

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Church**  
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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**December 15, 2024, A. D.**

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

**Saturday, December 14**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 15**

**10:30 PM**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

☒Helen Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

☒Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk –Pasicznyk Family

**Monday, December 16**

**10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, December 17**

**10:00 AM**

**Friday, December 20**

**10:00 AM**

**Saturday, December 21**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 22**

**10:30 PM**

God's Blessings on Joseph Becker- Becker Family

God's Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

✠Andrew, Antonia & Eugene Kloss- Margaret A. Kloss

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

✠Pearl Shalaida- Barno Family

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

✠Sophie Staronka- Lisa Placek (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)



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

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



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**December 15, 2024**



**TROPAR:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**TROPAR:** By faith You justified Your ancestors and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. **Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

**PROKIMEN:** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

**A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 3:4-11:**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**ALLELUIA: Alleluia** (3). Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. Alleluia(3). The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of their afflictions. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of St. Luke 14:16-24**



The Lord told this parable, “A certain man gave a great supper, and he invited many. And he sent his servant at supper time to tell those invited to come, for everything is now ready. And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a farm, and I must go out and see it; I pray you hold me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them; I pray you hold me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ And the servant returned, and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the crippled, and the blind, and the lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, your order has been carried out, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that none of those who were invited shall a taste of my supper. For many are called but few are chosen.”

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3).

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

THE WAY OF THE FATHERS, John Chryssavgis

ISBN: 0-880971-81-X

ON THE SAINTS, Sermons by Gregory Palamas

ISBN: 978-0-9774983-6-9



### **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 Slotka; 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.

# Christmas Liturgy Schedules



## Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke

Tuesday, December 24  
8:00 PM

### **Christmas Eve**

Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

Wednesday, December 25  
10:30 AM

### **Christmas**

Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

Thursday, December 26  
10:30 AM

### **Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God**

Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

Friday, December 27  
10:00 AM

### **Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

## Ss. Peter and Paul (Plymouth)

Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 PM

### **Christmas Eve**

Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

Wednesday, December 25  
8:30AM

### **Christmas**

Divine Liturgy with Myrovania

Thursday, December 26  
8:30AM

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### **No Liturgy**

**Christ is coming...Are you ready?** DID YOU GO TO CONFESSION? SET ASIDE TIME TO PRAY.... PLAN TO ATTEND SERVICES? TEACH YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT CHRIST?? There's still time. I was thinking about the coming of Christmas. I see slogans "I BELIEVE" and "BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS" and thought as a society we were wrong. We are putting our faith in euphemisms which are marketing ploys designed to get us to literally buy into the Christmas [Industrial] machine and we miss the mark entirely. If we look at the church liturgical calendar- the Birth of Christ – that is the hope that we are searching for. We should all take the time to contemplate the mystery of the Birth of Christ and the hope it brings to us through scripture and the church. That is Christmas.

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

**CHRISTMAS TEA:** Thank you to the Combined Effort of both Parishes who hosted the Christmas Tea and prepared the appetizers and meal. The children did a wonderful job serving and singing. A Special Thank you to Ali Shappert who organized the Tea and to Christine Ferrato who led the Tea's Christmas Caroling with her guitar. Thank you to the parishioners of both churches who generously baked and donated cookies. The cookies were delivered by the children to the homebound with a smile and a carol! Thank you to Saint Nicholas who visited us at the Tea! Special Guest Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer also made an appearance! It was a lovely time! We were able to make about 20 cookie trays for the homebound! Thank You!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** A Very Happy Birthday to MaryAnn Kelly who celebrates her Birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>! A Very Happy Birthday to Christine Ferrato who celebrates her Birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant them and their Families Many Happy Blessed Years!

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

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION:** Father Walter will have confessions before and after each Liturgy, time permitting- please stand by the confessional. Confessions can also be heard by appointment, which many parishioners have done to accommodate their schedule. Please plan your confession.

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S ROSARY:** Ss. Peter & Paul (Plymouth) will hold the Children's Rosary on Saturday, December 21 at 3:40PM. Everyone is welcome!

**CHURCH DECORATING:** Thank you to everyone who helped out!

**VISITING THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** If you know someone who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion and they were not, please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.



## DECEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Father Walter Pasicznyk

In living memory of Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family

In loving memory of Randy Yanoshak.

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

in loving memory of Helen Heylek.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by Gerry Adamchak

In loving memory of Nicholas & Julia Salonski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos**

is given by the by MaryMae Alberola for

God's Blessings & Good Health for J.D. & Josh Alberola.

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

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is

Given by the Slota Family in loving memory of

Peter & Pauline Slota and their granddaughter, Jennifer Wetzel.

The **Candle Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given

By Lisa Placek for God's Blessings & Good Health

For Nikolas & Benjamin Placek.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR RAFFLE DONORS AND WINNERS!**

**Raffle Baskets**

- 1. Fire Pit**
- 2. Holiday Cheer**
- 3. Holiday Barbie**
- 4. Coffee**
- 5. Wegmans \$50 Gift Card**
- 6. Holiday Barbie**
- 7. Yard Bird**
- 8. Christmas Stocking**
- 9. Boscov's**
- 10. Snacks**
- 11. Mystery Box (\$50)**
- 12. Cash Tree**
- 13. Barbie**
- 14. Candy Cash**
- 15. Cookies Santa**
- 16. Weis Gift**
- 17. Barbie**
- 18. Popcorn Set**
- 19. Sheetz Gas**
- 20. Mamma Mia**
- 21. Barbie**
- 22. Mootz Candy**
- 23. TV**
- 24. Warm & Cozy**
- 25. Lemonade**
- 26. Wreath**
- 27. Wreath**
- 28. Christmas 25**

**Winners**

**Barbara Davison**  
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**Bob Moyles**  
**Dave Youells**  
**Nancy Saake**  
**Barbara Davison**  
**Carol Tredinnick**  
**Keith Perlucke**  
**Ann Magill**  
**Barbara Davison**  
**Mia Cardinale**  
**Tracey Moore**  
**Margaret Turchanik**  
**Carol Skoronski**  
**Elias Grevera**  
**Helen Lipowski**  
**Barbara Davison**  
**Ali Schappert**  
**Paulette Williams**  
**Autumn Savitski**  
**Pappy Johnson**  
**Lisa Placek**  
**Rose Crisler**  
**Helen Lipowski**  
**Ellen Alqrainy**  
**Peter Recek**  
**Helen Lipowski**  
**Lisa Chokola**

**The following local merchants donated to the Raffle Baskets:**

<b>Wegman's Supermarkets</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card</b>
<b>Weis Supermarkets</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card</b>
<b>Gerrity's Supermarkets</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card</b>
<b>Michael Mootz Candies</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card</b>
<b>Pasquale's Italian Restaurant</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card</b>
<b>Dundee Gardens</b>	<b>Christmas Stocking</b>

**Thank You!**

The following have donated Raffle Baskets: MaryMae Alberola, Ellen & Saad Alqrainy, Stanley Bogdan, Donna Davis, Dundee Gardens, Christine Ferrato, Gerrity's, MaryAnn Jarolen, Rita Kurta, Ann Klein, Leona Kobela, the Longenberger's, Mike & Mary Oresick, Pasquale's Restaurant, Lisa Placek & Helen Lipowski, Diane Petri, Tom & MaryAnn Potsko, Mary Schwartz & Nick & Brian Schwartz, Wegman's and the Weis Supermarket. Thank you so very much for your donations!

It is because of **YOU** that our Raffle was a success!