

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday March 1st , 2015 Second Sunday of the Great Fast

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28 th	3:30pm +Viola Mahutsky by Winifred Mohutsky & Family
Sunday, March 1 st	10:30am 40 th Day +Michael Vislosky by Family 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Shenandoah
Tuesday, March 3 rd	9:00am Typica No Bible Study
Wednesday, March 4 th	9:00am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Syrokousty 6:30pm Prayer Group
Thursday, March 5 th	8:00am Typica
Saturday, March 7 th	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Bill & Irene Mc Andrew
Sunday, March 8 th	10:30am God's Blessing on His People 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty 5:30pm +Msgr Peter Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, March 1 st	8:30am God's Blessings on His People 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Shenandoah
Monday, March 2 nd	8:00am Typica
Friday, March 6 th	5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 7 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty 5:30pm +Mary Panchison by Elaine Naradko
Sunday, March 8 th	8:30am Happy 96 th Birthday for +Steve Talpash by John, Joseph & John Jr. Yuknavage 3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, February 28 th	Heb 1:10-2:3	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, March 1 st	Heb 1:10-2:3	Alice Breznik
Saturday, March 7 th	Heb 4:14-5:6	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, March 8 th	Heb 4:14-5:6	Michael Fufila

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, February 28 th	Heb 1:10-2:3	David Toth
Sunday, March 1 st	Heb 1:10-2:3	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, March 7 th	Heb 4:14-5:6	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, March 8 th	Heb 4:14-5:6	Theresa Panchison

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Lenten Fish Dinners- We will have 2 Lenten Fish dinners: Friday ,March 6 & Friday , March 27th 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 6th are needed by Monday March 2nd . Reservations for March 27th are needed by Monday March 23rd . Please call 570-462-0809 to reserve your place or sign up in the back of the Church.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR THIS SUNDAY. We are asking for your help. **we need desserts** for the **Stations of the Cross on March 1st**. Please bring them down to the hall by 3:00pm. Thank you !

Desserts needed -We also need desserts for our **Fish Dinners on March 6th & 27th**. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. Thank you !

Easter Bread Sale: We are once again selling Easter Breads made by a local church. The rolls are Nut, Poppy, Apricot, or Poppy/Raisin for \$12.00 each. The Paska's are \$7.00 for Plain and 7.50 for Raisin.. You can place your orders on the order form at the back of the church or call 570-462-0809. Order deadline is March 10th. Bread pick up will be Saturday March 28th at 12 noon. Please pay for breads when you order. Thank you.

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, March 16th .

Memorial Donation : A donation has been made in memorial of +Michael Vislosky by his Family

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 3/8, 3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/19, & 4/26

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 3/15, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19 & 4/26.

Both Churches:

Deanery Lenten Raffle Once again this year , the parishes of our deanery are sponsoring a Luck Three Raffle to benefit Ukrainian Seminary Day and St. Josephat Seminary. There are 3 prizes available , \$500.00, \$200.00 and \$50.00. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available now at the back of the church or at the rectory office . The drawing is Sunday March 29th at Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday. Envelopes containing 5 tickets each are available at the back of the Church , please return your ticket stubs and money in the same envelope .Please feel free to take as many as you believe you can sell. More tickets are available.

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.

Lenten Services Sunday, March 1st Stations of the Cross- St.. Michael's, Shenandoah: Sunday, March 8th Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel : Sunday, March 15th Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's , Frackville: Sunday, March 22nd Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas , St Clair: Sunday, March 29th Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville.

Both Churches

Divine Mercy Parish Lenten Dinners Date of Dinner: Tuesday, March 10th or March 18th **Where:** St. Stephen Church Hall **Time of Pick Up:** 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM **Cost:** \$8.00 Take Out Only! **Choice of Dinners:** Devil Crab or Fish Dinner or Chicken Finger **Dinner Deadline for Orders:** March 3rd for March 10th and March 11th for March 18th . Please contact Divine Mercy Rectory to place orders 570-462-1968.

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 22ND A Special Moleben Prayer and Healing Service before a Relic of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR will be held Sun., Mar. 22nd 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

Easter Memorials- a wonderful way to remember those that hold a special place in your heart.



Please have your request submitted by Sunday, March 29th
You may place them in the collection basket or contact the rectory.

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In honor of (living)

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POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE *DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE*

As martyrs` Tuesday, 17 February 2015

The Holy Father offered Mass at Santa Marta for the 21 Copts killed in Libya

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 8, 20 February 2015)

“We offer this Mass for our 21 Coptic brothers, slaughtered for the sole reason that they were Christians”. These were Pope Francis’ words during the Mass celebrated at Santa Marta on Tuesday, 17 February. “Let us pray for them, that the Lord welcome them as martyrs, for their families, for my brother Tawadros, who is suffering greatly”, he added. In a telephone conversation on Monday afternoon, Pope Francis spoke personally with Tawadrosii, Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church. He expressed his profound sadness for the barbaric assassination carried out by Islamic fundamentalists, and assured him of his prayers for the funerals.

Pope Francis opened his homily with the words of the entrance antiphon, “Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name” (cf. Ps 31[30]:3-4). He continued with the passage on the flood in the day’s Reading from the Book of Genesis (6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10) which, he said, “makes us think about man’s capacity for destruction: man is capable of destroying everything that God made” when “he thinks he is more powerful than God”. Thus, “God can make good things, but man is capable of destroying them all”.

Even starting from the beginning “in the first chapters of the Bible, we find many examples”. For example, Francis explained, “man summons the flood through his wickedness: it is he who summons it!”. Moreover, “man summons the fire out of heaven, to Sodom and Gomorrah, out of his wickedness”. Then, “man creates confusion, the division of humanity — Babel, the Tower of Babel — with his wickedness”. In other words, “man is capable of destruction, we are all capable of destruction”. This is confirmed again in Genesis with “a very, very sharp phrase: ‘This wickedness was great and every innermost intent of their heart — in the heart of mankind — was nothing but evil, always’”.

It isn’t a question of being too negative, the Pope pointed out, because “this is the truth”. At this point “we are even capable of destroying fraternity”, as demonstrated by the story of “Cain and Abel in the first pages of the Bible”. This episode which “destroys fraternity, is the beginning of wars: jealousy, envy, such greed for power, to have more power”. Yes, Francis confirmed, “this seems negative, but it is realistic”. After all, he added, one need only pick up a newspaper to see “that more than 90 percent of the news is about destruction: more than 90 percent! And we see this every day!”.

Thus the fundamental question: “what happens in the heart of man?”, the Pope asked. “Jesus once warned his disciples that evil does not enter a man’s heart because he eats something that isn’t pure, but rather, it comes out of the heart”. And “all wickedness comes out of the heart of man”. Indeed, “our weak heart is wounded”. There is “always that desire for autonomy” which leads one to say: “I do what I want, and if I want to do this, I do it! And if I want to make war over this, I do it! And if I want to destroy my family over this, I do it! And if I want to kill my neighbor over this, I do it”. But this is really “everyday news”, the Pope remarked, observing that “newspapers don’t tell us news about the life of saints”.

Therefore, he continued, returning to the central question: “why are we like this?”. And the answer: “Because we have the opportunity to destroy: this is the problem!”. And in doing so, “with war, with arms trafficking, we are entrepreneurs of death!”. And “there are countries that sell arms to this one that is at war

with that one, and they also sell them to that one, so that war continues”. The problem is precisely the “capacity for destruction and this does not come from our neighbor” but “from us!”.

“Every innermost intent of the heart is nothing but evil”, Francis again repeated. And “we have this seed inside, this possibility”. But “we also have the Holy Spirit who saves us”. It is thus a matter of choosing to start with the “little things”. And so, “when a woman goes to the market and finds another, starts to gossip, to speak ill of her neighbor, about that woman over there: this woman kills, this woman is evil”. And this happens “at the market” but also “in the parish, in associations, when there is jealousy, the envious ones go to the priest to say ‘this one no, this one yes, this one does...’”. And this too “is evil, the capacity to destroy, which all of us have”.

This is the point on which “today the Church, on the threshold of Lent, causes us to reflect”. The Pope’s reflection in this regard started from the Gospel of Mark (8:14-21). “In the Gospel, Jesus lightly reprimands the disciples who were arguing: ‘you were supposed to bring the bread — no, you were!’”. Basically the Twelve “were discussing as usual, were arguing amongst themselves”. And Jesus says something beautiful to them “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod”. Thus, “He simply makes an example of two people: Herod is bad, he is an assassin, and the Pharisees hypocrites”. But the Lord also speaks of “‘leaven’ and they do not understand”.

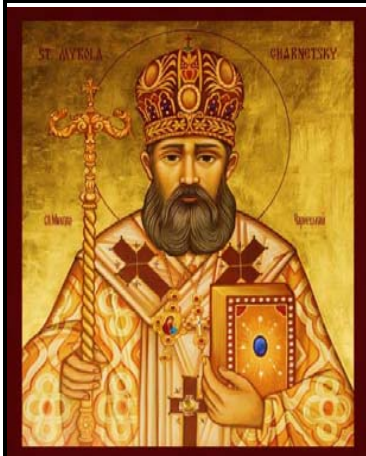
The fact is, as Mark writes, the disciples “were speaking about bread, about this bread, and Jesus tells them: ‘that leaven is dangerous, what we have inside is what leads us to destroy. Take heed, beware!’”. Then “Jesus shows the other door: ‘Are your hearts hardened? Do you not remember when I broke the five loaves, the door of God’s salvation?’”. In fact, “nothing good ever comes from arguing”, he said, “there will always be division, destruction!”. He continued: “Think about salvation, about what God too did for us, and make the right choice!”. But the disciples “did not understand because their hearts were hardened by this passion, by this wickedness of arguing amongst themselves to see who was to blame for forgetting the bread”.

