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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 30, 2023, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, September 30

9:30 AM

†William Michael Vincent- Lipowski Family

4:00 PM

**ROSARY-Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

6:00 PM

**Great Vespers for Protection of the Theotokos**

Litiya- Blessing of the Loaves Wheat, Wine & Oil

Sunday, October 1

10:30 AM

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS- POKROV-Myrovania**

†Sr. Martin Rodko-Mark & Arlene Jennings

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 AM

†George John Marshall- Diane, Rita & Janice

Friday, October 6

10:00 AM

God's Blessings on America- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko  
God's Blessings & Conversion of Heart of Mary Campbell

Saturday, October 7

8:00 AM

**Prayers for a Holy Church**

4:00 PM

**ROSARY-Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

6:00 PM

†Andrew Kobela- Wife, Deborah and Melanie

Sunday, October 8

10:30 AM

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Maria Szumskyj- Ulana Campbell

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!**

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE PROTECTIONS, WE HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDER  
SPENDING MORE TIME WITH OUR MOTHER!**



**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 Slotka; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz, Mike Oresick.

## PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

October 1, 2023



**TROPAR:** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

**TROPAR:** Today we believers radiantly celebrate, flooded in light by your coming to us, O Mother of God; beholding your pure image, we say with contrition: shelter us with your precious protection and

deliver us from every evil, entreating Your Son, Christ our god, to save our souls. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** Today the Virgin stands before us in the church and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us. Angels are worshipping with hierarchs, Apostles exult with prophets, for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All mankind acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

**PROKEIMON:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

### **A Reading of the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11):**

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3) God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia (3). Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia (3). Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. Alleluia (3).

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 6:31-36; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28:**

The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for he is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."

**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).

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS (October 1)**- The Protection of the Theotokos is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox/Ukrainian Catholic calendar among the Slavic peoples, commemorated on October 1. The feast is celebrated additionally on October 28 in the Greek tradition. It is also known as the feast of the Virgin Mary's Cerement. In most Slavic languages the word "cerement" has a dual meaning of "veil" and "protection." The Russian/Ukrainian word **Покров (Покров)**, like the Greek Skepi (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos, the Protection of the Theotokos, or the Intercession of the Theotokos. The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrei was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos' cerement in the Russian Orthodox /Ukrainian Catholic Church calendar dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Orthodox/Ukrainian Catholic Church calendar. The feast day commemorating the miracle is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil, with many of the same elements as occur on Great Feasts of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no post feast.



### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL (Feast Day September 6)**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

**HAIL MARY:** Bohoroditse Deevo raduysya obradovannaya Mareeye Hospd s Toboyu Blahoslovenna Ti v zhenakh I blahosloven plod chreva tvo yeho yako rodila yesi Khrista Spasa Izbavitelya Dusham nashim. **Amen.**



### **OCTOBER CANDLES**

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn, Jenn & Tom  
in loving memory of Irene Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
In loving memory of Margaret Yanoshak.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of Randy Yanoshak.

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 the Transfiguration** is given  
in loving memory of Anna Kutsup.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by the Donna Lee-Hischak  
In loving memory of James Hischak.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by Lisa Placek  
In loving memory of William Vincent & Barbara Siviluch.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
Father Walter in loving memory of Victoria Royozynska & Olga Kuziw.

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

**SATURDAY REMINDER:** This Saturday, September 30, we will have Saturday Great Vespers in our church for the Holy Day. Please use the provided prayer book for Vespers to follow along. There is no communion with Great Vespers, however it does fulfill your Sunday Obligation for worshipping God.

**WELCOME!** Rev. Vasyl Putera is appointed Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Berwick, PA and as Administrator of St. Nicholas Church in Glen Lyon, PA. This is effective October 1st, 2023.

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY:** On Friday, September 29, Dolores & John Barno celebrated their Birthdays!!! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them and Bless Them With Many Happy Years!!

**SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST: BASIL THE GREAT 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** This year's 92<sup>nd</sup> Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023, on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Our Lady, Our Protectress and Refuge" with emphasis on calling upon the Mother of God to protect Ukraine during this time.

**FOOD FESTIVAL PYROHY FOR SALE:** We have Frozen Potato Pyrohy for Sale at \$10.00 a dozen. Tell your friends and neighbors!



