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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 5, 2025, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Saturday, January 4

6:00 PM

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

†Ed Schwartz- Mark & Debbie Schwartz

Sunday, January 5

10:30 PM

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

God's Blessings for Marla Slota- Helen Lipowski

VIGIL OF THEOPHANY (w/Myrovania)

Great Compline/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

****4:00 at Ss. Peter & Paul (Plymouth)****

8:00 PM

†Barno Family- Lisa Placek

Monday, January 6

10:30 AM

THEOPHANY (W/Myrovania)- Obligation

†Anna Kutsup- MaryAnn Medlin

Tuesday, January 7

10:00 AM

SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

†Ted Weron- Ray & Sue Rakowski

Thursday, January 9

10:00 AM

God's Blessings & Good Health for James Campbell Jr.
- Ulana Campbell

Friday, January 10

10:00 AM

GREGORY OF NYSSA- BISHOP

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 11

6:00 PM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

†Jack Guzowski- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, January 12

10:30 PM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

God's Blessings & Good Health for Robert Miles Sr.
- Bob Miles & Gayle Miles



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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



SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
January 5, 2025



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: O Creator of the world, You have appeared in the world to give Light to those that sit in darkness. Glory to You who love mankind. For where should Your Light have shown if not on those who sit in darkness? Glory to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: O compassionate Christ, Who absolves our sins in the depth of Your mercy, You came to be baptized with the water of the Jordan. You robed me in splendor, replacing my ancient garment of evil.

PROKEIMENON: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading of the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy(4:5-8):

Brethren, but you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). God, be merciful to us and bless us. Alleluia(3). Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. Alleluia(3).

Gospel of Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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



ANTIPHON 3: Refrain: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word’s certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” **-Jn 15:18-20**



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.



JANUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family In loving memory of the deceased members of the Yanoshak/Kulmatiski Families.

The **Candle Before St. Nicholas** is given by Ellen Algrainy
In loving memory of my father, Wasil Kobela.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos**
is given by the by Jane & Charles Wetzel in loving
memory of the deceased members of the Slota Family.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
The Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota
& 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.

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.

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Church envelopes and calendars are in the back of the church for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes there, please contact the rectory so that we can arrange to have envelopes for you. **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.**



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: IT'S THIS SUNDAY! " 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."

BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please use the envelope in your collection box or leave a note in the collection basket. Also please let Father know if a visit during daytime hours is possible. No donation is required- even though the envelope says the requested amount.

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 23th. 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.

FOR SALE: Anker 767 PPS + Anker 531

Anker Portable Power Station 767, and 200W Solar Panel for Home, Power Outage, Outdoor Camping

I am selling the Portable Power Station and the Solar Panel as a unit for \$900.00. My husband bought them a year ago and paid nearly \$2500 for both. He wanted them to keep his oxygen concentrator going in case of an outage. He has since died, and I have moved out of the house they were intended for. They have never been used. Anker is a top-rated brand. I cannot negotiate the price listed and will accept cash only. I will meet the buyer at a public location to do the transaction. Potential buyers can also do research to find out more about these 2 items at Anker's website or even on Amazon. Please contact Rita #484-651-5551, Dallas, PA. The items are listed on Craig's List for more information.

Why did Jesus seemingly abandon John the Baptist to his captors and leave for Galilee?

God's ways are not man's ways, God's ways i.e. Jesus's ways, are for the salvation of mankind. He did not abandon John, but rather is heading out to save the lost. Also, Jesus looking forward to salvation, knows that what must pass is His judgement of the whole world. What we call Judgement Day. On that day when John the Baptist is judged for heaven, and everyone who refused John's preaching of repentance earns for themselves the judgement of hell and they when they complain to Jesus, Jesus will point to John the Baptist and say, "You refused his teaching, which is My teaching, and have earned for yourself hell by not repenting from your sins." As we prepare for the Great Fast this is what we are called to do and it is critical that it is to be done well, to honestly look in the mirror at our actions, emotions, and spirit, do we truly follow Jesus's teaching or do we reject it?

From St. John Chryostom's Homily on Theophany.....

First of all therefore, it is necessary to say that there is not one Theophany, but two: the one actual, which already has occurred, and the second in future, which will happen with glory at the end of the world. About this one and about the other you will hear today from Paul, who in conversing with Titus, speaks thus about the present: "The grace of God hath revealed itself, having saved all mankind, decreeing, that we reject iniquity and worldly desires, and dwell in the present age in prudence and in righteousness and piety" -- and about the future: "awaiting the blessed hope and glorious appearance of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Tit 2:11-13). And a prophet speaks thus about this latter: "the sun shalt turn to darkness, and the moon to blood at first, then shalt come the great and illuminating Day of the Lord" (Joel 2:31). Why is not that day, on which the Lord was born, considered Theophany -- but rather this day on which He was baptised? This present day it is, on which He was baptised and sanctified the nature of water. Because on this day all, having obtained the waters, do carry it home and keep it all year, since today the waters are sanctified; and an obvious phenomenon occurs: these waters in their essence do not spoil with the passage of time, but obtained today, for one whole year and often for two or three years, they remain unharmed and fresh, and afterwards for a long time do not stop being water, just as that obtained from the fountains.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

(Gaspard):

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

(Melchior):

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high.

Refrain

(Balthazar):

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

