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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 10, 2023, A. D.

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



Saturday, December 9  
6:00 PM

Sunday, December 10  
10:30 AM

AFTER LITURGY

Monday, December 11  
10:00 AM

Thursday, December 14  
10:00 AM

Friday, December 15  
10:00 AM

Saturday, December 16  
6:00 PM

Sunday, December 17  
10:30 AM

AFTER LITURGY

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Wasil Kobela- Ellen Algrainy & Leona Kobela

**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Olympia Pasicznyk- Mark & Arlene Jennings

**ADULT CATECHISM**

†Michael Sawczuk- Grace Johnson

God's Blessings for America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk-Rebecca Micca

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

†Theodore Weron- Helen Lipowski & Lisa Placek

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

†Henry M. Heylek Jr.- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Beatitude, Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky

**ADULT CATECHISM**



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, 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, Mike Oresick., Debbie Schwartz.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**DIVINE LITURGY for PHILLIPS FAST (11/15-12/24)**

**ANTIPHON 1**

**[black book; page 12; blue book page 16/17]**

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.**

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter."

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

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High.

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

**Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**LITTLE EKTENIA 1**

**Priest:** Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Remembering our most holy and most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**People:** To you, O Lord.

**Priest prays silently:** Lord, our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; protect the fullness of Your Church; sanctify them in return by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You.

**Priest:** Exclamation: For Yours is the might, and Yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**ANTIPHON 2**

God, be generous to us, and bless us, let the light of Your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

**O Son of God, Who has risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.**

May we know Your way on earth, may Your salvation be known to all nations.

**O Son of God, Who has risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.**

May the people praise You, O God; may all the nations glorify You.

**O Son of God, Who has risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.**

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

**Only begotten Son and Word of God,** You are immortal, and You willed for our salvation to be made flesh of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and without change You became man. You were crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

## **LITTLE EKTENIA 2**

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**People:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** Remembering our most holy and most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**People:** To you, O Lord.

**Priest prays silently:** You have given us the grace to pray together in harmony and have promised to grant the requests of two or three who join their voices in Your name. Fulfill now for us, Your servants, these petitions for our benefit. Grant us in this present life the knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come, bestow eternal life.

**Priest:** Exclamation: For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## **ANTIPHON III**

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

**Son of God, Risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

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

**Son of God, Risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

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

**Son of God, Risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE ENTRANCE

**Priest prays silently:** Lord, God our Master, Who established in heaven the ranks and armies of angels and archangels for the service of Your glory, grant that as we make our entrance, the holy angels may enter too, serving with us and joining in the praise of your goodness. For all glory, honor and worship befit You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. **Deacon:** Master, bless the holy entrance. **Priest:** Blessed be the entrance of your saints, always, now and forever and ever.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Stand aright.

**People:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

**Son of God, Risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

**[in the black book you are on page 17, blue book page 24/25]**

**TROPAR:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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

**KONDAK:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

**PROKIMEN:** Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

### **A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (1:12-18):**



Brethren, we continually give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

**ALLELUIA:** (3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia (3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of St. Luke 17:12-19**

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us." And when he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And it came to pass as they were on their way, that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."



### **DECEMBER CANDLES**

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Fr. Walter  
in loving memory of the Pasicznyk Family.

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

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by  
Geraldine Adamchak In loving memory of Nicholas & Julia Salonski.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Fr. Walter  
In loving memory of Ihor Pasicznyk.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz  
For God's Blessings & Health for grandson Zachary.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given  
By Lipowski/Placek Families for Maria Olympia Pasicznyk.

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** A Very Happy Birthday to Christine Ferrato who celebrates her Birthday on December 15. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant her and her Family Many Happy Blessed Years!

**CHRISTMAS TEA:** Thank you to the **Parents of the Children's Catechism Group** who hosted the Christmas Tea and prepared the appetizers. The children did a wonderful job serving and singing. A Special Thank you to Ali Shappert who organized the Tea and to Christine Ferrato who led the Tea's Christmas Caroling with her guitar. Thank you to the parishioners of both churches who generously baked and donated cookies. The cookies were delivered by the children to the homebound with a smile and a carol! Thank you to Father Walter who helped to decorate the church basement for the children and to Saint Nicholas!



**PHILLIP'S FAST:** For this **penitential period** from November 15-December 24, we will **include** the Second Antiphon and the First Small Litany as part of the Divine Liturgy. The Second Antiphon is not found in today's liturgy books, by permission of our Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. This addition will appear in the weekly church bulletin. **n.b. Because Christmas Eve is Sunday, a day without fasting, the strict fast is moved to Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET:** Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make our Christmas Flea/Food Market a HUGE SUCCESS There are more items to be sold and there is STILL bird seed for sale! Tell your friends!

**WYOMING CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: CAN YOU HELP OUT?** Requests Summer/Winter Baby Clothes for girls in Sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months. (Gently used or like new clothes will be accepted.) Please leave donations in church basement they will be picked up by the second week of December.

**PYROHY MAKING:** Thank you to everyone who came out to make Pyrohy!

**CHURCH DECORATING:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday December 11, 2023 at 4:30 PM.



**WYOMING VALLEY CONCERT BAND:** Presents the “**Magic Of Christmas**” on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Admission is Free.

