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Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 7, 2024 A. D.

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

Saturday, July 6

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 7

10:30 AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Barbara Sivulich & William Vincent- Lisa Placek

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Joseph Becker
-Becker Family

Tuesday, July 9

10:00 AM

Wednesday, July 10

10:00 AM

†Michael Sawczuk- Lisa Placek

God's Blessing on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, July 13

6:00 PM

Sunday, July 14

10:30 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Daniel Kar- Lisa Chokola

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30 AM

Weekday Liturgy: M, W, F: 9:00 AM

20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024



TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

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

KONDAK: With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all, the Savior, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

PROKIMEN: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 15:1-7:

Brethren, we who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for good, to edification. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by patience and by comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards one another, according to Jesus Christ: That with one mind, and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive one another, therefore, just as Christ has received you, for the honor of God.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia(3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom, I hope. Alleluia(3).



Gospel of Matthew 9:27-35

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of demons he casts out demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

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



July 2024

The **Candle before the Icon of St. John the Baptist** is given
In celebration of Rev. Father Walter Pasicznyk's
10 years of priestly ordination.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In loving memory of Henry Heylek, Sr. & Joseph Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in
loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are given by the
Mary Ann Jarolen, Tom & Jenn Jones in loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz
For God's Blessings on their Granddaughter, Elizabeth & Grandson, Peyton.

The **Icon Table before the Transfiguration of Our Lord Candle**
Is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz for God's Blessings on
The 25th Anniversary of Nicholas & Cheryl Schwartz.

The clarity of vision and certitude of those who have the gift of faith is sometimes misunderstood even by those who have faith. Hence, a Catholic is sometimes impatient with one who has not the faith, wrongly thinking that the reason he sees the truth so clearly is because of his own innate cleverness, and the reason his neighbor does not see it is due either to his stupidity or his stubbornness. Faith, it must be remembered, is not due to our wisdom, and the lack of faith is not due to their ignorance. Faith is solely a gift of God. "Flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 16:17) If you have not the faith, have you not often considered as utterly foolish, absurd, and superstitious the judgements, the philosophy of life, and the outlook of those who live by faith? You think a Catholic, for instance, has surrendered both his freedom and his reason by obeying the laws of the church and by accepting the truth of Christ in His Church. Your judgement, then is very much like one who looks at the windows of the church from outside, where they seem to be a meaningless confusion of leaden lines and dull colors. Once inside the church, the leaden lines fade away as the pattern reveals itself vibrant with colors and life. In like manner, the Church may seem bewildering to those who are outside, but once you enter it, you will discover an order and harmony and "beauty that leaves all other beauty pale." The world today seems much more united in its negation of belief than in its acceptance of a belief. The older generation could give you at least ten reasons for a wrong belief, such as a belief in materialism, but the modern man cannot give even one bad reason for total unbelief. - **Remade for Happiness, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2014 pps.152-153.**

St. Gregory of Nyssa (pronounced Nissa or /'nɪsə/) says: "Do you ask why God was born among men?" "Here is the reason for God's presence among men. Our nature was sick and needed a doctor. Man had fallen and needed someone to raise him up. He who had ceased to participate in the good needed someone to bring him back to it. He who was shut in darkness needed the presence of life. The prisoner was looking for someone to ransom him, the captive for someone to take his part. He who was under the yoke of slavery was looking for someone to set him free. Were these trifling and unworthy reasons to impel God to come down to visit human nature . . . ?"

CHURCH NEWS



FOOD FESTIVAL PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a planning meeting to discuss our Labor Day Food Festival this Sunday, July 7th immediately following Sunday Liturgy. Everyone is welcome.

CANDLES: Please note that the candle sheets are in the blue folder in the back of the church and there are candles available for July and other months.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE(Next Saturday) : You are cordially invited to the second annual **Holy Spirit Parish Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday, July 13**. Sing and pray through beautiful forest land as we walk from St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua to St. Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Participants will ask God's blessing on our diocese, our country, and our world, and witness to those we meet along the way. The pilgrimage begins at 8:00 a.m. with Confessions and prayer at St. Mary's Church. A pilgrim brigade will then form and walk approximately 6 miles through the Mocanaqua Tract of the Pinchot State Forest, culminating with Holy Mass around 12:00 noon at St. Adalbert's Church. Lunch will be served and transportation will be available back to Mocanaqua. We will walk rain or shine; please dress accordingly and modestly. All are invited to participate in the pilgrimage either by walking or by submitting prayer requests. Call Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or email.

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.

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 17, 2024 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. Remember...**When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!**"



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD CEMETERY: As many Parishioners are well aware the Cemetery Fence requires some repair; the Men's Work Group has graciously offered to repair the fence. A cement-mixer would be great. They have assessed it and here is what is expected to be needed, see below. If any Parishioner(s) can help obtain materials at a discount

through work, etc. please contact the rectory If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help the men's group through the course of the repair –it will take at least all summer, please contact the rectory. We are extremely grateful that the men have donated their time to this project. Thank You! If you would like to make a donation, see the schedule below.

ASSESSMENT OF CEMETERY FENCE

18 Post concrete bases need to be removed and re-poured.
Numerous (if not most) sections of fence are missing the bottom bolts.
Some top sections of the fence need to be reattached with angle iron / welded.

The use of 16-inch Sonotube was decided.

Here is the materials list for each post to be replaced:

- 2 Foot X 16 Inch Sonotube \$10.71 (Cut from a 4-foot tube @ \$21.42 each)
- 6 - 50 LB bags of concrete (3 Cubic feet per post) \$3.33 for 50# or \$6.91 for 50# Fast Setting
- 3/8 X 2 or 2 ½ inch galvanized bolts about \$1.50 per bolt (Volume discount)
- 3/8-inch galvanized nuts about \$.40 per nut (Volume discount)
- 3/8-inch galvanized washers about \$.30 per washer (Volume discount)

Each post would cost 10.71 (Tube) + 19.98 (Regular Concrete) + 4.40 (Bolt.) = 35.09 not counting tax or discount, this is a preliminary estimate.

Depending on the materials, we need 18 donations of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and “unanticipated expenses” for the fence or \$900. Can you buy a post? We will keep updating this list as we go.

Lisa Placek- \$50 Post #1

Father Walter Pasicznyk - \$50 Post #2 only 16 posts left!!!!!!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

According to your faith let it be done unto you, (Matt 9:29), said the Lord to the two blind men, and immediately their eyes were opened. The greater the faith is, the greater is the influx of Divine power. Faith is the receiver, the mouth, and the receptacle of grace. Just as one person's lungs are large while another person's are small, and the large take in more air, while the small take in less, so one person has a large degree of faith, and another a small degree, and one person's faith receives more gifts from the Lord, and another one person's, fewer. God is everywhere, encompasses everything and contains all, and loves to dwell in human souls. However, He does not forcibly enter them, even though He is Almighty, but enters as if by invitation; for He does not want to infringe upon the power which man has over himself or infringe upon man's right to rule his own house - a right which He has granted. Whoever opens himself through faith, God fills; but whoever closes himself through unbelief, God does not enter, though He is near. Lord! Increase our faith, for faith, too, is Thy gift. Each of us should confess: I am poor and needy. (psalm 69:6) - **St. Theophan the Recluse**



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.

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.

BOOK(s) OF THE MONTH FOR JULY-Suggested Reading Material:

St. Gregory of Nyssa – On the Soul and the Resurrection
(121 pages long) by Popular Patristis Series,

Remade for Happiness- Bishop Fulton Sheen



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.