**ROSARY COAST TO COAST:** PLEASE join us for Rosary Coast to Coast on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Also known as, Our Lady of Victory), **October 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm** EST at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church to pray the Glorious Mysteries together as a nation. It simply means to gather with a group of 2 or more as we call upon the powerful intercession of Our Lady to Heal Our Land!! (We will be inside; some groups are gathering out of doors.) **Please join us and pray with the nation!!!!**

**FLEA MARKET:** Keep in mind our Christmas Flea Market is coming up soon. We can start taking items in the church hall AFTER October 8. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Johanna at 570-256-7883.

## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS...

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The Women's Society of SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham St. Plymouth, PA will sponsor their annual Rummage Sale in the Church Hall – Friday, October 6, 2023, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and **Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** There are a lot of fine items for your shopping. A variety of homemade soup and haluski will be available for take outs only. Both the soups and the haluski is \$8.00 a quart and \$4:00 a pint. A Basket Raffle will also be presented and the proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Humanitarian in Ukraine. Come shop and enjoy. A follow up Sale will be held Friday, October 20, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, October 21 – 9:00 Am to 2:00 PM and Sunday, October 22 – 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. A Piggie take-out will be available at this sale.

**"PASTIE SALE:** Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"



**HOAGIE SALE:** St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon, will be holding a Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian Hoagie Sale on Thursday, **October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 4:00pm.** The cost of each hoagie is \$8.00, and a quart of vegetable soup is \$8.00. Orders can be placed by calling Debbie at 570-736-6908 by Sunday, October 23. A bake sale will also be held with the soup and hoagie sale. A Basket Raffle is also being held to Benefit Ukraine.



### 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.



### ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is Vespers and Litiya? Why are we doing Vespers now – is this new?

Jesus taught us to pray without ceasing. When God He created man, the first thing He said to Adam, in their conversation, was to have something to eat and have a good night’s sleep. This was the first Vespers, Adam conversing with God. Implementing prayer without ceasing, means we pray at all hours of the day. Vespers happens when the sun is low in the sky, beginning to set, the commotion of the day ending, and the calmness of the evening setting-in. Our cycle of communal prayer to God, begins in this evening prayer which we call Vespers, coming from the Latin word “Vesper” meaning evening. **Litiya**, as part of Vespers, happens only on the eve of the Major Holy Days, it is not part of Daily Vespers.

**CHURCH DICTIONARY: LITIYA** - (*Lity, litiya*) A word implying a fervent, prolonged prayer. It is a service of blessing of the breads joined to the Vespers on the eve of major feasts. Five breads, oil and wine are blessed. In the prayer of blessing, we ask our Lord that as He blessed the five loaves and fed the five thousand, to bless the loaves, wheat, wine and oil, and to multiply them in all the world; and to sanctify all the faithful who partake of them. The bread is cut and distributed to the faithful at the end of the service.

Vespers began when God created us, no, this not new, this is ancient. Every week is a Little Holy Week, and every Sunday is a Little Resurrection of our Blessed Lord. Every Saturday evening, we should be doing Saturday Evening Vespers, which in itself has it’s own uniqueness within the context of Daily Vespers. This change of the Liturgical Prayer Cycle, from Saturday Vespers to Saturday Liturgy, occurred after Vatican II and this change

thereby is telling us, in a backward way, that Jesus rose from the Dead Saturday Evening, not Sunday Morning. We are doing Vespers as we always should by request of some of the Parishioners.

The fundamental, original commandment is: Love! It is a small word, but it expresses an all-encompassing thing. It is easy to say that you must love, but it is not easy to attain love to the necessary degree. It is also not exactly clear how to attain it. This is why the Savior surrounds this commandment with other explanatory rules: *Love thy neighbor as thyself* (Matt. 19:19;22:39; Mark 12:31) *and, As you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise* (Luke 6:31). Here is shown a degree of love that one can call boundless; for is there any limit to one's love for oneself? And is there any good which one would not want for himself from others? However, this injunction is not impossible to fulfill. The matter depends upon having perfect compassion towards others, in order to fully transfer their feelings to yourself, to feel the way they feel. When this occurs, there will be no need to point out what you must do for others in a given situation: your heart will show you. Just take care to maintain compassion. Otherwise, egoism will immediately approach and return you to yourself and confine you within yourself. Then you will not lift a finger for the sake of someone else, and will not look at him, though he might be dying. When the Lord says, *Love thy neighbor as thy self*, He means that our neighbor instead of ourselves should be within us, that is, within our heart. If our "I" remains there as before, we cannot expect anything good to come of it.

**- St. Theophan the Recluse**