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Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 8, 2024, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Saturday, September 7

8:00 AM

†Barnett 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

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

10:30 AM

†Catherine Wozny- John J. Cienki

Monday, September 9

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, September 14

9:00 AM

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS-Obligation

God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

Saturday, September 14

6:00 PM

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

†Theodore Kulmatiski- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, September 15

10:30 AM

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

†Ann Beshada- Parish

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 8:30A M

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2024



TROPAR: By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

TROPAR: Your Nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death

of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

KONDAK: By your birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its’ powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

PROKEIMENON: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (No Repeat.)

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18):

Brethren, see what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule-to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). I have exalted one chosen from the people and with my holy oil anointed him. Alleluia (3). verse: My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong. Alleluia (3). Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of John 3:13-17

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven except him who has descended from heaven: the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but have life everlasting.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send his Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY RIGHT...”: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb. (*Irmos*): Virginité is alien to mothers and childbearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore, we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

COMMUNION VERSE: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise him in the highest. I will take the cup of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3).

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.

CHURCH NEWS



SYMPATHY: It is with deep sorrow that we remember in our prayers the soul of **Ann Beshada** who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, September 6th. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints, and may her memory be eternal. Ann will be remembered for the dedicated work she did as secretary of Saints Peter & Paul Church for many years, as well as her dedication to the Saints Peter & Paul Women's Society in Plymouth. She was dedicated to her church and many community pursuits. Vichnaya Pamyat. May Her Memory Be Eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Beshada Family. A Funeral Service will be scheduled at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth.



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 Lisa Placek who celebrates her Birthday on September 9th! Happy Birthday to MaryLouise Bailey who celebrates her birthday on September 12! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them & their families Many Happy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation!



FLEA MARKET: We are planning to have a Christmas Flea Market before Christmas. We are accepting gently used, non-broken Christmas Decorations. 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!

MOVIE PRESENTATION: We are planning another Parish Movie Day. Day to be announced. There will be food and fellowship and we hope you can come!

93rd ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: On Sunday, September 29 is the 93rd 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. 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.

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

On God and Christ, Saint Gregory of Nazianus
(174 pages long) by St. Vladimir Seminary Press

ISBN: 978-0-88141-240-6

Remade for Happiness- Bishop Fulton Sheen



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.

2024 Food Festival Report

Great job everyone! This was our best year yet! Happy to say that ALL our food and baked goods sold out completely. We heard nothing but great comments about the food. We had 23 baskets for the raffle, and this year we had a liquor license, so we had beer, Ukrainian beer, wine, and vodka, in addition to the soda, water, and coffee.

We received many donations from our parishioners: the baskets for the raffle, beverages, ingredients for food items, and homemade baked goods. O'Malia's Farm Market, River Street in Plains, donated all the cabbage for the piggies (15 heads) and red beets for the borscht (13 pounds). So, pay them a visit at their store in Plains, or visit them at the Farmer's Market in Wilkes-Barre, and tell them thank you.

Also, thank you to all those who helped prepare the food, work at the festival, cleanup, and those who helped in any way to make this year's Ukrainian Food Festival a success.



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.

A PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Father in Heaven,

We look to you for peace in a world filled with anger.

We look to you for hope in a world filled with despair.

We look to you for love in a world filled with hatred.

May those who lost their lives, find peace in your Kingdom.

May families and friends left behind, find solace in your Love.

May a world shattered by these tragedies, find healing in your strength.

O Merciful Lord,

Guide our future with your wisdom.

Bestow tranquility on our world.

Bring compassion to our hearts. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 11 FACTS: 19 Muslim men hijacked four fuel-loaded U.S. commercial airlines bound for west coast destinations. This terrorist attack on the United States was orchestrated by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. A total of 2,977 people of many nationalities were killed in New York City, Washington, DC, and outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. At the World Trade Center site in Lower Manhattan, 2,753 people were killed when hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 were intentionally crashed in the north and south towers. Of those who perished during the initial attacks and the subsequent collapses of the towers, 343 were New York City firefighters, another 23 were New York City police officers and 37 others were officers at the Port Authority, again from many different backgrounds. The victims ranged in age from two to 85 years. Approximately 75-80 percent of the victims were men. At the Pentagon in Washington, 184 people were killed when hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building. Near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, 40 passengers and crew members aboard United Airlines Flight 93 died when the plane crashed into a field. It is known that the hijackers crashed the plane in that location, rather than their unknown target, after the passengers and crew attempted to retake control of the flight deck. As of September 2015, 1,640 of 2,753 WTC victims' remains have been positively identified.

