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**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!**

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**St. Michael:**

**Thursday, May 27:** Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner.

**St. Nicholas:**

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**Important Church Information**

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Church Membership:** Membership in the Ukrainian Catholic Church includes the contribution of your annual dues, continual sustaining donations to your Church, and active participation in church activities. To make sure your contributions are recorded properly, please use your Church envelopes.

**Baptisms** Parents should attend church regularly for at least six months prior to the birth of the child. A baptism should be scheduled immediately after the birth of the child.

**First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion** Anyone who plans to receive First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion must attend Religious Instruction and Regular Liturgy with their family for at least two (2) years prior to these events.

**Confession** Confessions are held 1/2 hour before every liturgy & other times by request.

**Marriages** All couples contemplating marriage in the South Anthracite Deanery are required to attend counseling sessions. Please contact Father Oleksandr as soon as you make plans to wed.

**Homebound** If you are homebound and would like Father Oleksandr to visit you during First Friday visitations, please call the office to make sure your name is on the list.

**Anointing of the Sick/Illnesses** The anointing of the Sick is not only for those who are gravely ill. This blessing of the sick is for anyone who is sick. If you are admitted into the hospital, please have the hospital or family member contact Father Oleksandr as soon as possible to inform him of your admittance. Due to hospital confidentiality rules, the hospitals no longer contact your clergy without permission to do so.

**Deaths** Have your funeral director contact the rectory immediately after the death to make proper funeral arrangements for your loved one. If you plan to be buried in one of our cemeteries, make sure you have a burial plot. Information is available in the rectory.

**Purchase of Mass Cards, Sanctuary Lights, Votive Lights, etc.:** Contact the rectory during office hours for information and purchase.

**Questions???** If you have any questions, contact Father Oleksandr during office hours.

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**Weekly Contributions**

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**Parishes Weekly Income:**

**St. Michael:** Contribution –\$615.25. Thank you!

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution –\$1,272.00. Thank you!

**Expenses: St. Michael- \$1,891.07**

**St. Nicholas-\$1,548.83**

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael –** +Nicholas Bereschak by Helen Bereschak.

**St. Nicholas –**Good health Margie & Jack Tomko by special intention.

**Votive Lights: St. Michael \$4.00 –** Olga Kurilla, \$3.00 - Irene Flaherty

**God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!**

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**Festal Tone**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

114 South Chestnut Street, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania 17976

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

North Morris Street, Saint Clair, Pennsylvania 17970

Rectory (570) 462-0809 Fax (570) 462-0517 St. Michael's Oak St. Hall (570) 462-2424

St. Michael's Pyrohy Hotline (570) 462-2033 St. Nicholas Pyrohy Hotline (570) 429-1192, 429-1164

In case of emergency, call Fr. Oleksandr's cell phone @ 570-875-7715

Website: [www.first-ukrainian.com](http://www.first-ukrainian.com)

e-mail: [stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net)

**Reverend Oleksandr Dumenko – Administrator**

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**May 22 – May 30, 2010****Pentecost Sunday**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday May 22</b>	3:30 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	+Mary Breznik by Albert Breznik & family
<b>Sunday May 23</b>		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	10:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
<b>Monday May 24</b>		<b>Pentecost Monday</b>
	9:30 a.m.	+Catherine McSurdy by Winifred Mohutsky
<b>Tuesday May 25</b>	6:00 p.m.	Moleben to the Mother of God
<b>Thursday May 27</b>	8:00 a.m.	+William Mallick by Jack & Aggie Thomas
<b>Friday May 28</b>	8:00 a.m.	+Harry & +Richard Loder by parents
<b>Saturday May 29</b>	3:30 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners
<b>Sunday May 30</b>	10:30 a.m.	God's Blessings for John & Dolores Sion by special intention

