

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

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**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

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- Ss. Peter &amp; Paul, Mt Carmel</b>
Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Typica <b>6:00pm – 7:00pm Lenten Confessions</b> No Bible Study
Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & Syrokousty 6:30pm Prayer Group
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Typica
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:30pm +Nicholas Mazur by Wife Mary & Daughter Susanne
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am God's Blessings on His People <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, St Clair</b>

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

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>
Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Typica
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00pm-7:00pm Lenten Confessions</b>
Friday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty 5:30pm +Bishop Soter Ortensky OSBM
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary +Julia Wochok Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, St Clair</b>

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

Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Stephanie Rarick
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Ann Krusinsky
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Christine Romanko
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	David Toth
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Susan Miller

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

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### **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. *Thank you to everyone who helped on March 6<sup>th</sup>- the event went wonderfully. Totals for the fundraiser will be posted after the dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup> .*

**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 to everyone who donated for the dinner on March 6<sup>th</sup> !*

**Easter Bread Sale:** 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> .

**Confessions**- Tuesday, March, 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm Fr. Fesniak & Fr. Ivanov

### **St. Nicholas:**

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

**Confessions**- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Msgr. Melnic

**Deanery Stations of the Cross**- Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Refreshments and coffee will be available after Stations of the Cross. Help is needed to set at 2:00pm in the Annex Hall.

### **Both Churches:**

**Limited Rectory Hours –**The secretary will be out of the office this week. The rectory will be open for limited hours in her absence. Please call before coming over, we would hate for you to waste a trip. Any issue that cannot be addressed in her absence will be addressed the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your understanding .

**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** - 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.

**Please pray for members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul –** Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Syria were kidnapped, along with their wives and children. The children were isolated and put into cages. Adults who do not deny their faith will be decapitated, and their children burned alive in the cages. M. Françoise had been in regular contact with several of them before all this occurred. She asked me to transmit the news and make fervent appeal for prayers for these people, and all who are held hostage

## **Both Churches**

**FISH DINNER**” Sponsored by St. Nicholas Church Wednesday, March 18th at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Includes...choice of Fish or Crab Cakes, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cole slaw & roll \$ 9.50/platter. Eat-in or take-out **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY** Call 570-544-4581 or 570-544-6807

**Lenten Services:** 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.

**Lenten Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 Zimmerman. 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 Dinner** **Date of Dinner:** Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> **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 11<sup>th</sup> for March 18<sup>th</sup> . 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

**Theme Basket Auction** Trinity Academy's 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Rotary Clubs of Allentown-West & Allentown** are proud to present Ambassador Yuriy Sergeev, representative of Ukraine to the United Nations speaking on the subject of “The Ukrainian-Russian Conflict and Global Security” held at the Renaissance Allentown Hotel 5<sup>th</sup> floor ballroom on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> . Doors open at 11:30. Cost of this luncheon program is \$18 for Rotarians & \$23 for non-Rotarians. Advanced registration is required at [www.allentownrotary.org](http://www.allentownrotary.org).

**ATM: Atonement, Truth, Mercy**

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Stop and choose Thursday, 19 February 2015*

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

In the hustle and bustle of life, it is important to have the courage to stop and choose. The season of Lent serves this very purpose. During Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning Pope Francis placed emphasis on the need to ask those questions, important for Christian life and to know how to make the right choices.

Interpreting the Readings for the day after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30: 15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25), the Pontiff explained that “at the beginning of the Lenten journey, the Church makes us reflect on the words of Moses and of Jesus: “You have to choose”. It is thus a reflection on the need we all have, to make choices in life. And Moses, Francis emphasized, “is clear: ‘See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil’: choose”. Indeed “the Lord gave us freedom, the freedom to love, to walk on his streets”. We are free and we can choose. However, the Pope indicated, “it’s not easy to choose”. It’s more comfortable “to live by letting ourselves be carried by the inertia of life, of situations, of habits”. This is why “today the Church tells us: ‘You are responsible; you have to choose’”. And thus the Pontiff raised some questions: “Have you chosen? How do you live? What is your lifestyle, your way of living, like? Is it on the side of life or on the side of death?”.

Naturally the response should be to “choose the way of the Lord. ‘I command you to love the Lord’. This is how Moses shows us the path of the Lord: ‘If your heart turns back and if you do not listen and you let yourself be drawn to prostrate yourself before other gods and serve them, you will perish’. Choose between God and the other gods, those who do not have the power to give us anything, only little things that pass”.

Returning to the difficulty of choosing, Francis said he was aware that “we always have this habit of going where the people go, somewhat like everyone”. But, he continued, “today the Church is telling us: ‘stop and choose’. It’s good advice. And today”, the Pope continued, “it will do us good to stop during the day and think: what is my lifestyle like? Which road am I taking?”.

After all, in everyday life we tend to take the opposite approach. Many times, he said, “we live in a rush, we are on the run, without noticing what the path is like; and we let ourselves be carried along by the needs, by the necessities of the days, but without thinking”. And thus came the invitation to stop: “Begin Lent with small questions that will help one to consider: ‘What is my life like?’”. The first thing to ask ourselves, the Pope explained, is: “who is God for me? Do I choose the Lord? How is my relationship with Jesus?”. And the second: “How is your relationship with your family: with your parents; with your siblings; with your wife; with your husband; with your children?”. In fact, these two series of questions are enough, “and we will surely find things that we need to correct”.