Francis then advised that “this message of the Lord” should be taken seriously, because “this isn’t something strange, this isn’t a Martian talking, no: these are things that happen in everyday life”. And to confirm this, he repeated, we only need to pick up “the newspaper, nothing more!”.

However, he added, “man is capable of doing such good: let’s consider Mother Teresa, for example, a woman of our era”. But if “all of us are capable of doing such good” we are “also capable of destroying in great and small measure, in the same family: of destroying the children, not letting the children grow freely, not helping them to grow well” and thus in some way nullifying the children. “We have this capacity and this is the reason constant meditation, prayer, discussion among ourselves is necessary, to avoid falling into this wickedness which destroys everything”.

And “we have the strength” to do it, as “Jesus reminds us”, and “today He tells us: Remember. Remember me, who spilled my blood for you; remember me, who saved you, who save everyone; remember me, who has the power to accompany you on the journey of life, not on the road of evil, but on the path of goodness, of doing good for others; not on the path of destruction, but on the path of building: building a family, building a city, building a culture, building a homeland, always more!”.

With today’s reflection, Francis asked the Lord, for the grace to “always choose the right path with his help and not to let ourselves be deceived by the seduction that will lead us down the wrong path” before Lent begins.



What does Holy Scripture teach about relics?

Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. In fact, when surveying what Scripture has to say about sacred relics, one is left with the idea that healing is what relics “do.”

When the corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha the man came back to life and rose to his feet (2 Kings 13:20-21).

A woman was healed of her hemorrhage simply by touching the hem of Jesus' cloak (Matthew 9:20-22).

The signs and wonders worked by the Apostles were so great that people would line the streets with the sick so that when Peter walked by at least his shadow might ‘touch’ them (Acts 5:12-15).

When handkerchiefs or aprons that had been touched to Paul were applied to the sick, the people were healed and evil spirits were driven out of them (Acts 19:11-12).

In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God. Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as “models and intercessors” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828). *(from Treasures of the Home website)*

With the moleben with the relic and icon of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, "the healer of souls," in the golden domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 4 p.m. the faithful will have an opportunity to receive the blessings of this act of pious devotion and veneration, as well as the blessings of healing through the anointing and through their intercessory prayers to Bishop Mykola.

World Meeting of Families 2015 will Be happening September 21st to 25th , with Pope Francis scheduled for September 26th & 27th. A flyer about volunteering for the event has been included in your bulletin. For additional information on this event please check out the following websites:

Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=1>

<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=112>

World Meeting of Families Prayer English

http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/PrayerWMOF_Final_English1.pdf

World Meeting of Families Video English

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFVo3ybRPnU>



Lenten Meditation.

“Who are we, traveling this road?”

Lent is traditionally seen as a penitential season. This is good as far as it goes, but it is only a beginning. Every one of us has a dark side as well as a good one. That is why we started off with Ash Wednesday, but that was only a stating place. Each of us has a touch of God within us that needs to grow. Original sin? Yes , also original goodness, mad in God’s image.

With this as a background, we do well to ask ourselves , “ Am I comfortable in my own skin?” Do I accept who I am ? If we have found the forgiveness that God offers us , can we now move from the “guilty sinner” role to the “pardoned sinner” one? Saint Paul (not the word, saint). In his first letter to Timothy(1:15), wrote, “Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. “All of us have faults. We are all fallible. We are learners. Like the disciples, we are Jesus” followers.”

Traveling through this season, we look for ways in which we can be more faithful to the divine spark that is within us. Jesus saw potential in a motley group of people, who were busy with a variety of occupations. When they met Jesus , they sensed that here was one who offered possibilities greater than their present life. Their inner spark was quickened and they responded. What is there within you that might be nurtured? Your life could be enriched.

Lent , though, is more than a time for making our own lives better. Can we add to what we seek for ourselves w way to find progress in serving others? Part to who we are as individuals is who we are as member of the human family. Self-fulfillment is found repeatedly in compassions, in fighting injustice , in enabling others to find fuller lives. If Lent is self-centered, it cannot be true to Jesus ‘calling. Jesus cam to serve, healing, giving sight , even washing his disciples’ feet . Who are we? Forgiven sinners, learners, seekers and lovers.

Lenten Confession Schedule

Monday, March 16th

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 17th

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 19th

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

The golden rule will never tarnish.

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.

Weekly Contributions

Parishes Weekly Income: **St. Michael:** Contribution- \$665.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$ 660.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of+ Michael & +Mary Uranium by Mary Ann Uranium

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of + Stephen Sawka by Wife Nancy

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – In Memory of +Michael Vislosky by Family

Lamps of the Crucifix- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Bill & Irene McAndrew

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

Lights of the Tabernacle- In Memory of +Michael Vislosky by Family

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
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Martha Hysock
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Heaven has ushers not bouncers.