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Divine Liturgy Schedule

September 15, 2024, A. D.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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

Monday, September 16

10:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for the Schwartz Family
-Lisa Placek

Friday, September 20

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, September 21

6:00 PM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠Barnett Kurtz- Nancy Marshall

Sunday, September 22

10:30 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Salvation for Maria Micca Ackley-
Rebecca & Michael Micca

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE PROTECTIONS, WE HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDER
SPENDING MORE TIME WITH OUR MOTHER!**

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

SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Antiphon 1

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not answer me; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPAR: You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

TROPAR: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

KONDAK: By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your Name. By Your power gladden the faithful people, and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

PROKIMEN: Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy. verse: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble. Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy.

A Reading from Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2: 16-20):

Brethren, know that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ; we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners; is Christ then the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build up again the things which I have destroyed, I make myself a liar. For I, through the law, am dead to the law, that I may live to God: with Christ I am nailed to the cross. And I live, now not I; but Christ lives in me. And that I live now in the flesh: I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered himself for me.

ALLELUIA: ALLELUIA(3) Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning. ALLELUIA(3). But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. ALLELUIA(3).

Gospel of Mark 8: 34 – 9: 1;



The Lord called the multitude together with his disciples, he said to them: If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel, shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For he that shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation: the Son of man also will be ashamed of him, when he shall come in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said to them: Amen I say to you, that there are some of them that stand here, who shall not taste death, till they see the kingdom of God coming in power. And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up into a high mountain apart by themselves, and was transfigured before them.

INSTEAD OF “IT IUS TRULY RIGHT...”: O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. Irmos: You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At the end of Liturgy we sing: To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection (3). **Krestu tvoyemu pokli-nya-yem-sya, Vladiko, I svyatoye voskreseniye tvoye slavim (3x).**



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.

CHURCH NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! A Very Happy Belated Birthday to Johana Longenberger who celebrated her Birthday on Wednesday, September 11th! Happy Wedding Anniversary to Bob & Johanna Longenberger who celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, September 15th! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years! And Salvation! (A Little Birdie told the Bulletin-so we celebrate you BOTH!!)



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. 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!

PRESENTATION ON THE CHURCH TEACHING OF CREATION: On Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30PM. We will have a presentation on the Church Teaching of Creation in the church basement. The presentation will be about 1 hour and a short question period will follow.

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!

WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR SALE: WHEELCHAIR RAMP: 8ft portable, foldable, 96”L by 29”W, 800lbs. capacity, requires an 8” to 24” step height necessary. Used 3 times. Please call Rita Kurtz at 1-484-651-5551.

ST. PETER & PAUL FLEA MARKET: The St. Peter & Paul (Plymouth) Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th. There will be a basket raffle for the benefit of the Ukrainian Relief Fund.

“PASTIE SALE: Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody’s happy!”

BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS & DONATIONS

	<u>Basket</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1.	Wine Box	Lisa Chokola	Lisa Chokola
2.	Picnic in the Park	Lisa Chokola	Mary Ellen Dooley
3.	\$100 Bill	Tom & MaryAnn Potsko	John Ferrato
4.	Coffee Mugs Basket	Arlene Jennings	Mary Oresick
5.	Mama Mia	Parishioner	Bob Longenberger
6.	Witch Brew	Lisa Chokola	Walter Boyson
7.	US Mint Coins	Parishioner	Chris Schwartz
8.	Hors D'oeuvres	Parishioner	Lisa Placek
9.	Eagles Basket	Parishiner	Liz Gronkowski
10.	Smart Television	Ed & Mary Schwartz	Helen Lipowski
11.	Hot Sauce Basket	Stanley Bogdan	David Youells
12.	Tea For Two	Parishioner	Dan Kozak
13.	Beauty Items/Personal	Mary Oresick	Olivia Picot
14.	Crock Pot/ Gift Card	Parishioner	Autumn Savitski
15.	\$100 Fall Basket	MaryAnn Jarolen	Joann Wisinki
16.	Keurig Basket	Mike & Jill Gagliardi	David Youells
17.	Fall Wine Basket	Lisa Placek	Kovalewski
18.	Lottery Basket	Gayle Miles	Mary Hastings
19.	Tailgate Basket	Donna Davis/Shelleys Pizza	Mariann Tkacz
20.	Cherry Coach Purse	Helen & Lisa lipowski	Leona Kobela
21.	Spa Basket	MaryMae Alberola	Steve Broskoske
22.	Fire Pit/Accessories	Stanley Bogdan	Arlene Jennings
23.	Walmart /Floral Basket	Ellen Kobela	Ava

THANK YOU !!

