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Divine Liturgy Schedule May 19, 2024, A. D.

Saturday, May 18

6:00 PM

PENTECOST SUNDAY- GREEN SUNDAY (Myrovania)

✠Helen Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, May 19

10:30 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY- GREEN SUNDAY (Myrovania)

God's Blessings on Leona Kobela- loving daughter, Ellen

Friday, May 24

10:00AM

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, May 25

6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

✠John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

Sunday, May 26

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

God's Blessings & Good Health for Ellen Kobela

-Helen Lipowski

Monday, May 27

9:00 AM

MEMORIAL DAY

God's Blessings on America & All Deceased Veterans

2:00 PM

Panahyda Transfiguration of Our Lord Cemetery

3:15 PM

Blessing of Graves

Panahyda Saint Nicholas Cemetery

Blessing of Graves



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Shirley Kozar, 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, Ed Schwartz.

PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

(At the start of Liturgy we recite the Prayer below.)



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth! You are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life! Come and dwell within us. Cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

ANTIPHON 1: The Heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us. Each day tells the story to the following day, and each night proclaims the message with understanding to the next night. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us. Their voice has resounded all over the earth, and their message to the utmost bounds of the earth. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

GLORY: NOW AND FOREVER: ONLY BEGOTTEN SON:

ANTIPHON 3:

O Lord, in your strength the king shall rejoice, and in your salvation He shall greatly exalt. **Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.**

You have granted him his soul's desire; you refused not the wish of his lips.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

You anticipated His coming with goodly blessings; you set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

(Procession of Gospel – After priest says “Wisdom, stand aright”. Then people continue with EISODIKON or Entrance Hymn.)**

EISODIKON: Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

TROPAR: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

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

KONDAK: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He parted the nations. When He divided the tongues of fire, He called all to unity; thus with one voice we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD”: “All you have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia” (3x). Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. You have put on Christ. Alleluia. All you have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKIMEN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11):

Brethren, when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At the sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, we are travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). By the Lord’s words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host. Alleluia (3). The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld mankind. Alleluia (3).

Gospel John 7:37-52 & 8:12



Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that he is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a great division among the crowd because of him. And some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought him in?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been led astray? Has any one of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, he who had come to him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first give him a hearing; and know what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search the Scriptures and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT": O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons. Rejoice, O Queen, boast of the virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

COMMUNION VERSE: Your good Spirit shall guide me on the straight path. We pray you, one and only true Lover of all people: take not your Holy Spirit away from us. Alleluia (3).

Tsaryu Nebesniy
Hymn to the Holy Spirit

Tsaryu nebesniy, Bozhe Mohuchiy,
Ti Uteeshitel', Dukh pravdi Ti.
Eezhe Vezdee siy ee Vseseeduchiy,
Tvoyeyee laski nam nizposli.

O King of Heaven, Spirit Almighty,
Giver of Truth and Comfort and Love,
Fill hearts with graces and every bounty that we may
Glow with fire from above, filling all places.

May 2024



The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in
loving memory of Anna Wrobel.

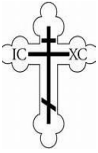
The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in
loving memory of Connie & Shirley Yanoshak

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by
Diane Petry for the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle on the Proscomedia Table** is given by the
MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Brian Kelley & Julia Boback.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek
For God's Blessings on Ben Placek.

CHURCH NEWS



SYMPATHY: Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Julia Yurchak** who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, May 5. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints, and may her memory be eternal. She will be remembered as an exceptional baker and used this gift for fundraising for her church for many years. She will be sorely missed. Vichnaya Pamyat. May Her Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Yurchak Family.

ORDINATION PICNIC: On June 22, Father Walter will celebrate 10 years of his priestly ordination. Our Parish is organizing a Parish Picnic in conjunction with this event on **Sunday, June 23**. We are asking for your help- there is a list of items in the back of the church- could you possibly contribute a salad or other item to this affair?

