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Divine Liturgy Schedule
November 24, 2024, A. D.
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



Saturday, November 23

6:00 PM

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠John & Mary Barno- Barno Family

Sunday, November 24

10:30 AM

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✠Barnett Kurtz- Janice Lee

Monday, November 25

10:00 AM

✠Tamara Newton- Bruce & Maria Becker

Tuesday, November 26

10:00 AM

God's Blessings on Miriam D'Agostini

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 AM

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

November 28 THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM

God's Blessings, Health & Salvation for All Parishioners

Saturday, November 30

6:00 PM

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

✠Julia Yurchak- Carl & MaryAnne Granitski

Sunday, December 1

**NO SUNDAY LITURGY AT TRANSFIGURATION OR ST.
PETER & PAUL CHURCH (PLYMOUTH).**

Plan to attend a Saturday Liturgy.

Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 24, 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 be to You!"

TROPAR: Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God, and the proclamation of salvation for the mankind. In the Temple of God, the Virgin is clearly revealed, and beforehand announces Christ to all. To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice: Rejoice, fulfilment of the Creator's plan.

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

KONDAK: The Savior's pure temple, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasury of the glory of God, is brought today into the house of the Lord; and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. God's angels sing in praise of her: She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

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 of praise, 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 of praise, and He has become my salvation.

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians(6:10-17):



Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Therefore take unto you the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: In all things taking the shield of faith, so that you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (which is the

word of God). By all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the spirit; and in the same watching with all instance and supplication for all the saints: And for me, that speech may be given me, that I may open my mouth with confidence, to make known the mystery of the Gospel.

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). Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of St. Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his 2 ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY RIGHT...": Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies. IRMOS: Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark, but instead let the lips of those who are believers sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel, crying out with great joy to the Mother of God: O pure Virgin, you are truly higher than all.

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

November Candles 2024

The **Eternal Light** is given by the MaryAnn Jarolen

In loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

In Honor of Saint Michael & All Guardian Angels.

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by
MaryAnn, Jenn & Tom in loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Candles on the Proscomedia Table** are
given by Lisa Placek for Special Intention.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek
for God's Blessings for her son, Nikolas Placek.

The **Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos**
is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in
loving memory of Anna & Michael Yanoschak.

The **Candle before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
is given by Bob & Johanna Longenberger
in loving memory of Michael Rodko and Sister Martin Rodko.

The **Candle before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given by
Rita Kurtz in loving memory of her husband, Barnett Kurtz.

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



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, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.

CHURCH NEWS Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.

PYROHY: Our church will be selling Potato Pyrohy frozen for \$12.00 call the rectory at 570-735-2262. **EAT MORE PYROHY.**



FLEA MARKET & HOT FOOD: Our Christmas Flea Market is accepting gently used, non-broken Christmas Decorations and other items, including CLOTHING. **The dates for the Flea Market are November 23, 24, 30, and December 7.** Help is needed. Please call Bob or Johanna at 570-592-5776 to volunteer to HELP or to arrange pick up of item. Come out and buy a weekend lunch! Our chefs are great!

RAFFLE BASKETS: Thank you to everyone who donated baskets or helped with the raffle! We have a great selection! **Make sure you come out and take a “chance” on a basket- they make great gifts.**

DONATE A HAM: For the Thanksgiving Holiday, many supermarkets are giving away a “free” ham (or turkey). Consider donating your “free” ham to the church if you are not using it. We can use it for Meat-fare or a Breakfast. Many stores are offering boneless hams for free- this is what we need. If you are considering this, please call Lisa at 570-574-1016.



CHRISTMAS TEA: We will have a Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 8th at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church Basement immediately following Divine Liturgy. The Tea will start at noon. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dozen cookies to share and a dozen cookies as gifts for parishioners unable to come to Liturgy. (The children will be helping with the Tea and delivering the cookies to our Parishioners with a Smile and a Christmas Carol.) If you cannot bring cookies, bring chocolate for example to be used in the cookie trays.

CAN YOU HELP?: Everyone loves the Christmas Tea, but this year we need help with sandwiches, cookies, a monetary donation, etc. Can you lend a hand please call Ali at 570-709-2514 or Lisa at 570-574-1016.

