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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 29, 2024, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Saturday, December 28

6:00 PM

Sunday, December 29

10:30 PM

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

✠ Ted Weron- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SAINT JOSEPH and THE HOLY INNOCENTS

God's Blessings for Mary Hoolick- Peggy Hoolick

Wednesday, January 1

10:30 AM

Thursday, January 2

10:00 AM

Friday, January 3

10:00 AM

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD (w/Myrovania)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

✠ Donna Walters- Mark & Arlene Jennings

✠ Alex Szumskyj-Ulana Campbell

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 4

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 5

10:30 PM

God's Blessings for Marie Duncan- Helen Lipowski

✠ Ed Schwartz- Mark & Debbie Schwartz

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

HOLY INNOCENTS

God's Blessings for Marla Slota- Helen Lipowski



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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



SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2024



ANTIPHON 1

I will confess You, O Lord, with all my heart, I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

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

In the council of the just and the congregation, great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

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

His work is filled with praise and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever.

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, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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 Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dawn from on the high. Glory to You, O Lord.

TROPAR: O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle: You saw a virgin giving birth. With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped; they too were warned by an angel. Pray to Christ our God to save our souls. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

KONTAKION: Today the divine David is filled with gladness; Joseph along with James offers praises for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth, crying out, “O Gracious One, save those who worship You.” **Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

KONTAKION: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being; the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach; Angel with shepherds give Him glory, while Magi make their way with a star, for to us is born a little Child, the pre-eternal God.

PROKEIMENON: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19:



Brethren, I want you to know that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any man. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother.

ALLELUIA: ALLELUIA(3). Lord, remember David and all his meekness. **Alleluia(3).** How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob. **Alleluia(3).**

Gospel of Matthew 2:13-23



When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, “Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell you. For Herod will seek the child to destroy him.” So he arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Then Herod, seeing that he had been tricked by the Magi, was exceedingly angry; and he sent and slew all the boys in Bethlehem and all its neighborhood who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted, because they are no more.” But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” So he arose and took the child and his mother, and went into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being warned in a dream he withdrew into the region of Galilee. And he went and settled in a town called Nazareth, that there might be fulfillment what was spoken through the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger. Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold: the cave is heaven; the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim; the manger, a dwelling place in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain. Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of “Blessed is He who comes...”; “We have seen the true light...”; “May our mouths...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

“Blessed be the Name...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3X)



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.



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.

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



Father Walter wishes everyone a Health & Blessed New Year!!

BLESSING OF WATER: On Sunday, January 5 at 8:00PM in the evening, we will have the Vespers Liturgy with the Blessing of Water in celebration of Theophany Eve. The Feast of Theophany is Monday, January 6th. Please remember to bring your containers in order to bring water home. Please note this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG: " YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 30th Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church at 635 North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, January 5th, 2025, starting at 2 p.m. Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes."

FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS: Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols to be held at the Cathedral in Philadelphia on January 12, 2024, at 3:00pm.

MYOSOPUSNA 2025: Myasopusna will fall on Sunday, February 23rd. Please save the date.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2025, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: 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.

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

The Fathers of the Church, St. John Chrysostom

On the Incomprehensible Nature of God

ISBN: 0-8132-1027-5

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase;" (ISAIAH 9:1)



ASK FATHER A QUESTION... Father, I looked ahead and noticed Theophany Eve is Sunday January 5th, and we are never supposed fast on a Sunday, is the Theophany Fast moved to Friday January 4th this year? In short, no, the fast for

Friday is prescribed as a simple abstinence from meat.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, is Epiphany and Theophany the same Feast Day?

Epiphany and Theophany are two different feasts that are celebrated on the same day. One Holy Day and two events are remembered on that day. The Western Church (Roman Catholic) emphasizes the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles (Magi or Three Kings) and they do recognize the baptism of Jesus Christ on the same day- the Western Church calls it Epiphany from the Greek {to reveal}. The Eastern Church (Ukrainian Church is one of the Eastern Churches) emphasizes the baptism of the "Adult" Jesus Christ in the Jordan River at the beginning of his ministry and the three kings are remembered –the Eastern Church calls this Feast Day Theophany, from the Greek {to show us God}.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, is on January 1st we celebrate the Circumcision of Christ- I was watching EWTN, the Western Church celebrates a feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary- what's going on? On the 8th day after giving birth a faithful Jewish woman would present herself to the Temple for the cleansing ritual and prayers according to the law. On the 8th day for a male child after being born, the child is presented to the priests for circumcision in obedience to Mosaic Law. Both events, the Synaxis of the Mother of God and Circumcision of Jesus Christ are being remembered simultaneously regardless of the title of the feast. What this witnesses is that even God obeys His own law and Mary and Joseph are faithful as well.

Father, how long is the “Christmas Season?” Like Easter, Christmas is the only other feast that has a 40 day long Preparation Period (Phillip’s Fast) and 40-day Festal Period. Also, like Easter, Christmas is an eight day feast. You might remember that on Easter and the entire week following the Royal Doors and Deacon Doors are open because it is seven days of Sunday. In our church, there are Feasts that 1, 3, and 8 days. On the Feasts that last more than one day, the final day of the Feast is called the Leave-Taking. The Leave-Taking of Christmas is December 31. If you pay attention to the Liturgies, Daily and Sunday, throughout the course of the year, you will notice that for the Feast Day itself, there are multiple special prayers for the Feast, Old Testament Readings, Antiphons, Tropars, Kondaks, Prayers to the Mother of God, Communion Hymns and Ambvon (Priest’s Prayers). For the Feasts that last several days, you will notice that some of the special prayers will be included during this period. Possibly, the Antiphons, Tropars, Kondaks, and Prayers to the Mother of God-(It is Truly Right...). For the forty day Festal Period, we don’t include all of those prayers liturgically, but you know it is the forty day Festal Period because of the greeting Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Part of the confusion with Christmas is that we have the Feast of Theophany, Synaxis of the Mother of God, Synaxis of St. John the Baptist, and the Feast of St. Stephen, in the middle of the Christmas Season, this does not negate the Christmas Festal Period that concludes with the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon.