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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**August 18, 2024, A. D.**

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

**Saturday, August 17**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, August 18**

**10:30 AM**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Anna Kutsup – MaryAnn Medlin

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Ted Weron –Mark & Arlene Jennings

**Friday, August 23**

**10:00 AM**

**God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko**

**Saturday, August 24**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, August 25**

**10:30 AM**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Barnett Kurtz- Nancy Marshall

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God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

**Welcome! VITAEMO!** You enter this Church - not as strangers, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. .... His blessing is on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in. .... Bring our people together to worship in the hope of everlasting love.

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

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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**TROPAR:** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

**TROPAR:** In giving birth you retained your virginity, in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God. You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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



**KONDAK:** My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

**PROKIMEN:** How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom.

### **A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (16:13-24):**

Brethren, Watch over yourselves, stand fast in the faith, be courageous, and be strengthened. Let all things be done in charity. And I beseech you, brethren, you know the house of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus, and of Achaicus, that they are the first fruits of Achaia, and have dedicated themselves to the ministry of the saints: That you also be subject to such, and to everyone that works with us, and labors. And I rejoice in the presence of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because that which was wanting on your part, they have supplied. For they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. Know them, therefore, that are such. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house, with whom I also lodge. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation of me Paul, is with my own hand. If any man loves not our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema, maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My charity be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42**

The Lord told this parable: “There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge about it and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he let it out to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come let us kill him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?’ They said to him, “He will utterly destroy those evil men and will let out the vineyard to other vine-dressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.’”

**INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY PROPER” :** Seeing the pure one’s falling asleep, angels marvelled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven. **Irmos:** O pure Virgin, in you are conquered the bounds of nature, for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life. Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God, never cease to save your inheritance.

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3).



### **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.

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!:** A Very Happy Birthday to Mark Jennings who celebrates his Birthday on Thursday, August 22! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant Him & His Family Many Happy Years!

**RETREAT:** Father will be on a Retreat from August 25 through September 1. (Unfortunately, the Retreat was scheduled ahead of the Food Festival.) Father George Worshak will substitute on the weekend of August 25th and Father Paul Makar will substitute on the weekend of September 1st. In case of emergency, please contact a local Catholic Priest. If you have any concerns or questions, you can reach Lisa at 570-574-1016. **If you feel you need Anointing of the Sick, contact Father NOW.**



**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. Please set aside time to help next week.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep praying for our parishioners who are unable to attend the Liturgy and are currently experiencing health problems! **They need your prayers.**

**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. **Also GREAT NEWS we have Ukrainian Beer! Thank you to everyone who already donated 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 make pyrohy again on **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** for immediate use at the Festival. The **NEW** price of pyrohy is \$12 per dozen.



**ROOF PROJECT:** As many Parishioners are aware, we replaced half the roof this past year. More donations are needed to complete the project. 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.

**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 their 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!”



**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.

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

**Gregory of Nyssa, The Life of Moses**

(208 pages long) by Paulist Press

ISBN: 978-0-8091-2112-0

**Remade for Happiness-** Bishop Fulton Sheen

## **DORMITION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

***Mary hath chosen that good part (Luke 10:42).*** The Dormition of the Mother of God represents a good end to such a choice. At her Dormition the Savior Himself received her soul into His arms. Many saints were made worthy of the same. In various ways and to varying degrees, all those who choose that good part encounter this. At the time this choice is made, the saints foresee this end through hope, and even feel it to a certain degree. But then labors, struggles, and forcing of oneself come, one after another, and obscure the chosen path. The good end of that good part remains as a guiding star. It is as a faraway shining light for a traveller who is overtaken by darkness. Hope is the stimulator of energy and the maintainer of patience and consistency in what was begun, while hope itself is strong through faith. People make their choice according to faith, and through hope they are firm in their choice, while through patience they attain that good end.- St. Theophan the Recluse



**UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Ukrainian Independence Day is Saturday, August 24, please keep praying for 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.



### **Feast Day – August 26**

#### **Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Holy Mother of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions---my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally--- with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.

## FIFTEENTH SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold (Matthew 24:12).***

Love is destroyed by transgressions; the more sins there are the less love there is. Where all is sin, do not look for love. Therefore, he who seeks the spread of love and the diminishing of the lack of love, ought to be concerned with decreasing sin and curtailing the love of sin. This is the true foundation for humanism! Having taken up this work, one must use all means to oppose sin. Outward sins are the fruit of inner sinfulness. Inner sinfulness is rooted in egoism and its offspring. Consequently, humanists need to make it a rule for themselves to suppress egoism by all means. Egoism is suppressed more forcefully by not allowing one's own will. Do not allow yourself to have your own will, and soon you will overcome egoism. On the other hand, no matter what means you want to use against egoism, you will not be able to do anything if you give freedom to your will. Hence it follows that wherever people seek their own little will in all things, they are seeking an expansion of egoism and the drying up of love, and they are seeking greater evil. Yet, such is the spirit of the current time – and evil is growing.-St. Theophan the Recluse



### 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.