

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

**January 18, 2025, A. D.**

**Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!**

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**



**Saturday, January 18**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 19**

**10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, January 21**

**10:00 AM**

**Wednesday, January 23**

**10:00 AM**

**Friday, January 24**

**10:00 AM**

**Saturday, January 25**

**8:00 AM**

**Saturday, January 25**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 26**

**10:30 AM**

**THIRTY-FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST**

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**THIRTY-FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings & Good Health for Alex Szumskyj

-Ulana Campbell

**Maximus the Confessor**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Timothy - Apostle**

✠Leo Szumskyj-Ulana Campbell

✠Barnett Kurtz- Janice Lee

**GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & Bishop**

Special Intention- Lisa Placek

**THIRTY-SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Peggy Kutzer- Jack & Judy Lee

**THIRTY-SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST**

✠Ed Schwartz-Roman & Luba Karpa



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

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



**THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
**January 18, 2025**



**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!”

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

**PROKEIMENON:** 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 First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy 1:15-17:***

Brethren, here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**ALLELUIA:** 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).

**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

### **Gospel of Luke 18:35-43**

Jesus approached Jericho; a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

**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).



**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.

### **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. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.

**SING-CON 2025:** Save the date if interested. The date for SING-CON 2025 is October 23-26, 2025 at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ.

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** A Very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Gerri Adamchak who celebrates her Thursday, January 30. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Her Many Happy Blessed Years!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

**PYROHY MAKING:** We will be making Pyrohy on Saturday, February 08, 8:30 AM , making 60 dozen and freezing for Lent. We will be making 60 dozen fresh pierogi on Thursday 02/20/2025, 8:30 AM, for serving and sales at Myasopusna dinner. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**RAFFLE BASKETS:** We will be having a Basket Raffle in Conjunction with Myasopusna. If you could donate a basket, psanky egg, etc... please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

**MYASOPUSNA DESSERT:** We need baked goods for dessert for Myasopusna. Please consider making cupcakes or cake or cookies for the dinner.

**SERVERS:** We are in NEED of people to help serve. Please help.



**MYOSOPUSNA PROJECT 2025:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is pleased to announce that dinner tickets are now available for our Annual Myasopusna Festival, held at the church's banquet hall, 240 Center Street, Nanticoke, on Sunday, February 23, from noon to 4 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) Festival is the parish's pre-Lenten celebration, preceding the Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of holuptsi, kobasi, pyrohy, borscht, black bread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, followed by live Ukrainian dance performances by Kazka and Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. A variety of Ukrainian crafts will be on display and for sale. Dinner tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased by calling Helen (735-4654) and leave a message or Lisa (574-1016). Invite your friends and neighbors!



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

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

**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 the 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, vegetables, 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.”



### **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.



## PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Dear Lord, We thank You for sending your messenger – John the Baptizer – to introduce the Messiah to us. Help us to prepare the way for Him as He seeks to enter our lives today. Let us remove the mountains of pride and prejudice and make straight our crooked and deceitful ways through repentance. For He who comes to make His home in us is the Lamb of God. He comes to take away our sins and make us the tabernacles of His presence in the world. Amen

**Father, I have been listening to the Epistles for years.... Who are the Corinthians, the Colossians, Ephesians, the Phillipians, the Hebrews, the Galatians, the Romans, and the Thessalonians? Who are Timothy, Philemon, James, Titus, John, Peter and Jude? Why are they relevant?** Let us begin with the word “Epistle,” which is Greek meaning “letter.” St. Paul wrote letters to the people that were following the teachings of Christ whom he taught and converted (or others) in Corinth, Galatia, to those in Ephesus, Thessalonica, Colossae, and to Romans in various places of the kingdom—but specifically Rome. That is, these letters are to the established churches and believers, some of whom were having troubles, some were doing well. The Epistles of St. Paul pre-date the Gospels. **Timothy** was a fellow worker and evangelizer with St. Paul. In some difficult situations when Timothy was alone, and St. Paul was evangelizing elsewhere, St. Paul wrote to Timothy to encourage him. **Titus** was a gentile who converted to Christianity and became a disciple. He also was with St. Paul on one of his missionary journeys. St. Paul wrote to Titus to help him evangelize others. **Philemon** was a man of means of Colosse and because of his situation ONE letter is written to him by St. Paul. In the Epistles, the next people were Apostles who wrote these letters; **St. James, St. Peter, St. John, St. Jude** who wrote letters to faithful people- not to St. Paul or from St. Paul. Now there were many other letters written among the Apostles and the faithful that were not included in the Holy Scriptures, what you know as the Bible. The reason these letters are included in the Canon is because we have something to learn from them in our lives that these same followers of Christ needed to learn in their lives. In other words, these letters are productive for our edification and the whole Church.

### **1Timothy 6:17-21 Luke 18:31-34**

The Lord told the disciples about His suffering, but they did not comprehend anything He said; *This saying was hid from them (Luke 18:34)*. Later, the faithful *determined not to know anything, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified* (1 Corinthians 2:2). Before the time came, they did not understand any of this mystery; but when the time came, they understood, and taught everyone, and explained it to everyone. This happens with everyone, not only with regard to this mystery but to all the other mysteries as well. What is not understood in the beginning, becomes understood with time; it is as if a ray of light enters the consciousness and brightens what was formerly dark. Who is it that elucidates it? The Lord Himself, the grace of the Spirit that lives in the faithful or one’s Guardian Angel—but in no way is it the person himself. He is the recipient, not the cause. On the other hand, something else might remain incomprehensible for one’s whole life—not only for individuals, but for all of mankind. Man is surrounded by things he does not

understand. Some are cleared up over the course of his life, while others are left until the next life—they will be seen then. This applies even to minds enlightened by God. Why are things not revealed here? Because some things are incomprehensible, so there is no point in talking about them. Others are not proclaimed out of considerations of health—that is, it would be harmful to know about them prematurely. Much will become clear in the next life, but other subjects and other mysteries will also be discovered then. A created mind will never escape inscrutable mysteries. The mind rebels against these bonds, but whether you rebel or not, you cannot sever the bonds of mystery. Humble yourself, proud mind, beneath the mighty hand of God—and believe!-**St. Theophan the Recluse**