

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

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

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

**Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> , 2015 Sunday of Cheesefare**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm + Helen Kalavage by Daughter in Law, Carol
- Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am 40<sup>th</sup> Day & Birthday Remembrance for +Fr. Peter Osinski by Andrew Szczyglak
- 3:00pm Forgiveness Vespers at Protection of the Mother of God, McAdoo**
- Lent Begins on Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>*
- Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Typica  
No Bible Study
- Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Syrokousty  
6:30pm Prayer Group
- Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 3:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of +Anna Smetana and Remembrance of +Michael Smetana by Smetana Family
- Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am +Eleanor Souchak Bereschak by Helen & Mary
- 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Transfiguration of Our Lord , Shamokin**

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
5:30pm +Mary Toth by Mr & Mrs Thomas Toth
- Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings on His People
- 3:00pm Forgiveness Vespers at Protection of the Mother of God, McAdoo**
- Lent Begins on Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>*
- Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Typica
- Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty  
5:30pm +Florence Wapinski by Thomas & Jeanette Stock
- Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings on His People
- 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Transfiguration of Our Lord , Shamokin**

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

Saturday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Paul Caputo
Saturday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 11:24-26,32-12:2	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 11:24-26 32-12:2	Charles Calise

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Michael Prokop
Sunday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Susan Miller
Saturday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 11:24-26,32-12:2	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 11:24-26 32-12:2	Lauralee Sadusky

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

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### ***St. Michael:***

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**Pierogie Sale-** The next pierogie sale is sold out .. but we still need your help. Any time you can give to help prep and make pierogies is appreciated. The next sale is Monday , February 16<sup>th</sup> .

**Lenten Fish Dinners-** We will have 2 Lenten Fish dinners: Friday ,March 6 & Friday , March 27<sup>th</sup> Dinner to include : Baked fish, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw , roll, dessert, coffee or tea \$8.50 a plate. Eat in or take out. . Reservations for March 6<sup>th</sup> are needed by Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> . Reservations for March 27<sup>th</sup> are needed by Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> . Please call 570-462-0809 to reserve your place or sign up in the back of the Church.

**Desserts needed:** We are asking for your help. **we need desserts** for the **Stations of the Cross on March 1<sup>st</sup>**. (Sheet cakes preferred) We also need desserts for our **Fish Dinners on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**. ( any dessert is welcome) Please help us with this request. Thank you !

**Memorial Donation:** A donation was made to the St. Nicholas Cemetery, Mahanoy City in memory of + Adele Humanick by Julia Maschock..

### ***St. Nicholas:***

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**Sanctuary Light-** Dates Available 2/22 & 3/15.

### ***Both Churches:***

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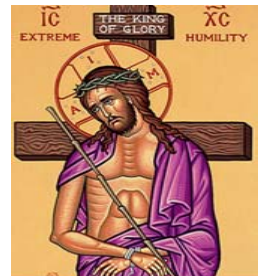
**Fasting- The first day of the Lenten season is Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> . Those between the ages of 14 and 59 are asked to please refrain from meats, eggs and dairy on this day.**

**Rectory Office Closings-** If local schools are canceled due to bad weather the office will be closed. If there is a 2 hour delay school opening the office will not open till 11am. Thank you for your understanding.

**Food Donation PLEASE HELP - Our cupboard is almost bare .. We are in need of donations to continue to help those in need in our community.** Nonperishable items with unexpired dates are appreciated, pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, fruits, veggies, macaroni & cheese, soups, canned pasta's, tuna, canned meats, rice, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars and snacks, mixes that only need water. Toiletry products such as toilet paper, soap & shampoo are also welcome.

**Informational Session-** An information session will be held at Trinity Academy, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, on Monday, February 23, 2015 beginning with a general information presentation at 6:30 p.m. Breakout sessions to learn more about the Pre-k and Kindergarten programs as well as grades 1-8 will follow. This is a great opportunity to see what Trinity Academy has to offer. For more information, contact Christine Fannick, Advancement Director, at 570-462-3927. Can't make the information session? Call today to schedule a tour at your convenience.

Keep the faith, but not to yourself.  
Dig the well before you are thirsty.