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday May 22</b>	5:30 p.m.	+Paul Naradko by Theodore Naradko & family
<b>Sunday May 23</b>		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:00 a.m.	+Michael Leschick by Tom & Laverne Marx
<b>Monday May 24</b>		<b>Pentecost Monday</b>
	8:00 a.m.	+Dr. Peter Skrincosky by parents
	6:00 p.m.	Moleben to the Mother of God
<b>Wednesday May 26</b>	8:00 a.m.	+Anna Zucal by Richard & Janet Kasmari
<b>Saturday May 29</b>	5:30 p.m.	+ Dr. Peter Skrincosky
<b>Sunday May 30</b>	8:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:00 a.m.	+Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Joe & Judy Panchison

**Welcome to Our Parishes!**

“You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the Holy Ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the capstone. Through Him the whole structure is held together and grows into the temple sacred in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22) If you have come from some other parish or from another part of the country, we want you to know that you are welcome to join us in worship where Jesus Himself is our foundation and the Holy Spirit is our guide. It is an honor for us to see that people are seeking a spiritual home in our community.

**Our Mission:** Let us be a community filled with faith in God, love for our traditions and Church, and love for one another.

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## Important Announcements

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### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Memorial Day Schedule** – Panachyda services and Blessing of the graves will be held On Sunday, **May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas & Holy Trinity Cemetery, St. Clair** and on Monday, **May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cemetery, Shenandoah**. Blessing of the graves at **St Nicholas Cemetery, Mahanoy City will be on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. It is good custom to pray for all our Veterans and for the everlasting memory of everyone who is buried in our cemeteries. Use the special envelopes, which are provided in your packet for that purpose and drop them into the collection basket. Memorial Day Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church. Please plan to attend.

**Father's Day Remembrances** – You can remember your living or deceased father on his day by having him remembered at Divine Liturgies on Father's Day weekend. Last day for enrollment is Wednesday, June 16th. You may remember your dad or any important father figures in your life such as your godfather, uncle, grandfather, brother or special friend. Fill out the envelopes (St. Michaels - placed in the vestibule of the church), (St. Nicholas – use the special envelopes, which are provided in your packet for that purpose) and drop them into the collection basket or send to the rectory. We will pray together for our fathers. Thank you.

**Ukrainian Seminary Day** – You can now purchase an ad for the commemorative booklet of the Seminary Day. Ad prices are \$125.00/full page, \$75.00/half page \$40.00/quarter page and Patron ads \$5.00. Deadline for ad is June 8th. Ad forms are available in the vestibule or can be obtained at the rectory. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville.

**SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT AT OUR PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL- SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT** will continue to be on exhibit at our Cathedral in Philadelphia until June 29. Shroud Exhibition Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for the exhibition. The Cathedral has Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. (Eng.) and on Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Ukr.) and 11:00 a.m. (Eng.).

**Metropolitan Stefan** asks your prayers for the health of our brother priest and monk, Rev. Paul Guthrie. Fr. Paul served parishes in our archeparchy and assisted in substituting for priests on holidays. Rev. Paul Guthrie is 87 years old and now resides at Queen of Peace Friary, 2281 Browns Lake Drive, Burlington, WI 53105. A recent bone scan and CAT scan revealed that tumors have spread from the site of his original prostate cancer. He has lost twenty pounds since being transferred to Queen of Peace Friary. Rev. Paul is in good spirits and can still get around using a walker. Please pray for him and send him a card or note. Thank you.

**The 21st Annual Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop**, The Ukrainian Homestead, Rd.209, Lehighton, PA sponsored by the Ukrainian-American Heritage Foundation will be Monday, June 28 – Friday, July 2 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For information: Paula Holoviak: (570) 708-1992. Details are listed on the church information board in the vestibule.

### ST. MICHAEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you!** – Pyrohy sale resumed again last Monday. A big thanks to all of our wonderful and hard-working volunteers. Your help is very appreciated. May God bless you richly!

**Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner** – Tickets are still available for our Pork & Sauerkraut dinner which will be held on Thursday, May 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our church hall. Tickets will be sold after weekend liturgies or are available at the rectory. Cost \$8.00 and includes, pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, dessert & coffee or tea. Enjoy! We are looking for generous persons who are interested in giving pies or cakes for our Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner sale. Thank you!

**MEETING** of the Finance and Pastoral Councils of St Michael Church will be held after the Moleben on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Location - St. Michael's Church Hall. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

### **St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, May 22	Acts 2:1-11	Alice Breznik
Sunday, May 23		Fay Datchko
Saturday, May 29	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	Susan Halcovich
Sunday, May 30		Sam Litwak

### ST. NICHOLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEETING** of the Finance and Pastoral Councils of St Nicholas Church will be held immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 29. Location - St. Nicholas Church Basement. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

### **St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, May 22	Acts 2:1-11	Dave Toth
Sunday, May 23		Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, May 29	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, May 30		Christine Romanko

Prayer Requests: Please remember our shut-ins and all those who have requested our Prayers:

**Our Military Friends Serving Our Country, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka**, Rev. Paul Guthrie.

### **St. Michael**

Sonia Elchishok	Olga Kurilla	Tina Dixon	Irene Bura
Mary Kovalich	Helen Beddall	Edward Sion	Eva Koch
Anna Ratway	Mary Kowalski	John Yawornitsky	Olga Dudish
Mike Kowalski	Evelyn Muzyka	Irene Yaroma	Helen Sims
Fay Datchko	Dolores Kozie	Anna Pappas	Kelly Jones
Olga Hatchel	Anna Smetana	Andrea Pytak	Susan Chernesky
Marie Sion	Steve Kozie	Caroline Dubiansky	Martha Hysock

### **St. Nicholas**

Msgr. Peter Skrincosky	Mary Cheripka	Laura Seasock	John Zubar
Robert Greenback	Joseph Luckenbill	John Tomko	Helen Seamon
Charles N. Kadingo	Bob Glovich	Margaret Tomko	Helen Yourshaw
Mary Kadingo	Catherine Washuta	Mary Toth	June Spiess
Mary Kudlick	John Horbal	Mary Rady	Anna Skrincosky
Andrew Skrincosky	Michael Skrincosky	Peter Kadingo	

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### WEEKLY INSPIRATION

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**Food for thought: "Do not let what you can't do interfere with what you can do."**  
**"Blessed is the one who expects no gratitude, for the person shall not be disappointed."**

## Pentecost – Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost, the 50th and final day of the Easter Season, celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the book of Acts, ushering in the beginning of the Church. 50 Days after Jesus' resurrection (and 10 days after Jesus' Ascension), the apostles were gathered together, probably confused and contemplating their future mission and purpose. On the day of Pentecost, a flame rested upon the shoulders of the apostles and they began to speak in tongues (languages), by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus Pentecost is a time for many Catholics and other Christians to celebrate two important realities: the Holy Spirit and the Church. Pentecost has long been a very important feast in The Catholic and Orthodox Churches because it celebrates the official beginning of the Church. It is one of the twelve Great Feasts of the Eastern Church, second only in importance to Pascha Easter Sunday.

Pentecost is also the Greek name for Jewish Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), falling on the 50th day of Passover. It was during the Feast of Weeks that the first fruits of the grain harvest were presented. Pentecost is also known as "Green Sunday" or "Green Holyday". These names are derived from Pentecost customs that involve taking green plants into homes and churches as symbols of new life.

It is the Holy Spirit who, with his inspirations, gives a supernatural tone to our thoughts, desires and actions. It is he who leads us to receive Christ's teaching and to assimilate it in a profound way. It is he who gives us the light by which we perceive our personal calling and the strength to carry out all that God expects of us. If we are docile to the Holy Spirit, the image of Christ will be formed more and more fully in us, and we will be brought closer every day to God the Father. "For whoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.