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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**August 4, 2024, A. D.**

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

**Saturday, August 3**  
**6:00 PM**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health for LaDawna Clancy  
-Maria Becker

**Sunday, August 4**  
**10:30 AM**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**In Honor of God, Father of All Mankind**  
-Nancy Marshall

**Monday, August 5**  
**10:00 AM**

**Pre-Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord**

†John Yanoshak -Yanoshak Family

**Tuesday, August 6**  
**10:30 AM**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
Myrovania & Blessing of Fruit

**Wednesday, August 7**  
**10:00 AM**

**Post-Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**In Honor of God, Father of All Mankind**  
-Nancy Marshall

**Saturday, August 10**  
**8:30 AM**

**TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PYROHY MAKING-Please come out.**

**6:00 PM**

†Pearl Bavitz - Bavitz Family

**Sunday, August 11**  
**10:30 AM**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings, Comfort & Healing for Macrina Bogusky  
-Rebecca & Michael Micca

## **Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM  
20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2024



**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Glory 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 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. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

### 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:** Alleluia(3). 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).

## 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.”

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



**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.



**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, Mike Oresick, Debbie Schwartz, Ed & Mary Schwartz.



## August 2024

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by the Koretz Family  
in loving memory of Leo R. Koretz.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Koretz Family in  
loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are given by the  
Lee Family in loving memory of Danny Lee.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley  
In loving memory of Julia Boback.

The **Icon Table before the Transfiguration of Our Lord Candle**  
Is given by the Slota Family in loving memory of  
Peter & Pauline Slota & Jennifer Wetzel.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos**

Is given by Diane Petry for the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
Lisa Placek for God's Blessings & Health for Helen & Marc Lipowski.

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!:** Happy Birthday to Mike Oresick who celebrated his birthday Wednesday, July 31st!! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant You Many Happy Years! Please keep Mike in your thoughts & prayers as he deals with his health issues.



**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!:** A Very Happy Birthday to Joanne Kawczenski who celebrates her birthday on August 7! Mnohaya Lita! Our Birthday wishes are extended to Robert Longenberger who celebrates a birthday on August 11! A Very Happy to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant them Many Happy Years!

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gagliardi who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on August 5. Mnohaya Lita! May God grant you Many, Happy & Blessed Years!



**FOOD FESTIVAL PICNIC:** Please save the date of the **Food Festival – Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. **We RELY on these fund raisers for CHURCH expenses, please help.**

**BASKET RAFFLE:** We will once again have a Raffle in conjunction with the Food Festival. Raffle Baskets are needed. (Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz have donated a TV and it will be raffled off at this time.) **We have already received a donated Liquor License.** We have some nice baskets if you need a basket. If a basket is complete, please contact Johanna Longenberger at 570-256-7883 to place them in the hall or to get a basket.

**BAKE SALE:** We will hold a bake sale at the Food Festival. Bake Goods are needed, please keep us in mind for this fund raiser.

**PYROHY MAKING:** We will be making pyrohy on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. We will be making 90 dozen so many hands are needed. We will make pyrohy again on **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** for immediate use at the Festival. The NEW price of pyrohy is \$12.



**ROOF PROJECT:** As many Parishioners are aware, we replaced half the roof this past year. More donations are needed. Please keep us in mind, more roof information is forthcoming for the remainder of the roof.

**FLEA MARKET:** We are planning to have a Christmas Flea Market before Christmas. We are accepting gently used, non-broken Christmas Decorations. Please Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**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. They have assessed it & what is expected to be needed. We need 18 posts at \$50 each and we reached our goal by the grace of God! We are extremely grateful that the men have donated their time to this project. Thank You! Our deepest gratitude for their efforts and our donors!!!! The following is the list of donors to this project. Donations to the cemetery are always welcome, be aware we reached the goal for this fund-raising project.

**Post #1** "Post-ulate a Replacement" - Helen Lipowski - \$50

**Post #2** Father Walter Pasicznyk -\$50

**Posts #3&4** "Posts with no name" - \$100

**Post #5** – Tom & Mary Ann Potsko - \$50

**Posts #6,7,8,9** – Anonymous - \$200

**Post #10 & 11** – Ed & Mary Schwartz - \$100

**Post #12** – Anonymous - \$50

**Posts # -18** - Michael Homishak-\$700

**Posts #19-** Jack & Judy Lee

**Post #20-** Lisa Placek

**Post #21—31-** Anonymous

**Post #32-** Dr. Richard Barno

**Post #33-** John Barno Jr.

**Post #34-** Dolores Jennongs

(Keep in mind that we receive post donations after the deposits have been made.)

**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. Please remember that on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we will be Blessing Flowers.

**SUMMER DINNER SERIES:** Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (WB) will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut)...\$6.00, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$4.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in the school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember..." When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

Oh Lord, when you were transfigured before being crucified, Mount Tabor was made to resemble heaven; for a cloud was extended as a canopy, and the Father bore witness to You. Peter, James, and John were present there, the same three apostles who were to be with You at the time of the betrayal of Judas, so that, having seen You in glory, they would not be dismayed at the time of your suffering. Likewise, Oh Lord, make us worthy to recognize You as our God in the sufferings You endured in Your great mercy, and to adore You.- *Stichera of Vespers for Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



**Ask Father a Question. Father, I recall speaking with you about fruit for blessing on the Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord, you specified that I should obtain grapes and apples. Why? Wasn't the apple the fruit the servant tempted Adam and Eve with? Is there a symbolism to this?**

First, the fruit with which the Devil tempted Adam and Eve was the fruit of the the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, it was not an apple. Grapes are the prime fruit to be blessed on this Feast Day, for the servants of God are called for the Gathering of the Fruits of the Vineyard. For as one sows, another reaps. God uses in parable vineyards, grapevines, grapes in all it's many meanings to remind us of the perfection of creation before mankind's sin. We are called to be good stewards of the garden. Jesus also tells us He is the Vine and we are the branches and we are to produce good fruit in the world., hence, the vines on the Iconostasis. So we are reminded, not just to bring grapes but as good stewards we are reminded that we are the fruits and Jesus is the Vine. No one can produce good fruit who is separated from the vine, Jesus Christ. Now, in Ukraine apples are plentiful and grape vines are not. So in Ukraine it is common to bring the first fruits from your garden which are apples, just as we bring pussywillows instead of palms on Palm Sunday. So bring to the Lord, the best of your first fruits.