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree deeply rooted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
Not so the wicked! They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

“Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them.” (Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima – August 19, 1917)



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the difference between a soul & spirit? A person’s soul is the life force and moving force of the body given by God. Many times people will speak of a person’s soul using the word “spirit,” because spirit can mean more than a person’s soul. A spirit is a being without a body. Angels, the Holy Spirit and our souls when separated from our bodies, and devils – all fall under the description of spirit and can be spoken of in this manner. A soul is made special and unique to each person. God is so wonderful, that every person has their own unique body and unique soul that they will be together for eternity. Hence, sometimes the word “spirit” can be used to describe your soul , but you cannot use the word spirit to replace the word soul



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Liturgy of Hours?

Sometimes referred to as the “Lesser Hours,” these services are intended for prayer in the early morning (First Hour, 6AM), mid-morning (Third Hour, 9AM), noon (Sixth Hour), and mid- or late afternoon (Ninth Hour, 3PM). In Eastern Churches the Hours are frequently chanted before Divine Liturgy. In addition to canonical prayer, public readings bring benefits, one is for those arriving before the Liturgy are immediately reminded that they have entered sacred space; the sound of the lector’s prayers permeating the Church help those assembling avoid unnecessary talking or similar behaviors. Secondly, The Hours are an ideal way to prepare adolescents for roles as lectors and cantors; it is precisely these younger parishioners who can easily perform the task if reading these offices. Standing at a lector off to the side of the church or in the choir loft with the choir, a single lector chants these prayers recto tono. The congregation can remain seated during the chanting of these or remain in prayer in anticipation of the Liturgy’s commencement. When the Royal Doors have been opened to begin the Divine Liturgy, the lector terminates the reading of the hour regardless of which part is being chanted. If a priest is present, there are particular prayers a priest says if it is a congregational prayer. The Hours as previously commented on can be done without the priest and the priest’s prayers are left unsaid. This is like Typica, which is basically the Divine Liturgy without the priest’s prayers being prayed.

PSALM 61

For the Director of Music. With Stringed Instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth, I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. Increase the days of the king’s life, his years for many generations. May he be enthroned in God’s presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him. Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.



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VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on September 14. Veneration of the Holy Cross became public with the discovery of the true Cross of Christ about the year 326. It was discovered during excavation operations under Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem (314-335). Tradition credits St. Helena with the discovery of the true cross of Christ. St. Helena sent a large portion of the Holy Wood to her son, Emperor Constantine the Great, in Constantinople. Another portion was sent to Rome which was later deposited in the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem. The first public veneration of the Holy Cross took place in Jerusalem on September 14, 335. The pious pilgrim Egeria, who visited the Holy Places in 380 A.D., wrote in her Diary of a Pilgrimage: "The dedication of these churches (Martyrion on Calvary and the Anastasis over the Holy Sepulchre) is observed with great solemnities, since the Cross of the Lord was also found on that day." The annual observance of the Dedication of the Basilicas together with the exposition and veneration of the Holy Cross attracted a great multitude of pilgrims. To enable the many pilgrims to view and venerate the Holy Cross, the Bishop elevated the relics of the Cross. This was the beginning of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast was introduced into Constantinople from Jerusalem and from there to Rome by St. Gregory the Great. It was thus at the end of the 6th century that the feast became "universal", being celebrated in the East and West. "We Bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we praise Your holy resurrection."

Consecration Prayer

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to Thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of Thy Son, we humbly ask that Thou wouldst turn Thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to Thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of Thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and Thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that Thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen. —**Father Chad Ripperger**



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 Proscomedial 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.

CONVENTION OF STATES: Several of our Parishioners have expressed an interest in the Convention of States Project. **BE AWARE THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ELECTION OR POLITICS AS YOU KNOW IT, AND THE TIMING OF THIS PRESENTATION WAS A MATTER OF THE SPEAKER'S AVAILABILITY.** This is strictly at most a 30 minute presentation on the organization. It will be presented on **Sunday, September 29th** immediately following the Divine Liturgy. From the COS literature: ***"Convention Of States project educates citizens on the US Constitution as the foundation of the federal government. The focus is on Article 5 (of only 7 Articles) which has two methods for amending: Congress has added 27 amendments. The second method is whereby states legislatures who agree on specific topics, can then aggregate 34 applications to start deliberating on proposals. Any proposal is not a law, instead it will be sent to the states to either reject or ratify. Our slogan is to "use the constitution to save the constitution"***

A layman's description of COS is when the states use the US Constitution for oversight of spending by the federal government. For example, a COS proposal may be to limit congressional bills to a **single** subject to be voted on by Congress. This will address the problem of a Single bill with 10,000+ pages on disparate topics that recently passed to spend \$1,000,000,000,000 (1 Trillion).

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen