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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule** **February 9, 2025, A. D.**

**Saturday, February 8**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 9**

**10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, February 11**

**8:00 AM**

**Wednesday, February 12**

**8:00 AM**

**Thursday, February 13**

**8:00 AM**

**Friday, February 14**

**8:00 AM**

**Saturday, February 15**

**6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 16**

**10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE**

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE**

†Dr. Michael Sawczuk- Gayle & Bob Miles

†Anna Kutsup- Donna Wurcester (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

†Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk – Pasicznyk Family

God's Blessings for Stanley Ftorkowski

- Michael & Rebecca Micca

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

†William Vincent & Barbara Sivulich- Lipowski Family

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

†Ed Schwartz- Mark & Arlene Jennings

**\*\*The Daily Liturgies will now be at 8:00 AM, except for Holy Days  
or unless otherwise requested. \*\***



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

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

## SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

February 9, 2025

**TROPAR:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**TROPAR:** Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God! From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, who enlightens those who dwell in darkness. And you, O righteous Elder, be glad! You received in your embrace the Liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican and approach the Master as sinners, for He desires salvation for everyone. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**KONDAK:** By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God; give peace to Your community in time of war, and strengthen its rulers, whom You love, for You alone, are the Lover of mankind.

**PROKIMEN:** You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation and forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, My Savior.

### **A Reading of the Second Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 3:10-15:**

Timothy my son, you, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**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 forever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia (3). Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word. Alleluia (3).

**Gospel of Luke 18:10-14**



At that time, “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



**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 leaving a message or Lisa (574-1016).

**KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE ABOUT 40 TICKETS LEFT FOR THE DINNER!**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP...

**PYROHY MAKING:** We will be making 60 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 **NEED** Raffle Baskets for the Myasopusna. Our raffle is one of the highlights of our events and we are hoping people will be once again generous in their donations. Please, always include your name and the contents of the basket on it. If you have any questions, give Johanna a call 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 and people to work in the kitchen. If you don't feel comfortable serving, we have a KITCHEN SPOT FOR YOU or another job!**

Yesterday the Gospel Reading taught us persistence in prayer, and now it teaches us humility, or the feeling that we have no right to be heard. Do not assume that you have the right to be heard, but approach prayer as one unworthy of any attention, allowing yourself only the boldness needed to open your mouth and raise up your prayer to God, knowing the Lord's boundless condescension towards us poor ones. Do not even allow the thought to come to your mind, "I did such and such –so give me such and such." Consider whatever you might have done as your obligation. If you had not done it you would have been subject to punishment, and what you did deserves no reward; you did not do anything special. That Pharisee enumerated his right's to be heard and left the temple with nothing. The bad thing is not that he actually did as he said, or indeed he should have done it. The bad thing is that he presented it as something special, whereas having done it he should have thought no more of it. Deliver us, O Lord, from this sin of the Pharisee! People rarely speak like the Pharisee in words, but in the feelings of their heart they are rarely unlike him. For why is it that people pray poorly? It is because they feel as though they are just fine in the sight of God even without praying.- **St. Theophan the Recluse**

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** A Very Happy Birthday to Stephanie Jennings who is celebrates her birthday February 5th. A Very Happy Birthday to Ellen Algrainy who celebrates her Birthday on February 7th. A Happy Birthday to Doris Parcel who celebrates her Birthday on February 20th! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years, Peace, Health and Salvation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Happy Anniversary to Mark & Arlene Jennings who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on Friday, February 14! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Them Many Happy Years, Peace, Health and Salvation.

**LENT:** Remember, the first day of Lent is a day of fast from Meat and Dairy Products. Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday, March 2nd at 3:00 PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. The first full day of Lent will begin on Monday, March 3rd. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at Ss. Peter & Paul Church will be on Fridays at 5:00pm and at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

**LITURGICAL INTENTIONS:** Please keep in mind that there are no weekday liturgies during Lent. Please note that during Lent if there is a Funeral, there will be no Divine Liturgy with that service. If you want to add a Divine Liturgy, a special Liturgy can be done on Saturday morning.

**PYROHY GROUP:** Many thanks to our committed group of Parishioners who consistently make Pyrohy. We are very grateful for you! Thank You!



**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.

**THE FIVE SATURDAYS OF THE DECEASED (SOROKUSTY):** The Church Typikon designates the five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased for 2025 as February 22nd; March 15th, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup> and June 7th. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Matins of the Deceased (Parastas) on these five Saturdays of the year. There is an envelope in your box for Sorokousty. Or write a note and put it in the basket.



**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.



### FEBRUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen & Donna Davis  
In loving memory of their father, Michael Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Lee Family  
in loving memory of Red & Helen Lee.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by  
by Lisa Placek for God's Blessings on Helen & Marc Lipowski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Transfiguration** is  
Given by the Pasicznyk Family in  
loving memory of Anhel Pasicznyk.

The **Candles Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given  
By the Pasicznyk Family in loving memory of Irene Jaworskyj.

The **Candle Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given  
By Lisa Placek for God's Blessings & Good Health  
For Nikolas & Benjamin Placek.

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To The Theotokos: A Request For Guidance In Life & Help In Death

O Virgin Lady and Mother of God, thou who didst bear Christ our Savior and God in thy womb, I place all my hope on thee; in thee do I trust, for thou art higher than all the powers of heaven. Thou, who art All-Pure, protect me by thine all-powerful prayers. Direct my life and lead me on the path indicated by the holy will of thy Son and our God. Grant me remission of sins, be to me a refuge, a protection, a defense, and a directress, guiding me along the path to eternal life. Do not leave me in the terrible hour of death, O my Lady, but rush to my aid, rescue me from the bitter torments of the demons. For if thou so chooseth, thou hast the power to do this, for thou art truly the Mother of God who reignest over all. Cease not to pray for all of us, thine unworthy servants, that we might be delivered from all the wiles of the Evil One and from all extremity, and that we might remain unwounded by all his venomous attacks. Preserve us uncondemned to the end by thy prayers that, saved by thy help and intercession, we might forever send up glory, praise, thanks and honor to the One God in Trinity, to the Creator of all. **From A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God excerpted by Bishop Theophan the Recluse from the works of our Holy Father Ephraim the Syrian**



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Liturgy of the Hours? Does it require a priest to lead in prayer? Or can it be said like the Rosary before Liturgy or as a separate service?**

Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer service primarily of the psalms recited at the 1st(6AM), 3rd(9AM), 6th(noon), and 9th(3PM) hour of the day. The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to be led by a priest, however it can be led by a Cantor in the absence of a priest, by not reciting the priestly prayers. There are two kinds of prayer in the Church, Private Devotions and Liturgies. Liturgy is from the Greek word meaning a “public work” which is recited by the whole Church priest and people. Liturgy of the Hours falls into the category of Liturgies- “public works.” The Liturgical Cycle of daily prayers in the Church are all meant to be led by a priest; in the absence of a priest there are ways that all of the Liturgies of the Church can be said led be a Cantor. The Rosary and Stations of the Cross are private devotions that do not require a priest and can be recited by the Parish. Copies of the Hours are in the Blue Book, The Divine Liturgy , An Anthology for Worship.

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

***HUMILITY RULES St. Benedict's 12-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem***

***J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B.***

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