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*Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!*

*Slava Isuzu Christu!
Slava Na'Viki!*

July 12, 2026

Schedule of Liturgical Services at Holy Ghost

Sunday, July 12th: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 AM - Offered for **+Kenneth Krenicky** by Susan Krenicky

[Tone 6](#) (page 152) **Epistle:** Romans 15:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35

Sunday, July 19th: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 AM - Offered for **+Helen Oslar** by Dennis Donahue

[Tone 7](#) (page 156/341) **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22

Sunday, July 26th: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 AM

[Tone 8](#) (page 161) **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-34

Sunday, August 2nd: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 AM - Offered for **+Kenneth Krenicky** by Joyce Hayes

[Tone 1](#) (page 125) **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4 9-16 **Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-23

Thursday, August 6th: Transfiguration of our Lord

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 PM

[Feast](#) (page 346) **Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:10-19 **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

For more information on the Liturgical Calendar visit the Metropolitan Cantor Institute's website at: <https://mci.archpitt.org/>

Confessions - Fr. Vasyl is available after Liturgy every Sunday. For any **Sacramental Emergencies or Funerals** please contact Father Vasyl at (732) 621-3823.

Intentions for Sunday Divine Liturgies are being accepted for 2026. Please place an envelope with your intention in the collection basket at the back of church. The liturgical stipend is \$20.

Bishop's Appeal - *We have met our goal for 2026! Thank you to all who were able to contribute! This appeal not only benefits Holy Ghost but other parishes in need throughout the Eparchy!*

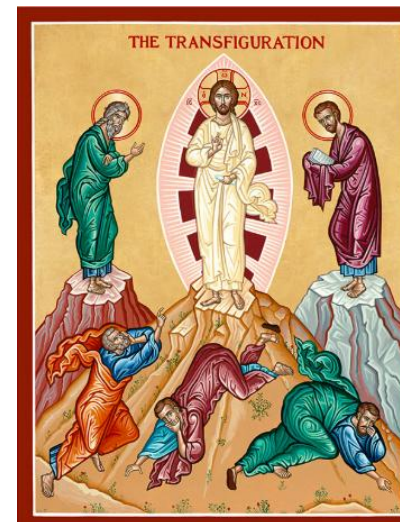
Peter's Pence - Please see the note from our Bishop printed in the Narthex (also attached)

Candelabrum - Offered for +Helen Oslar by Dennis Donahue for the weeks of July 12th through July 19th.

Save the Date! Byzantine Night at the Phillies - this year's event will be Monday, August 3rd (Phillies v. Washington Nationals). See details on social media and on flyer.

Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am prior to each Sunday Liturgy and before every Holy Day.

Kindly remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are confined to home, in a health care facility or in the hospital. May Our Lord, Physician of souls and bodies, extend His healing hand to ease their pain and suffering.



The Icon of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

In Orthodox iconography, Christ is the central figure, often depicted within a circular mandorla symbolizing divine light. His right hand is raised in blessing, and His left hand holds a scroll, emphasizing His role as Teacher and Logos. The mandorla's colors—white, gold, and blue—represent the uncreated divine light

Moses and Elijah stand on separate peaks of Mount Tabor, usually with Moses on the right holding the Ten Commandments and Elijah on the left, both bowing toward Christ in intercession. The three Apostles—Peter, James, and John—are depicted below, often in dramatic postures of awe, fear, or prostration, reflecting their

human response to the divine revelation

(Next distribution August 2nd)

Any special announcements will be published through e-mail list/social media and on our website between distributions.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
June 29, 2026

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

The Peter's Pence collection is a collection with an ancient history in the English speaking world, a custom that we can look to with pride in the United States.

It began in the year 725, even before the Norman Conquest, when King Ina, King of the West Saxons, took a collection to the Holy Father called "Romefeoh". It was also called "Romescot". In 794, King Offa, King of the Mercians, also made a similar contribution to Rome. In the case of King Offa, the payment was to assuage his guilt after the murder of King Ethelbert, King of the East Angles, by his consort Cynethryth, "a cruel, ambitious, and blood thirsty woman". Ethelbert was murdered when a throne was prepared for his visit with a trapdoor and an assassin waiting in a pit.

After the Normans conquered England, the King included an annual collection of "a penny per hearth" in the late 1100's from Ireland as well as England. The English sovereign continued in faithful support to the Pope of Rome until Henry VIII stopped the practice in 1534. By then many other Catholic countries had begun the practice of supporting the work of the Apostolic See of Rome. In the nineteenth century, Pope Pius IX asked the entire Catholic world for help in 1871 after the Papal States were taken by the Italian revolutionaries.

Today, the Holy Father has enormous expenses: an enormous payroll, enormous charitable obligations, and a vast amount of libraries and works of art to maintain. The most important scripture library in the world is in the Vatican and probably the most important historical archive as well. Most of his income is from gifts from the United States and Germany.

In recent years, the gifts from both Germany and United States have decreased. This year, the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, made a special plea at the Conference of Bishops in November. Although the Conference always asks for remarks from the Nuncio who is representing the Pope, this is the first time that the Nuncio asked for time to speak to the bishops.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC

As Americans, let's step up to the plate, and help out our new American Pope with the Peter's Pence collection! I pledge to give \$100 myself this year. Please consider doing the same, or at least ten or twenty if you are living on a small income.

Your pastor will accept the donation anytime starting on June 29 through the month of July.

Thank you for your generosity to Pope Leo!

God will not be outdone in generosity. God bless you and your loved ones this year.

Your servant,

+ KWS

Bishop Kurt