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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**September 1, 2024, A. D.**

**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!**

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**

**Saturday, August 31**

**6:00 PM**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

☒John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

**Sunday, September 1**

**10:30 AM**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

☒Michael Sawczuk- Helen Lipowski

**Monday, September 2**

**LABOR DAY- No Liturgy**

**Friday, September 6**

**10:00 AM**

**MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL**

**God's Blessings for America**

**Saturday, September 7**

**8:00 AM**

☒Barenett Kurtz- Lisa Placek

**Saturday, September 7**

**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

☒William Vincent- Marc & Karen Lipowski & Family

**Sunday, September 8**

**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**

☒Catherine Wozny- John J. Cienki

**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. .... Ask His blessing 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 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 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!

**TROPAR:** Fashioner of all creation, You fixed times and seasons by Your own authority; Bless the crown of the year, O Lord, with Your goodness, preserving our nation and Your city in peace; and save us through the prayers of the Mother of God.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** You dwell on high, O Christ the King, Creator and Builder of all that is visible and invisible. You made the seasons and time and the day and night. Now bless the crown of the present year. Guard and protect our country, this city and Your people, O Lord, so rich in mercy.

**Now and for ever 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.

**PROKEIMENON:** Great is Our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end. Praise the Lord for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

### **A Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (2:1-7):**

Timothy, my son, First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed as a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also. In addition to all these things, put on love, which is the

perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all teaching wisdom and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). To You, O God, is due a hymn in Zion, and to You shall a vow be paid in Jerusalem. Alleluia (3). You will bless the crown of the year with Your goodness. Alleluia (3). Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of Matthew 22:35-46; Saint Luke 4:16-22;**

At that time, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the greatest and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “*The son of David.*” He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying, ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET”’? Therefore, if David calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He, his son?” No one was able to offer Him a word in answer, nor did anyone dare from that day *on* to ask Him any more questions.

**COMMUNION VERSE:** You will bless the crown of the year with your goodness. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (3).

**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.

**CHURCH NEWS .... WELCOME FATHER PAUL MAKAR!!!!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** A Very Happy Birthday to Bobby Miles who celebrates his Birthday on Friday, September 6th! A Very Happy Birthday to Diane Petry who celebrates her Birthday on Sunday, September 8th! Happy Birthday to MaryLouise Bailey who celebrates her birthday on September 12! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them & their families Many Happy Years and Salvation!

**UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL: Our Food Festival was a Huge Success. The food was delicious!** We sold out of most food items in the first 3 hours. Our Basket Raffle was fabulous and we sold out of tickets for it! The Bake Sale also sold out! **Thank you to ALL our Parishioners who cooked, baked, worked, donated baskets or other items or attended in this festival! YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!** (Next week will be the complete report.) Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**RETREAT:** Father Walter will be on Retreat from August 25th to September 1st. (Unfortunately, the Retreat was scheduled ahead of the Food Festival.) Father Paul Makar will substitute on the weekend of September 1st.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to O'Malias in Plains who donated all the cabbage for the Holubki and the beets for the red beet borsch for our Food Festival. Thank you very much!

**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. We will be joining the Nanticoke City wide yard sale on **Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8** in the church hall. We have received many donations and would like to sell the "stuff" to generate monies for the roof. We are also accepting any donations including clothing, books, household, etc. Please call Bob or Johanna at 570-592-5776 and we will pick up items or you can bring them to the hall. Thank you!

**93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** On Sunday, September 29 is the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pilgrimage at the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, 710 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. The schedule is posted on the bulletin boards and loose schedules are available in the back of the church.

**VOLUNTEERS:** The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great are looking for volunteers to help during this year's Pilgrimage which will take place on September 29th, on the grounds of the motherhouse in Jenkintown. If you are interested in helping us, please call Mrs. Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 at ext. 17 or by email at [development@stbasils.com](mailto:development@stbasils.com).



### **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.



### **September 2024**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak- Kulmatiski Families  
In loving memory of Sister Dolores Yanshak, OSU.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski  
in loving memory of Mary & Joseph Englot.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are given by  
Karen Fleisher & Sons in loving memory of George & Lillian Lastowski.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Ellen Kobela  
for Blessings for my mom, Leona Kobela.

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

The **Candle before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
MaryAnn Jarolen in loving memory of her mom, Irene Hvozda.

The **Candle before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given by  
Father Thomas Crean for Special Intention.

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



On God and Christ, Saint Gregory of Nazianzus  
(174 pages long) by St. Vladimir Seminary Press  
ISBN: 978-0-88141-240-6

Remade for Happiness- Bishop Fulton Sheen

## 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.

## PSALM 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say: “His love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say: “His love endures forever.”

When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in a man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to trust in princes. All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down. They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;

in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and my defense he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things! The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!” I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.





### **ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Why do we have TROPARS and KONDAKS?**

A Tropar in Old Slavonic is a Hymn, likewise a Kondak is a Hymn. These are Church Hymns that pertain to the event of the Church Liturgical Day. There are more Hymns than Tropars and Kondaks, there is a greater encompassing term called Stichera(plural). Stichera are Hymns sung during the Evening or Morning Prayer which we call Vespers and Matins. They generally come from the Psalms and they encompass Church Life. In Latin we have “Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi.” They are loosely translated to English “The Law of Praying is the Law of Believing is the Law of Living and will direct you where you will spend Eternity.”



### **ASK FATHER A QUESTION? On September 14th, it is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Father, what is the significance of the two thieves that were crucified with Christ?**

The answer comes from Practical Theology, by Peter Kreeft, published by Ignatius Press 2014, Page 240, (in summary). Pope Leo I observes: two thieves were crucified, one on His right and one on His left, to set forth by the very appearance of the gibbet (cross), that separation of all men that shall be made in his hour of judgement. And Augustine on John (7:36) The very cross if you mark it well was a judgement –seat; for the judge being set in the midst, the one (thief) who believed was delivered, the other who mocked Him was condemned. This is an example of Divine Providence, God at work even now. Existence and judgements and our choices in this life, while temporary, have eternal consequences. Jesus in the middle of mankind, rightly judges our actions done in our free will as in harmony with His law and love and compassion for others and even ourselves. The most obvious understanding of the two thieves is that the way of the one thief, even to the mockery of Christ, leads to Hell. The way of the second thief, who is repentant of his failing and Christ’s law and love, is the way that leads to salvation. Heaven and Hell, are chosen by us through our actions with our free will, a wonderful and terrifying responsibility given to us. Clearly, Christ is in the center, He is the great divider, “I have not come to bring peace but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34). Jesus even points this out to Pilot on which the irony seems to be lost in Pilot’s mind. (John 19:10-11). Jesus’s position of Judge, as position of all men is physically shown by His being in the center between the two thieves, like the King at the Last Judgement, who has the sheep to His right hand and the goats on His left. (Matthew 25:32). Note well, Jesus is not to the right or left of either thief, but in the middle, one is on His right and one is on His left, we apply this to our public life as well (politics is us acting out in public life). Does this mean that the most decisive question in the world is what we think of Jesus Christ? No. The most decisive question in the world is what Jesus Christ thinks of us, i.e. me?! Do I choose to honestly follow Christ or am I merely pretending to follow Christ? Am I the repentant, or the unrepentant, thief? I get to chose which thief I am by how I live.