## Both Churches

**Women's Day** Come gather with women of the Archeparchy to pray, reflect and grow spiritually while being inspired to contribute actively to the spiritual development of your family members and fellow parishioners. The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation (Holy Confession) will be available shortly before Divine Liturgy and throughout the Day. *Our day begins at 11:00 a.m. with Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka. You may join us on either date : SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church 217 President Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 OR SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 at Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church 1564 Allentown Road, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446* for a registration form please contact the rectory.

### **DATE CHANGE : NOW MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**A Special Moleben Prayer and Healing Service before a Relic of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR will be held Sun., Mar. 15 at 4:00 pm in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Phila.** On Sunday, March 22 at 4 p.m. a special moleben prayer and healing service before a relic of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, C.Ss.R., will be led by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka at the golden domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. During the services Metropolitan Soroka will also bless a newly commissioned icon of Blessed Bishop Charnetsky, which will be available with the relic for prayer and veneration. During the service the faithful will be anointed with the holy oil of healing. Blessed Bishop-Martyr Charnetsky, known as “the healer of souls” was beatified by St. John Paul II on June 27, 2001 in Lviv, Ukraine. Many personal testimonies are recorded of miraculous healings through his intercession. All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend these services and to bring their intentions for healing through the intercession of Blessed Bishop Mykola

**The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life** OPEN HOUSE Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA from 1:00 – 5:00 PM . We would like to share with you the joy of our vocation. Schedule for the day-1:00 – 1:30 PM -Tour the monastery 1:30 – 2:30 PM- DVD “Women of Spirit” Questions and answer session 2:30 – 3:45 PM –Refreshments 4:00 PM - Vespers This will be an opportunity to tour Manor College, Saint Basil Academy and the Basilian Spirituality Center Sponsored ministries of the Sisters Please call 215.379.3998 to reserve a place.

**Camp Dragonfly**- This is a bereavement camp for Children ages 6-15 who have experienced the death of a family member. The camp is being offered in two locations: Camp Swatara in Bethel June 5-7<sup>th</sup> for children 6-12 and Camp Hebron in Halifax June 5-7 for children 6-15. This camp is free of charge. If you are interested please call 717-732-1000 or 570-628-2290 and ask for a Camp Dragonfly application, or you can download it from the website at [www.hospiceofcentralpa.org](http://www.hospiceofcentralpa.org) .

**Marriage Preparation**- For those contemplating marriage in the near future , a preparation workshop will be offered Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Melrose Park Pa . Anyone interested should contact the rectory for more information.

**Save the Date :** *Lenten Fish Dinners: Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
American Girl Doll Bingo: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Seminary Day Meetings: May 12th , June 6th & July 14th  
Seminary Day: July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Day at Knoebles: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>*

**God Has unlimited anytime minutes !**

## **The Fathers Speak.....*On Fasting:***

Fasting is an exceptional virtue; it represses bodily impulses and gives strength to the soul to fight against the poisoning of the heart through the senses, and provides it with a remedy against any past poisoning. Fasting causes the mind to be cleansed constantly. It withers up every evil thought and brings healthy, godly thoughts — -holy thoughts that enlighten the mind and kindle it with more zeal and spiritual fervor. -*Elder Ephraim of Philotheou Mount Athos, "Counsels from the Holy Mountain"*

Abba John the Dwarf said, "If a king wanted to take possession of his enemy's city, he would begin by cutting off the water and the food and so his enemies, dying of hunger, would submit to him. It is the same with the passions of the flesh; if a man goes about fasting and hungry the enemies of his soul grow weak." -*The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

Beware of limiting the good of fasting to mere abstinence from meats. Real fasting is alienation from evil. 'Loose the bands of wickedness.' Forgive your neighbor the mischief he has done you. Forgive him his trespasses against you. Do not 'fast for strife and debate.' You do not devour flesh, but you devour your brother. You abstain from wine, but you indulge in outrages. You wait for evening before you take food, but you spend the day in the law courts. Woe to those who are 'drunken, but not with wine.' Anger is the intoxication of the soul, and makes it out of its wits like wine. -*St. Basil, in his homilies on the Holy Spirit*

Fasting is absolutely indispensable for man. From the external aspect, it is a struggle of filial obedience to God, Who has given us the rules of fasting through His Holy Spirit. From the inner aspect, fasting is a struggle of restraint and self-limitation. In this lies the great value and sense of fasting, since a strict observance of fasts tempers one's will and perfects the character of one who is firm in his religious convictions and actions. Let us not forget that Christ Himself fasted, and foretold that His apostles would also fast. -*Metropolitan Philaret - On God's Law*

It is necessary most of all for one who is fasting to curb anger, to accustom himself to meekness and condescension, to have a contrite heart, to repulse impure thoughts and desires, to examine his conscience, to put his mind to the test and to verify what good has been done by us in this or any other week, and which deficiency we have corrected in ourselves in the present week. This is true fasting. -*St. John Chrysostom.*

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### **Lenten Services**

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Forgiveness Vespers – Protection of the Mother of God, Mc Adoo

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Stations of the Cross- Transfiguration of Our Lord ,Shamokin

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Shenandoah

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's , Frackville

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas , St Clair

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville

## APPEAL OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MEDITATION AND FASTING FOR UKRAINE

The bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine with Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk have asked their faithful to fast and to pray daily for various intentions, among them, for the President and elected officials of Ukraine, for the conversion of the aggressors, for the Ukrainian army, for those who protect citizens, for the souls of the deceased, and for unity and independence of Ukraine. Let us join them in holy prayer and fasting!

We, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the United States call upon all of our clergy, religious and faithful to pray daily the special prayer for Ukraine provided with this appeal, and to devote precious time for quiet meditation and prayer for the intentions already cited by the bishops of Ukraine. Fast by pausing from our daily activities for an extended amount of time to reflect and pray for the people of Ukraine, and for the specific intentions given above. Meditate on the horrific sufferings of the people of Ukraine, as you pray to God for peace and unity. Pray to the Mother of God for her intercession with her Son, Jesus Christ and for her maternal protection of the people of Ukraine. Pause to identify with the suffering as you pray for peace. Sacrifice valued time and thought in prayer for our brothers and sisters who suffer!

In addition, we ask that all of our clergy and faithful, following every Divine Liturgy and liturgical service say the *Prayer for Peace for Ukraine*. Let us be steadfast and continue to offer these prayers, fasting and meditation until peace and unity are achieved in Ukraine. We thank you for your anticipated faithful and prayerful participation! God bless you!

+Stefan Soroka Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians  
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States  
+Richard Seminack Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago  
+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM Eparch of Stamford  
+ Bohdan Danylo Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma  
+John Bura Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

### **Lenten Confession Schedule**

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Assumption, Centralia- Fr. Fesniak  
Ss. Peter & Paul , Mt. Carmel – Msgr. Melnic & Fr. Ivanov  
Nativity, Middleport- Fr. Pitula  
Transfiguration, Shamokin- Msgr. Grabowsky & Fr. Hutsko

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

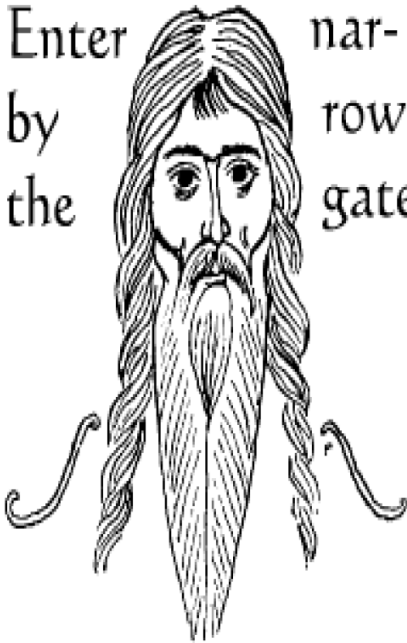
St. John, Maizeville- Fr. Hutsko  
Protection, Marion Heights- Msgr. Grabowsky  
St. Nicholas, Minersville- Msgr. Melnic & Fr. Pitula  
St. Michael, Shenandoah- Fr. Fesniak & Fr. Ivanov

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Michael, Hazelton- Fr Hutsko  
Protection, McAdoo- Fr. Fesniak & Fr. Pitula  
St. Michael, Frackville- Msgr. Grabowsky & Fr. Ivanov  
St. Nicholas , St Clair- Msgr. Melnic

## FORGIVENESS VESPERS

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On Holy Saturday, (the Saturday before Pascha), the priest changes from dark to light vestments. The covers on the altar and other tables are also changed from dark to light. When is the process reversed? The change from light to dark is made at the vesper service on Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday.

