

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

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**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> , 2015 Third Sunday of the Great Fast- Veneration of the Cross**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Bill & Irene Mc Andrew
Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am God's Blessing on His People & Pytak Baptism <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter &amp; Paul, Mt Carmel</b>
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Typica No Bible Study
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Syrokousty 6:30pm Prayer Group
Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Typica
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm 40 <sup>th</sup> Day +Robert Beddall by Wife Helen
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am Special Intentions <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael, Frackville</b>

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty 5:30pm +Mary Panchison by Elaine Naradko
Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Happy 96 <sup>th</sup> Birthday for +Steve Talpash by John, Joseph & John Jr. Yuknavage <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter &amp; Paul, Mt Carmel</b>
Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Typica
Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty 5:30pm +John Skrincosky Sr. & +Anna Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael, Frackville</b>

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

Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 4:14-5:6	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday , March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 4:14-5:6	Michael Fufla
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Stephanie Rarick

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 4:14-5:6	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday , March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 4:14-5:6	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Christine Romanko
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	LeeAnn Smulligan

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### **St. Michael:**

**Lenten Fish Dinner-** Our Last fish dinner is 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 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 need desserts for our **Fish Dinner on March, 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. Thank you !

**Easter Bread Sale:** **ORDERS DUE THIS WEEK** 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Bread pick up will be Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> .

**Blood Drive-** The blood drive held at the Church collected 32 units, the goal was 24. The Red Cross want's to extend a warm thank-you to St. Michael's and to everyone who helped.

### PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING

### OUR NEWEST WARRIOR FOR CHRIST AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

*Alessandra Pearl Pytak daughter of Michael Pytak & Debbie Ann Garcia.*

*May God grant her many years "na mnohaya lita!"*

### **St. Nicholas:**

**Sanctuary Light-** Dates Available 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

**Lenten Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 28th** sponsored by Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Mt. Carmel beginning with a special Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM in the church and a hot breakfast buffet immediately following in the social hall. The guest speaker that morning will be Dr. Robert Zimmennan. Dr. Zimmerman is the founder and chief partner of Comprehensive Women's Health Services in Pottsville, as well as a founding member and driving force behind the creation and success of "The Birth Place" at the Schuylkill Medical Center. All our neighbors and friends are cordially invited to join us for this morning of prayer, friendship and inspiration words. There is no charge for this event and no tickets required. All we ask is that you "be a friend, bring a friend, make a friend" on that day. Our parish looks forward to welcoming you on that morning

**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.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**"DESIGNER HANDBAG" BINGO** featuring Coach, Michael Kors PLUS Dooney & Bourke, Cole Haan, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren on Sunday, March 8th at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:00 AM; bingo 1:00 PM Admission \$25.00 includes 16 regular games & 4 specials \*Advance ticket holders eligible for Coach Wristlet Drawing. Call 570-544-4581 or 570-544-5767.

**Theme Basket Auction** Trinity Academy's 9th Annual Theme Basket Auction will be held Saturday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Annunciation BVM Hall in Frackville. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Over 100 large themed baskets, class baskets, Apple IPAD Mini, four 1-day Disney Hopper Passes and so much more!!! Shop and drop April 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. and April 11 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Great food available night of the auction. For more information contact the school at (570) 462-3927 . Cash and credit cards accepted.

**Cardinal Brennan High School/Immaculate Heart Academy Wooden Model** Available Cardinal Brennan High School and Immaculate Heart Academy are part of the Trinity Academy legacy. As a remembrance of this legacy, Trinity Academy is selling wooden Cat's Meow models (8" x 3.25") of this beautiful school. The price is \$20.00 per a model. Stop by the school to pick up your model during school hours. A limited number are available.

**Lenten Retreat-** sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics- program begins with a conference on Friday evening March 20<sup>th</sup> and concludes with Lunch on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The retreat will take place at the St.Mary's Villa Educational and Retreat Center in Sloatsburg, New York. The retreat cost is \$175.00 per person and is due March 9<sup>th</sup> . Please call 201-843-3960. or contact the rectory on Monday.

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Abstaining from injustice* Friday, 20 February 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 9, 27 February 2015)

“Using God to cover up injustice is an extremely grave sin”. Pope Francis issued this stern warning against social injustice, most of all the sort caused by those who exploit workers, during Mass on Friday morning in the chapel at Casa Santa Marta.

The starting point for the Pontiff’s reflection was the prayer recited at the opening of the Mass, which asked the Lord “to accompany us on this Lenten journey, so that our external observance may correspond to a profound renewal of the Spirit”. That is, he clarified, so that “what we do outwardly has a correspondence, bears fruit in the Spirit”. In other words, “in order that the outward observance is not a formality”.

To render his reflection more concrete, Francis gave the example of one who practices the Lenten fast, thinking: “Today is Friday, I can’t eat meat. I’ll make myself a nice plate of seafood, a nice banquet... I’m observing it, I’m not eating meat”. But this way, he added immediately, amounts to “sins of gluttony”. This example is “the distinction between formal and real” that is spoken of in the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:1-9a). In this passage, the “people lamented because the Lord did not hear their fasts”. From his part the Lord reproaches the people, and Pope Francis summarized His words like this: “On the day of your fast, you conduct your business, you torment all your workers. You fast between arguments and quarrels, and hit with wicked fists”. Thus, “this is not fasting, not eating meat but then doing all these things: arguing, exploiting the workers”, and so on.

Jesus too, Francis added, “condemned this suggestion of piety in the Pharisees, in the doctors of the law: outwardly performing many observances but without truth of heart”. The Lord says in fact: “Do not fast any more as you did today, change your heart. And what is the fast that I choose? Dissolve the chains of wickedness, cut the thongs of the yoke, let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, share your bread with the hungry, bring the poor and the homeless into your house, clothe those you see naked, without neglecting your kin”. This is “doing justice”, the Pope said, this “is true fasting, which is not only external, and outward observance, but a fast that comes from the heart”.

The Pontiff then pointed out that in the Tablets there are “the laws regarding God and the laws regarding one’s neighbor”, and how they both go together. “I cannot say: I fulfil the first three Commandments... and more or less the others. No, they are joined: love for God and love for one’s neighbor are joined and if you want to do real, not formal, penance, you must do it before God and also with your brother, with your neighbor”. It’s enough to consider what the Apostle James said: “You can have so much faith, but faith which does no works dies; of what use is it?”.

The same is true for “my Christian life”, Francis commented. And those who seek to ease their conscience by attesting: ‘I’m a serious Catholic, Father, it’s really gratifying.... I always go to Mass, every Sunday, I take Communion...’. The Pope responded: “Okay. But how is your relationship with your employees? Do you pay them under the table? Do you pay them a fair wage? Do you make contributions for their pension? For their health and social security?”. Unfortunately, he continued, so

many “men and women have faith, but split the Tablets of the Law: ‘Yes, I do this’. — ‘But do you give alms?’. — ‘Yes, I always send a check to the Church’. — ‘Okay. But at your Church, at your home, with those who depend on you, whether they are your children, your grandparents, your employees, are you generous, are you fair?’. Indeed, he stated, you cannot “make offerings to the Church on the shoulders of injustice” perpetrated against your employees. And that is exactly what the Prophet Isaiah sets forth: “One who does not do justice with the people who are dependent on him is not a good Christian”. Neither is “one who does not deprive himself of something necessary in order to give it to another who is in need”.

Thus “the journey of Lent is twofold: to God and to neighbor”. And it must be “real, not merely formal”. Francis emphasized that Lent is not only about “not eating meat on Fridays”, meaning “doing some little things” while one’s “selfishness, exploitation of others, ignorance of the poor” continue to grow. We need to make a quantum leap, considering especially those who have less. The Pontiff explained this by asking each faithful: “How is your health, you who are a good Christian?”. — ‘Good, thank God; but also, when I need to, I immediately go to the hospital and, since I belong to the public health system, they see me right away and give me the necessary medicines’. — ‘It’s a good thing, thank the Lord. But tell me, have you thought about those who don’t have this relationship with the hospital and when they arrive, they have to wait six, seven, eight hours?’. This is not an exaggeration, Francis confided, having heard of a similar experience from a woman who recently waited eight hours for an urgent medical visit.