The honorable cross is brought out for veneration in the middle of Great Lent in order to inspire those who toil in fasting to patiently bear the yoke they have taken to the end. Why is this done in September? Is it accidental? But there are no accidents for the Providential Wisdom that arranges all things. This is why: in September the harvest is taken from the field, at least with us. And so that some of the Christians might not feel too satisfied and say: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry!" and so that others might not fall in spirit because of scarcity, the elevated cross is brought before all. It reminds the former that the support of well-being is not possessions, but their bearing of the cross in a Christian, inner way, should God's goodness bring external plenitude; it inspires the latter to acquire patience in their souls, through the certainty that they will go from the cross directly to paradise. Therefore, may some endure, knowing, that they are travelling a smooth path to the heavenly kingdom; and may the others enjoy external comforts with fear, not sealing the entrance to paradise against themselves.-St. Theophan the Recluse

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 state 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"***

UKRAINIAN DONATIONS BEING MATCHED: The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that an anonymous benefactor has committed to matching every dollar donated for the Philadelphia Reporting and Benefit Event on October 5, up to \$100,000, for the "Healing of the Wounds of War in Ukraine Fund." It is a great opportunity to help the Archeparchy, and also help the people of Ukraine. If you would like to donate, please write the check to: Archdiocese of Philadelphia and put "Phila Event" on the memo line of your check and mail it to:

Philadelphia Archdiocese
Attn: Finance
810 N Franklin Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123-2001

ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN: A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"At the door of Your compassion do I knock, Lord; send aid to my scattered impulses which are intoxicated with the multitude of the passions and the power of darkness. You can see my sores hidden within me: stir up contrition—though not corresponding to the weight of my sins, for if I receive full awareness of the extent of my sins, Lord, my soul would be consumed by the bitter pain from them. Assist my feeble stirrings on the path to true repentance, and may I find alleviation from the vehemence of sins through the contrition that comes of Your gift, for without the power of Your grace I am quite unable to enter within myself, become aware of my stains, and so, at the sight of them be able to be still from great distraction." + St. Isaac the Syrian, from The Prayers of St. Isaac the Syrian

ANGEL'S PRAYER

(Given to the three children by the Angel who preceded Our Lady's first appearance to them at Fatima.)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merit of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. (3 Times).



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.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray 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 confession of your name. 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.

From within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness (Mark 7:21-22). Here common sins are listed: but all the rest, both large and small, proceed from the heart, and the form in which they proceed are evil thoughts. The first seed of evil falls as a thought to do this or that. Why and how does this occur? Some of these instances can be explained by known laws of the joining and linking of ideas and images, but only some of them. Another, more significant portion comes from the self-propelled irritation of the passions. When a passion lives in the heart, it cannot help but demand satisfaction. This demand is revealed in an urge for something or another; with the urge is united some object or another. From this comes the thought; "Here is what I need to do." Here the same thing happens as, for example, when one is hungry; feeling hunger, one feels an urge for food; with the urge comes the thought of food itself; from this follows finding something and eating it. The third and, perhaps, largest portion proceeds from the unclean powers. The air is filled with them; they dart around people in packs. Each, according to what kind of demon it is, spreads its influence around itself to people with whom it comes into contact. Evil flies from them like sparks from a red-hot iron. Where it is readily accepted, a spark is instilled, and with it the thought of an evil deed. Only by this can one explain why evil thoughts arise, for unknown reasons, in the midst of activities which decisively not related to them. But this variety of reasons does not require a variety of ways to react to evil thoughts. There is one law: an evil thought has come---cast it out and the matter is finished. If you do not cast it out the first minute, it will be harder the second minute, and yet harder the third minute; and then you will not even notice how sympathy, desire, and the decision will be born; then the means will appear...and a sinful act is at hand. The first opposition to evil thoughts is sobriety and prayerful vigilance. - St. Theophan the Recluse

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

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 whilst take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen. —**Father Chad Ripperger**