BIG BANG BASKET: Can you help with a bottle of wine or liquor for the Nanticoke City Fireworks Event Again this year? The church was asked if we would contribute a basket again to this event. Contact Lisa for information.

ZONING VARIANCE: Please note that this week on **Thursday, May 23**, the City of Nanticoke will hold a meeting at 6:00PM to **VOTE** on an application for a zoning variance which is required to establish 4 apartment buildings (12 Units each) "behind Birchwood Nursing," which is the general location of this apartment complex. **If you can show up and be counted or sign the petition.**

CITY WIDE FLEA MARKET (NANTICOKE): We will be joining the Nanticoke Town Wide Yard sale on **Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2** (?). We will be making pancakes, pyrohy, clam chowder. etc. and are looking for donations of gently used clothing, books, garden supplies, jewelry, etc. Please take all items to the hall and call 570-256-7883 or 570-592-5776 to have the hall open.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: The Wyoming Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human, 31 Hanover Street, WB are always in need of wipes or disposable diapers in sizes 1-4. If you would like to donate to this cause please drop them off in the church basement and Diane Petry has offered to deliver them to the center.

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES: Father's Day is June 16th, don't forget to remember your Father at our Father's Day Divine Liturgy.

BIG NEWS: Kneeling returns to the church!



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. Amen.



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. Heavenly 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.

Comforting His Disciples, the Lord said that it would be better for them if He ascended to heaven for, having ascended, in place of Himself He would send the Comforter—the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has descended and abides in the Church, accomplishing in each believer the work of Christ. Each Christian is a Communicant of the Spirit. This is something so necessary, that in fact whoever does not have the Spirit is not of Christ. Look closely at yourself—is the Spirit of Grace within you? For He does not remain in everyone; He can depart. Here are the signs of His Presence: first, He finds a Spirit of Repentance and teaches a Christian to turn to God and correct his life; the Spirit of Repentance, accomplishing its' work, passes the Christian on to a Spirit of Holiness and Purity. This is succeeded, at last, by a Spirit of Sonship. The characteristic of the first is work-loving zeal. The characteristic of the second is warmth and a sweet burning of the heart; the characteristic of third is the feeling of sonship whereby the heart sighs to God; *Abba, Father*. (Mark 14:36). Examine which of these levels you are on. If you are not on any of them, take care for yourself. —**St. Theophan the Recluse**, Reflection on Pentecost

THE EIGHTEENTH KATHISMA

The First Stasis/Reflections on Psalm 119

Approach the compassionate Father, O sinner and confess your sins, saying with tears: I have sinned against heaven and before You, Lord God Almighty, and am no longer worthy to be called your Son, nor even to pronounce Your Glorious Name with my sinful lips, for I have made myself unworthy of heaven and earth by incurring Your Wrath O Good Master! I beseech You, O Lord, cast me not away from Your Face and turn not away from me, that I might not perish. If Your Hand had not protected me, I would have perished already; I would be like dust before the wind; it would be as if I had never appeared in this world. Indeed, from the time that I left Your Path, I have not encountered one good day, for a day spent in sin, though it may seem good, is actually the bitterest of all bitter things. And from this day forth shall I hope on Your Mercy, that you will give me strength to work out my salvation. Now do I fall down before You and beseech You: help me, who have strayed from the Path of Truth. Shower me with Your compassion like the prodigal son, for I have made a shame of my life and squandered the wealth of Your Grace. Have mercy on me and scorn me not, due to the depravity of my life. Have mercy on me, as You had mercy on the harlot and the publican; have compassion for me as you had compassion for the thief: on earth he was rejected by everyone, but You did accept and make him an inhabitant of the sweet paradise. Accept also my repentance, for I too have been rejected by everyone. You, O Lord, came not to save the righteous, but to call sinners to repentance—Accept therefore also with me, who repents before You.- **A Spiritual Psalter, excerpts from the works of Holy Father Ephraim the Syrian**