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

EUSEBIUS: THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

ISBN: 0-14-044535-8

The Soul After Death, Fr. Seraphim Rose

ISBN: 978-0-938635-14-7

Kairos: The Kairos of Salvation

Jesus once told a parable. When an owner came seeking fruit and found none, he said to the gardener, "Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" The gardener replied, "Let it alone sir, this year also, till I dig about it and fertilize it, perhaps its will bear fruit next year." Give it more time! Give it another year! God keeps giving us another year, and each year that passes brings us closer to that day when we shall appear before Him face to face. Now is the opportune Kairos or time for repentance and salvation.

New Testament writers use two Greek words that mean "time;" *Chronos and kairos*.

Chronos is chronological time, calendar time, time that moves along day by day, year by year, time as we understand it. **Kairos** is salvation time, God's time. Jesus lived a life of kairos. He never ignored a single moment or opportunity for doing any good, for serving, for healing. Kairos is time with a purpose for serving God, time preparing for eternity.

The Lord gave us chronos time in our "fallen state," calendar time, that we may eventually inherit kairos (God's time), time filled with opportunities for us to respond to God's gracious invitation to the Kingdom; time for bearing pain patiently in our lives showing the fruit of faith, hope and charity. "Behold, now is the acceptable time(kairos); behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2.

The Church does not want us to lose the Kingdom of God; it takes chronos (calendar time) and turns it into kairos (salvation time) through the liturgical year. Every day of the liturgical calendar is dedicated to some event, or saint in Salvation History.

The great danger with the Liturgical Year is OVER-EXPOSURE. After a few years we experience so many Christmases, so many Phillip's Fasts, so many Holy Weeks that we take them for granted and we miss the kairos, the urgency of the message that they bring us.

A priest once read the account of Christ's passion to a non-believer. The non-believer had never before heard about Christ much less about His suffering on our behalf. Upon hearing the account for the first time the non-believer began to cry. The pastor who read the story to him did not cry. Meditating for a moment on the meaning of this, the pastor came to the conclusion that he was the one -the priest - who was a non-believer: he had succumbed to the peril of over-exposure. He had heard the account of Christ's suffering so often that it ceased to move him anymore. So the great enemy of salvation—certainly the one we should guard against- is over exposure [becoming luke-warm toward God].

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Kairos: The Kairos of Salvation (contd)

Accordingly, the liturgical year is a great means of grace for us. It brings the Gospel to us **today**. It makes present to us **today** the great and holy events that happened in the history of our salvation- the Last Supper, Good Friday, Easter, Christmas, Epiphany so that we may experience them existentially today and make our personal response to them **today**. This is the meaning of the beautiful word kairos, making present eternity.

Sunday, the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, stands as a weekly reminder, that calendar time has a purpose, namely to lead us to the Kingdom of God. The Lord's Day is a precious and holy jewel on our weekly calendar reminding us each week that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We need the reminder at the beginning of each week that we are not lonely wanderers in this world, but that God is with us, speaking to us His words of eternal life and offering Himself to us as the Bread of Life, the Eternal Lamb of God.

Today the devil through our secular culture tries hard to steal our Great Holy Days by turning them into meaningless secular holidays. For example, the Great Holy Day of Christmas has now become the "winter" holiday. The Great Holy Day of Easter (Pascha) has now become the "spring" holiday. Holy Days add life to our years because they add God to them. The words of N.E. Singer describe the powerful difference between a holiday and a Holy Day, chronos vs. kairos:

On holidays we run away from duties, **On Holy Days we face up to them.**

On holidays we let ourselves go, **On Holy Days we bring ourselves under control.**

On holidays we try to empty our mind, **On Holy Days we attempt to replenish the spirit.**

On holidays we reach our for things we want, **On Holy Days we reach up for things we need.**

One brings a change of scene, **the other a change of heart.**

One pampers our bodies, **the other nourishes and challenges our soul.**



The next **Great Holy Day** on which we have an opportunity to experience kairos is Christmas (outside of Sundays), the Birth of Christ. In this time of Phillip's Fast moving towards the Nativity we are there, waiting and hoping for the Birth of Christ- do NOT let that opportunity go by without enriching your soul and continuing your journey of salvation. Try to experience the Nativity of Christ with the joy and hope that it brings. Remember, on Christmas Eve, we are there.