**Christ is coming...Are you ready?**

DID YOU GO TO CONFESSION? SET ASIDE TIME TO PRAY.... PLAN TO ATTEND SERVICES?  
TEACH YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT CHRIST?? **There’s still time...**



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father I notice that the calendar indicates the Maternity of Anna on December 8, but we repeatedly celebrate it on December 9? Are you using a different calendar?** There are three people who are most important in the Catholic Church: Jesus,(who is both Man & God), John the Baptist (whom Jesus call greatest born of woman), and Mary(God Bearer). On the Ukrainian Catholic Church Calendar, John is born on June 24. He is conceived September 23. (9 Months + 1 Day) On the UCC Calendar Mary is born September 8. Mary is conceived December 9. (9 months – 1 day) On the UCC Calendar, Jesus is conceived March 25. On December 25, a perfect 9 months later Jesus is born. Our UCC Calendar put Mary on one side of Jesus and John on the other. They both point between themselves saying, “Follow Jesus, He is God.” Many of the iconostasis’s of our Parishes, for example you see this at Sts. Peter & Paul in Plymouth, you will see the top icon with Jesus on His judgement seat, Mary on His right and John on His left also directing us to Jesus in the middle for He is God. So just as the icons direct us to follow Christ placed in the middle our liturgy and the UCC Calendar do the same thing. The Roman Catholic Calendar used to celebrate all these feast days as described above, but, they changed the conception of Mary and John to be a perfect 9 months just like Jesus, losing the message that Christ is God and Follow Him. The Church Calendars that you take home each year are printed by the Ruthenian Church, who here America, because Roman Catholics are so numerous, moved the Conception of Anna to December 8.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION:** Father Walter will have confession before EACH/AFTER Liturgy, time permitting- please stand by the confessional. Confessions can also be heard by appointment.



## Christmas Liturgy Schedules Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke

**Friday, December 22**

**Fast for Christmas moved to December 22.**

**Sunday, December 24**

(There is no Fast on Sunday because Christmas Eve is a Sunday and the Fast moved to Friday.)

**Christmas Eve-Vigil of Christmas-NO LITURGY**

**Monday, December 25**

10:30 AM

**Christmas Day**

Liturgy with Myrovania

**Tuesday, December 26**

10:30 AM

**Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God**

Liturgy with Myrovania

**Wednesday, December 27**

9:00 AM

**Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

At St. Peter & Paul Church, Plymouth, PA



**Friday, December 22**

Sunday, December 24

**3:00 PM**

(There is no Fast on Sunday because Christmas Eve is a Sunday and the Fast moved to Friday.)

**Ss. Peter and Paul (Plymouth)**

**Fast for Christmas moved to December 22.**

Christmas Eve

**Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania**

**Monday, December 25**

8:30AM

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## **Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.



### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

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.

### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Ten lepers were healed, but only one came to thank the Lord. Is there not generally a similar proportion of people who are grateful after receiving blessings from the Lord? Who has not received good things; or, rather, what do we have in us or what happens to us that is not good for us? Even so, is everyone grateful to God, and does everyone give thanks for everything? There are even those who permit themselves to ask “Why did God give us existence? It would be better for us not to exist.” God gave you existence so that you would be in eternal bliss. He gave you existence as a gift, as a gift He has furnished with every means for attaining eternal bliss. The matter depends on you: you need only to labor a bit for this. You say, “But I have only sorrows, poverty, diseases, misfortunes.” Well, these two are among the ways to attain eternal bliss. Be patient. Your entire life could not be even called an instant compared with eternity. Even if you had to suffer unceasingly your entire life, against eternity it is nothing; and you still have moments of consolation. Do not look at the present, but at what is prepared for you in the future and be concerned with making yourself worthy of that; then you will not notice the sorrows. They will all be swallowed up by unquestioning hope in eternal consolations, and your lips will never cease to utter thanks. – St. Theophan the Recluse

## RAFFLE BASKETS



**THE WINNERS!** #1-TV-Arlene Swantko; #2-CHRISTMAS DINNER-Ann Magill; #3-\$50- Diane Petry; #4-Mugs-Arlene Jennings; #5-Wreath- Michelle Stark; #6-Chocolate-Mary Hastings; #7-Kitchen-Carol Tredinnick; #8-Wreath-Sharon Kinney; #9-BIRD SEED: Barbara Davison; MaryAnn Paraway; Helen Lipowski; Frank Bielecki; Kathy Bullock; Tracy Frisbee; Sharon Grevera; Kathy Niznik; #10-CAR CLEAN-Sharon Grevera; #11-CORELLEWARE MaryLou Whitmore; #12-WREATH-Mary Bomboy; #13-CROCKPOT-Frank Bielecki; #14-SKATEBOARD- MarkIzak; #15-PRESTOCOFFEE- Geri NOLASTNAME ;#16-LOTTERY-Geri Ulichney; #17-DOLLYDOLLAR-Mary Schwartz; #18-WREATH-Bernie Truskowski; #19-FIRETRUCK-Jean Killi; #20-\$100-Mary Lou Whitemere; #21-ART-Barbara Davison; #22-BLESSED MARY-Lisa Placek; #23-COOKIES-Barbara Menzel; #-24-\$100-G.Kasprzyk; #25-RED LOBSTER-Carol Brogan; #26-CROCKPOT-Christine May; #27-HAPPY NEW YEAR-Kim O'hop.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES, CALENDARS & 2024 CANDLES:** The church envelopes and calendars are on the table in the back of the church. 2024 Candles are ready!