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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 11, 2025, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Saturday, January 11

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 12

10:30 AM

Monday, January 13

10:00 AM

January 14

10:00 AM

Friday, January 17

10:00 AM

Saturday, January 18

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 19

10:30 AM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

✠Jack Guzowski- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

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

- Bob Miles & Gayle Miles

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

God's Blessings & Good Health for Becker Family

-Bruce & Maria Becker

God's Blessings & Good Health for Joseph Becker

-Bruce & Maria Becker

THIRTY-FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST

✠Ted Weron- Ray & Sue Rutkowski

THIRTY-FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings & Good Health for Alex Szumskyj

-Ulana Campbell



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

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



SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
January 11, 2025



Antiphon 1

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
The sea beheld this and fled, the Jordan turned back on its course.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?
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, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.
For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

ENTRANCE: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPAR: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

TROPAR: 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 immutability. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

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

KONDAK: Today, You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

PROKIMEN: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you.

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13:



Brethren, but to each one of us grace as has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

ALLELUIA: ALLELUIA (3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, I will announce Your truth with my mouth. ALLELUIA (3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. ALLELUIA (3).

Gospel of Matthew 4: 12 - 17

At that time when Jesus heard that John had been delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving the town of Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capharnaum, which is by the sea, in the territory of Zabulon and Nephthalim, that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, “Land of Zabulon and land of Nephthalim, by the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, a light has arisen.” From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

INSTEAD OF: “It is Truly Right...”: O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to mankind. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. ALLELUIA (3).

Instead of “Blessed is He who comes...” “We have seen the true light...”
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.(1X)

“May our mouths...” and “Blessed be the Name...” we sing:
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.(3X)

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Church envelopes and calendars are in the basement of the church for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes there, please sign the sheet and take a box of envelopes-some people use the envelopes & some don't. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.



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.

THEOPHANY- The Baptism of the Lord is called Theophany [revelation of God] because in it the one true God, worshipped in Trinity, revealed Himself so palpably: God the Father — through the voice from heaven, God the Son incarnate — through His baptism, and God the Holy Spirit — through the descent upon the Baptized. Here the mystery of the relationship between the persons of the Most Holy Trinity is also revealed. God the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son but does not proceed from the Son. Here also is revealed the fact that the incarnate Divine economy of our salvation is accomplished by God the Son incarnate, coexisting with the Holy Spirit and God the Father. And it is revealed that the salvation of each person can be accomplished no way other than in the Lord Jesus Christ, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, according to the good will of the Father. All the Christian Mysteries shine here with their divine light and enlighten the minds and hearts of those who with faith celebrate this great festival. Come, let us mentally hasten on high and plunge ourselves into the contemplation of these mysteries of our salvation, singing, “When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest” — a salvation which in trinity establishes us, and in Trinity saves us. - St. Theophan the Recluse



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 Alrainy
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.



THANK YOU: Thank You for all your prayers, cards and gifts during the Christmas Season. They are deeply appreciated! I also thank all of the Parishioners for their generous donations to the Parish during the year, and this Christmas Season. I deeply appreciate your sacrifice to Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in your time, efforts and monetary donations. I am certain that all the Parishioners have a heartfelt “Thank You” as well for this past year. Fr. Walter Pasicznyk

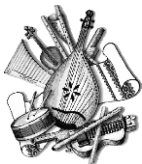
MYASOPUSNA MEETING: There will be a quick organizational Myasopusna Meeting after church on Sunday, January 12.



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

BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have their home blessed, 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 requested amount.

PIGGIE DINNER: “Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes- Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 25th, 2025. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in our school hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinners include; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.”



MYOSOPUSNA PROJECT 2025: Myasopusna will fall on Sunday, February 23rd. There was a meeting of the Myasopusna Group. Like many projects, we need a group of people to volunteer to work the event, **please save the date.**

CANDLE SHEETS FOR 2025: The new candle sheets are in the back of the church.

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



Father, what is meant by the “Winter Pascha”? I read that term online and was confused. “Pascha” literally means passover, lamb and bread. The term winter paska is phrase used in modern times, coined by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann of the Orthodox Church. “The liturgical services of Christmas are patterned after the services for the Festival of Pascha of the Lord, the Holy Resurrection. There is a forty day fast. There are pre-feast preparations. There are the special Royal Hours with their prophecies, Epistles, Gospels, and hymns on the eve of the feast. Followed by the Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. There is the solemn all-night Vigil, crowned by the Matins, Canon and Hymns. And finally, after the Eucharistic celebration of St. John Chrysostom on the day of the feast itself, the celebration continues to it’s completion in the MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE forty days later. At the center of the festal season, remains the original “Festival of Lights,” the Holy Theophany of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. The liturgical verses and hymns for Christmas and Theophany, the Pascha of Christ’s incarnation and manifestation in the flesh, repeat those of Easter, the Pascha of Christ’s death and resurrection. The Lord’s birth and Baptism are directly connected to His dying and Rising. He was born in order to die. He was baptized in order to be raised. The Con-Holy Theophany, the harmony between the events is overwhelming. The beauty of it is almost more that believer can bear.” - excerpt from The Winter Pascha by Thomas Hopko

Why does the Processional Cross have a seeming star burst or rays of light coming from it? Simply put you are seeing the Star of Bethlehem announcing Christ’s birth and the Cross which Christ was crucified on both at one time, how Jesus Christ entered and exited this world. Because God exists outside of time, all the works of salvation are one and the same work, even those we experience them on different days and in different ways.