The Pope’s thoughts then went to all the “people who live this way here in Rome: children and the elderly who do not have the possibility to be seen by a doctor”. And Lent is the season to think about them and how we can help these people: “But Father, there are hospitals”. — “Yes, but you have to wait eight hours and then they have you return a week later”. Instead, he indicated, we should be concerned about people in difficulty and ask ourselves: “What are you doing for those people? What will your Lent be like?”. — “Thank God I have a family who follows the Commandments, we don’t have problems...”. — “But during Lent is there room in your heart for those who haven’t fulfilled the Commandments? Who have made mistakes and are in prison?”. — “Not with those people, no...”. — “But if you are not in prison it is because the Lord has helped you not to fall. Is there room in your heart for inmates? Do you pray for them, that the Lord may help them change their life?”.

To conclude, Francis asked the Lord to accompany “our Lenten journey” in order that “our external observance may correspond to a profound renewal of the Spirit”.

**World Meeting of Families 2015** will be September 21st to 25th , with Pope Francis scheduled to visit Philadelphia on September 26th & 27th. They are currently looking for volunteers and host families for this event . For information on this event please contact the rectory or 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](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>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS OF THE LORD

The Church wisely places the Sunday of the Cross at the midpoint of Lent. The cross is placed before us as a reminder of what awaits us at the end of Lent; we journey to the cross before the Resurrection. But the cross also stands as a sign of hope and strength. We may be weary of the Lenten fast, as the Church Fathers and Mothers note, but the power of the victory of Christ by His death on the cross will support and strengthen us no matter how weary we are.

*“In the middle of the Fast today, we bring out your Cross and bow low before it, kissing it with joy. Grant that we may see your sufferings and your life-giving resurrection in the light of the heavenly virtues. O Word of God, who alone has mercy on us.”*

“Come, O faithful, let us adore the life-giving Cross of Christ, the King of Glory, for when He extended his arms on it of his own free will, He restored us to the original bliss...Come, O faithful, let us adore the Cross through which we have been made worthy to crush the devil’s head. May the Cross of Christ strengthen us and recommit us to faithfully continue the journey to Pascha. May we, too, pick up our cross and follow Him who is our salvation.

*The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:*

*'Take only ONE .. God is watching..'*

*Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.*

*A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples..'*

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

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



In memory of (deceased)

In honor of (living)

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Please Print . Thank You

## What is the present church teaching on the veneration of relics?



When Pope St. John Paul II, promulgated the Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches on October 18, 1990, the Code included an entire section of law entitled “Veneration of the Saints, of Sacred Images and Relics.”

The principal teaching is expressed as follows: *“To foster the sanctification of the people of God the Church recommends to the special and filial veneration of the Christian faithful the Holy Mary ever Virgin, the Mother of God, whom Christ established as the Mother of the human race; it also promotes true and authentic devotion to the other saints by whose example the Christian faithful are edified and through whose intercession they are sustained.”* (CCEO 884)

Additional canons encourage the veneration of those servants of God listed among the Saints or the blessed and the practice of displaying sacred icons in churches

for the veneration of the Christian faithful.

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.

## 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

Don't compare yourself to other Christians. Compare yourself to Christ.

The happiest people don't **have** the best of everything  
they just **make** the best of everything.

## 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- \$1,236.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution \$1,355.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of+ John Sr. & +Nana Skrincosky by Mr & Mrs Andrew Skrincosky

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of +Mary Krajcirik by Theresa & Michael Krajcirik

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas –** Remembering the gift of Our Lord, during this Lenten Season.

**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  
Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak  
Elmer Gulas  
Walter Mistishen  
Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields & Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly

**Do your best, let Jesus do the rest.**