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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**January 26, 2025, A. D.**

**Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!**

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

**Saturday, January 25**

**6:00 PM**

**THIRTY-SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST**

†Peggy Kutzer- Jack & Judy Lee

**Sunday, January 26**

**10:30 AM**

**THIRTY-SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST**

†Ed Schwartz-Roman & Luba Karpa

**Monday, January 27**

**10:00 AM**

**Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom**

**God's Blessings for Michelle**

**Thursday, January 30**

**10:00 AM**

**THREE HOLY HIERARCHS-SIMPLE**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**Friday, January 31**

**10:00 AM**

God's Blessings for Larry & Janice Lee-Diane & Rita

**Saturday, February 1**

**8:00 AM**

†Josephine Latoszewski- Diane, Rita, & Janice

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON**

**6:00 PM**

†Ted Weron- Ray & Sue Rutkowski

**Sunday, February 2**

**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON**

†Mary Kowalchek Hoolick- Peggy Hoolick



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

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

**SUNDAY OF THE CAANANITE WOMAN**  
**THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY PENTECOST**  
**January 26, 2025**

**TROPAR:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

**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 compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

**PROKEIMENON:** Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

***A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:16-7:1:***

Brethren, what agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate", says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." And "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and in the fear of God strive to fulfill our consecration perfectly.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia(3). Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. 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 Matthew 15:21-28**



Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** 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.

### **PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH**



O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, January 30. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Her Many Happy Blessed Years! If you get a chance wish Gerri a Happy 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!!!!

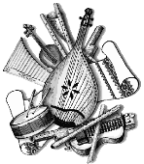


**PYROHY:** Our church will be selling frozen Potato Pyrohy for \$12.00/dozen, call the rectory at 570-735-2262. **EAT MORE PYROHY.**

**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 the requested amount.

**CHURCH UNDECORATING:** The Christmas decorations will be taken down on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM. If you are available come out and help.

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



**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!

**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 Ukrainian Basket Raffle in Conjunction with Myasopusna. It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive donations. If you cannot donate a basket, consider donating a psanky egg, bottle of wine, chocolates, lottery tickets, money, etc. or any other items to make a basket, please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883.

**MYASOPUSNA DESSERT:** Baked goods are needed for desserts. They can be dropped at church basement on Saturday or early on the day of the dinner. They do not need to be cut or packaged. You can call Lisa at 570-574-1016 for drop off or questions. We are trying to get them to the hall a little before the dinner so that we are not cutting cakes while we are serving.

**MYASOPUSNA SERVICE HELP:** Please come out and help. We need servers and help-many hands make light work. Most of the help needed is between noon and 2:00PM to serve. If you have any grandchildren or teenagers that can help serve on February 4 it would be appreciated. We need SERVERS.

**PROGRAM BOOK ADS:** We will once again sell ads in our program book. If anyone is interested, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.



**UKRAINIAN PYSANKY CLASSES:** Classes are being offered by St. Cyril's Church in Olyphant. March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>, with two classes each day: 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Students will learn about this beautiful Ukrainian tradition. The cost is \$25 per person, with supplies included. Class size is limited, and registration is required. Contact: Tammy Budnovitch 570-766-1919 to register for this parish fundraiser held at St. Cyril's Parish Hall, 207 River St., Olyphant.

**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.

**ANSWERS TO PRAYER:** If God is slow to grant your request and you do not receive what you ask for promptly, do not be grieved, for you are not wiser than God. When this happens to you, it is either because your way of life does not accord with your request, or because the pathways of your heart are at odds with the intention of your prayer. Or it may be because your inner state is too childish by comparison with the magnitude of the thing you have asked for. It is not appropriate that great things should fall easily into our hands, otherwise God's gift will be held in dishonor, because of the ease with which we obtain it. For anything that is readily obtained is also easily lost, whereas everything which is found with toil is preserved with care. - **St. Isaac of Syria**

Divine Liturgy is a remedy for our spiritual sicknesses and the most efficacious sacrifice for our sins.- **St. John Chrysostom**



### **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.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION?** Father, first, I must say I do not go to communion on a regular basis. How often should one go to communion? I feel “incorrect” not going to communion without going to confession. Confession however, seems to be like “Sin, Confess, Repeat”.... and seems to lack a depth of repentance. Can you help me with this? Perhaps I have the wrong perspective on this? Is the forgiveness I hope to receive something I give myself? I understand Absolution, the problem seems to be with me, not the sacrament. **PRIEST:** *WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ABSOLUTION?* **PARISHIONER:** *Forgiveness of sins.* Perhaps, an adjustment in your perspective would help. Absolution is not merely a forgiveness of sins, but literally means from the Latin, “to untie you from the devil or to unchain you from the devil” which is the result of sin. Perhaps, your feeling incorrect is from a viewpoint on your life and your sins as a sense of not taking serious your behaviors- in other words- to take a sincere approach to your Sacramental Life. If you truly believe in God, and truly try to follow His commandments, and recognize that the devil and his fallen angels (demons) have been watching you intently all your life, and they know your weaknesses and will tempt you to break the commandments even in the most minor way either directly or through the interaction with other people. So yes, you might feel like your life is a revolving door and once you are at peace after having sinned you then recognize your action as a sin- which perhaps in that moment you did not desire or intend to do. So you grasped this when you reflect back on your day, week, or life in examining your conscience and perhaps you feel frustrated or hopeless, but this is truly not the case with the sacraments. The devil will tempt you even with these feelings. The question to ask when you examine your conscience and you live your life and even in the confessional (with the priest), is “Are you truly sorry for these sins?” and “Are you actively trying to NOT repeat these sins?” If the answer is “Yes” then you have truly received forgiveness from God. So the question is “Do you lack a depth of repentance or is there something else going on?” The answer to this could be that you might need a spiritual director, we all need a spiritual director in our lives, especially the clergy. I am guessing by our discussion so far, you need a spiritual director in your life. I have not heard my entire life and I doubt many others people have as well, that a spiritual director was even an option. Your spiritual director does not have to be a priest or nun, but someone who is further along the path of holiness than you are. In training for a sport, you seek out someone who has mastered that sport, so you too, should we seek a spiritual director who excels in the path of holiness. The point of this is, your spiritual director would assist you with your prayer and devotional life to help you grow in closeness and love of God so that you don’t feel so much that you are in a revolving door of Sin, Confess & Repeat. Your spiritual

director will give you “prayer exercises” to help you. Yes, you might commit the same sins again but hopefully less often and with a greater resolve you will remain sin-free. Now about receiving communion, we should receive communion as often as possible and we should do this with a clear conscience. The simple reason is the receiving of Holy Communion is the action that finishes Confession and prepares you for heaven. If you should die today... you would desire a clean conscience for none of us knows the hour of our calling. “All have sinned. All have fallen short of the glory of God.”-Roman 3:23

**(The above account is true. The question was asked by a parishioner. The names have been changed to protect the sinner. Any resemblance to the Parishioner sitting next to you is a coincidence.)**