The Pontiff then asked “why we hurry so much in life, without knowing which path we are on”. He was explicit about this: “because we want to win, we want to earn, we want to be successful”. But Jesus makes us think: “What advantage does a man have who wins the whole world, but loses or destroys himself?”. Indeed, “the wrong road”, the Pope said, is that of always seeking success, one’s own riches,

without thinking about the Lord, without thinking about family”. Returning to the two series of questions on one’s relationship with God and with those who are dear to us, the Pope emphasized that “one can win everything, yet become a failure in the end. He has failed. That life is a failure”. So are those who seem to have had success, those women and men for whom “they’ve made a monument” or “they’ve dedicated a portrait”, but didn’t “know how to make the right choice between life and death”.

And to emphasize the concept, Francis explained that “it will do us good to stop for a bit — five, 10 minutes — and ask ourselves the question: what is the speed of my life? Do I reflect on my actions? How is my relationship with God and with my family?”. The Pope indicated that we can find help in “that really beautiful advice of the Psalm: ‘Blessed are they who trust in the Lord’”. And “when the Lord gives us this advice — ‘Stop! Choose today, choose’ — He doesn’t leave us on our own; He is with us and wants to help us”. And we, for our part, need “only to trust, to have faith in Him”.

Repeating the words of the Psalm, “Blessed are they who trust in the Lord”, the Pope then urged that we be aware that God does not abandon us. “Today, at the moment in which we stop to think about these things and to take decisions, to choose something, we know that the Lord is with us, is beside us, to help us. He never lets us go alone. He is always with us. Even in the moment of choosing”. And he concluded with these instructions: “let us have faith in this Lord, who is with us, and when He tells us: ‘choose between good and evil’ helps us to choose good”. And above all “let us ask Him for the grace to be courageous”, because “it takes a bit of courage” to “stop and ask myself: how do I stand before God, how are my relationships in the family, what do I need to change, what should I choose?”.

*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)*

*Given by*

**Please Print . Thank You**



**JOY:  
Jesus, Others, Yourself**



## Faithful to be Anointed with Holy Oil of Healing on Sunday, Mar. 22 at the Golden Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia

On Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m., a special healing service will be held at the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The healing service will be part of the moleben prayer service with the relics of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charetsky, C.Ss.R., at which time a special icon of this martyr of the church will be blessed.

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 anointing with holy oil, also called holy unction, provides both physical and spiritual healing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The oil carries God's grace both to renew the body and to cleanse the spirit. There are many references to anointing with oil in the Sacred Scriptures. In the New Testament, the Epistle of James specifically advises “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” (James 5:14-15).

Holy unction is a mystery of great comfort to the faithful. This is an opportunity for all the faithful to receive the grace and blessings through the anointing with the oil of healing for their physical and spiritual ailments.

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**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>

## **“Who is the God, Who calls us and leads us?”**

In the book of Hebrews, we are called to look to Jesus, who is “the author and finisher of our faith”.(12:2) Jesus makes faith – and God – more real to us. We understand that God gave us life and is our shepherd, companion and strength. But who is this God and how can we understand how all this works? There is no easy answer, but consider what we do know.

God is so great that no one image of God is enough. This truth is reflected in the response that God gave to Moses, after calling him to deliver his people from bondage under the Egyptian pharaoh. Moses questioned whether his kinfolk would accept him as a leader and deliverer. What authority did he have? “Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ What shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am’ – Say to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you,’” (Exodus 3:13-14)

It is this God, this wholeness outside of us, but also within us, this wisdom underlying all existence, who calls us to travel onward and upward in our Lenten journey. This awesome God is also found in the smallest flower and in the life of a little child, first grasping the feeling of security in its parent’s arms. “I am!” God IS, and you and I are part of God’s purpose in existence

The great “I am” helped us to BE, Our lives are centered not in doing but in being. Doing is the expression of our being. Our looking for new and greater horizons, then, calls us to be more sure of who we are, as well as how our being reflects God’s – and Christ’s – being. The word “Namaste”, often spoken in yoga classes, but originating in religions of the orient, means, “I salute the divine, the higher self, within you.” It is the center of our being that travels onward and upward at God’s call.

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### **Lenten Confession Schedule 6:00pm -7:00pm**

Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Assumption, Centralia- Fr. Fesniak Ss. Peter & Paul , Mt. Carmel – Msgr. Melnic & Fr. Ivanov Nativity, Middleport- Fr. Pitula
Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration, Shamokin- Msgr. Grabowsky & Fr. Hutsko St. John, Maizeville- Fr. Hutsko Protection, Marion Heights- Msgr. Grabowsky
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas, Minersville- Msgr. Melnic & Fr. Pitula St. Michael, Shenandoah- Fr. Fesniak & Fr. Ivanov St. Michael, Hazelton- Fr Hutsko Protection, McAdoo- Fr. Fesniak & Fr. Pitula St. Michael, Frackville- Msgr. Grabowsky & Fr. Ivanov St. Nicholas , St Clair- Msgr. Melnic

**What you have, give; what you lack, seek.**

## 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- \$ 1,340.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution \$608.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Appreciation for all Blessings

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of +Jack Sims by Niece Nancy Sawka

**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

## When God is glorified, Satan is horrified .