoever, was returning to the city after a triumphal military campaign, some of the citizens would leave the city and go out to meet him and his army and escort them back into the city where the celebration would break out. That movement out of the city to greet the victor and the return to the city was called, loosely translated, the "rapture." We have to be honest and say there is a "flavor" of this approach in some Catholic circles as well, although it's not specifically about the rapture. But these notions and concepts surround various prophecies and apparitions (some even unapproved) by folks who don't do a lot of critical thinking, meaning they don't "discern the spirits" very well. Such is the byproduct, one of the many, of a crumbling civilization. Be sure not to be taken in by all this theo-hysteria and chasing about for signs and wonders. The best approach is always the authentically Catholic approach, as St. Augustine laid out. And one last major point — perhaps the most important point — is pretty simple: Who cares if it's the end of the world or not? If it is, then it is, and there's nothing you or I can do about it. If it isn't, well, your world is going to end. One way or the other, we are each going to be going to our judgment. That's what you should be concentrating on, not crazy anti-biblical ideas that have no power to save,

because they are totally wrong. **(n.b. Psyop: def. military operations usually aimed at influencing the enemy's state of mind through non-combative means (such as distribution of leaflets.)**