Hopefully, with this short explanation of the service, you will appreciate its beauty, and yes, symbolic presentation. When the service begins, the priest is robed in light-colored vestments. Soon after “Lord, I have cried to You, hear me...” we hear sung the instructions: “Let us abstain from food and persevere, to be worthy to see the Holy

Passion of Christ, our God, and meet the joy of His Holy Resurrection.”

After this we will note that the Holy Doors are opened and there is a procession. After the priest and deacon return to the altar, the change from light to dark vestments

is made. The Prokimen changes the mood from joy to sadness. “Turn not Your face away from Your servant, for I am in trouble, pay attention to me, draw near to my soul and redeem me!” LENT HAS ARRIVED.

The Holy Doors are closed, the remainder of the services continues in the Lenten chant mode. “Behold, this is the favorable time, the season of change. Let us turn away from the works of darkness, and clothe ourselves with the armor of light, so that crossing the ocean of the fast, we may come to the harbor of the Resurrection on the third day....”

We will soon hear “Lord have mercy” fervently repeated forty times followed by the recitation of the Prayer of St. Ephraim with prostrations.

After vespers, people ask forgiveness of each other so that they could start Lent in peace with everyone.

After such a solemn service and such a moving exchange with our fellow Christians most people quietly exit the church trying to hold on to the emotions engendered by the prayers and events of the service.

**When God saw you it was love at first sight !**

## *Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast*

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.

Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.

Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.

All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).

Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

### *Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines*

The weekdays of the Great Fast are aliturgical meaning no Divine Liturgy, even for funerals, should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation. On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. Typika may be used the other days. For funerals, the liturgical text used by the New Jersey Protopresbyterate or St. Michael Church in Frackville may be utilized. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

**Life is a gift . Unwrap your present.**

## Church Information

**Rectory Hours-** Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

**Baptisms:** Please contact the rectory a week or more in advance.

**Confessions:** By appointment, before Divine Liturgy or check your bulletin schedule.

**Marriages:** Those planning marriages must be active members of the parish, and must contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Marriage preparation for couples is required

**Emergencies & Pastoral Care:** Please call the pastor if a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound and is in need of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.

**New Parishioners** are urged to register in the rectory office. Moving? Change of address? Please notify the rectory.

**Letters of Recommendation:** for Sponsors of the sacraments will be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered with the parish, receiving sacraments and supporting the parish.

**Mass Cards, Sanctuary Lights, and Other Candles etc.:** Contact the rectory during office hours for information.

**Questions:** Please contact the rectory, or see Msgr. Myron.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contribution- \$1,248.15 St Michael Cemetery \$995.00 St Nicholas Cemetery Mahanoy City \$ 1,220.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution- \$1,067.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** God's Blessings and Good Health for Reverend Alexander Dumenko.

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of + Frances Osinski by Andrew Szczyglak

**Seven Branch Candlestick-** God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas –** God's Blessings and Good Health for my Family.

**Lamps of the Crucifix-**

**Lights of the Tetrapod-** Deceased Members of +Szczyglak Family by Andrew Szczyglak

**Lights of the Tabernacle-**

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

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

**Our Military Friends Serving Our Country,**

### St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak  
Eva Koch  
Dolores Kozie  
Martha Hysock  
Sandy Bankes\*  
Edward Sion

Olga Kurilla  
Helen Beddall  
Irene Flaherty  
Tom Prete  
Susan Chernesky  
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders  
Dolores O'Connell Leahy  
Roseanne Nause  
Helen Sims  
Mary Mazur  
Keilbasa Family\*

Christine Lenhart\*  
& Rosemary (Mother)  
Bill McAndrew\*  
Andrea Pytak

### St. Nicholas

Helen Salak  
Helen Seamon  
Mary Mistishen  
Joseph Luckenbill  
Robert O'Connor

Peter Kadingo  
Jeanette Stock  
Mary Kadingo

Laura Seasock  
Anna Skrincosky  
Catherine Washuta  
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Joseph Salak  
Elmer Gulas  
Walter Mistishen  
Andrew Skrincosky

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## **Being offended doesn't make you right .**