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Sunday March 22nd , 2015 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast-

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st 3:30pm +Nicholas Mazur by Wife Mary & Daughter Susanne
 Sunday, March 22nd 10:30am God's Blessings on His People
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, St Clair
Annunciation of the Mother of God
 Wednesday, March 25th 6:00pm God's Blessings on His People
 6:30pm Prayer Group
 Thursday, March 26th 8:00am Typica
 Saturday, March 28th 3:30pm +Ralph Mohutsky by Family
 Sunday, March 29th 10:30am God's Blessings on His People
3:00pm Stations of the Cross – St. Nicholas, Minersville

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21st 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Syrokousty
 5:30pm +Bishop Soter Ortensky OSBM
 Sunday, March 22nd 8:30am 30th Anniversary +Julia Wochok Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, St Clair
Annunciation of the Mother of God
 Wednesday, March 25th 9:00am +Steve Talpash by Bernadette Bremer
 Friday, March 27th 5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
 Saturday, March 28th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm +Roseann Laguna Helman from Mother & Family
 Sunday, March 29th 8:30am +John & +Julia Plasha by Russell & Marie Plasha
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, March 21 st | Heb 9:11-14 | |
| Sunday, March 22 nd | Heb 9:11-14 | Sam Litwak |
| Saturday, March 28 th | Phil 4:4-9 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, March 29 th | Phil 4:4-9 | Michelle Caputo |

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, March 21 st | Heb 9:11-14 | David Toth |
| Sunday, March 22 nd | Heb 9:11-14 | Susan Miller |
| Saturday, March 28 th | Phil 4:4-9 | Mike Prokop |
| Sunday, March 29 th | Phil 4:4-9 | Lauralee Sadusky |

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Lenten Fish Dinner- Our Last fish dinner is 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 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. *Thank you to everyone who helped on March 6th - the event went wonderfully. Totals for the fundraiser will be posted after the dinner on the 27th .*

Desserts needed -We need desserts for our **Fish Dinner on March, 27th**. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. *Thank you to everyone who donated for the dinner on March 6th !*

Easter Bread Sale: Bread pick up will be Saturday March 28th at 12 noon. Please pay for breads when you order. Thank you.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 4/26, 5/10, 5/17.

Deanery Stations of the Cross- Sunday March 22nd. 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:

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 - 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 22nd Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas , St Clair: Sunday, March 29th Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville.

Lenten Retreat- sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics- program begins with a conference on Friday evening March 20th and concludes with Lunch on Sunday March 22nd. 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 9th . Please call 201-843-3960. or contact the rectory on Monday.

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 5th floor ballroom on Friday March 27th . 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.

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

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

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.

A Journey of Faith – Lenten Meditation #6 Fifth Sunday in Lent “The Challenge Of The Daily Grind”

Life’s paths are often paved with cobblestones. These are not cliffs to be climbed or boulders to go around, but simply the rough places we have to go through. Our Lenten journey may have reached the point now where the original impulse to travel has gone, but the road continues on. An old Pennsylvania Dutch saying puts it this way: “The cream is all; the milk is yet.”

Scripture recognizes these times, too. Paul wrote to the Galatians, “Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.” (6:9) When the daily grind wears us down, we need God’s renewal.

How does this work? Try a few possibilities. First of all, do not confuse weariness with guilt. Life is demanding and we get tired. This is not unfaithfulness; in fact it may be a sign that we have acted in faith. God knows our limitations. Second, realize that it is not only the end of the journey that is important. The whole trip is significant. Our everyday life of compassion, sharing in work and rejoicing with others is what life is all about. Thinking of “pie in the sky by and by” is inadequate. Even amid the cobblestones and the rough places in life, we need to look for life’s bright things. Notice the flowers growing in a rock’s shade and listen to birds, as they wing through the skies. Some days we move slowly, but we make progress even so. This is the life god gives us.

Perhaps, our greatest need on life’s rough days, as well as the flat, tedious ones, is for companionship. This has a divine component (“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee!) and a human one. Human companionship calls for willingness to put up with people’s failings. All of us disappoint others at times. We all know times when people have angered us or let us down. But, we are still sisters and brothers. As we journey along, we need to look for the good, the bright side in people and in all that comes.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Working with God Monday, 9 February 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 7, 13 February 2015)

God is always working through love and it is up to us to respond to Him with responsibility and in the spirit of reconciliation, which gives way to the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis addressed this invitation during Mass on Monday morning in the chapel of Santa Marta.

The Holy Father began his reflection by referring to a passage from Genesis (1:1-19). “Today’s Liturgy of the Word leads us to think, to meditate on the works of God: God works”. In fact, “Jesus Himself said: ‘My Father still works, still acts, still operates; so do I!’”. And in this way, the Pope pointed out that “some medieval theologians explained: first God, the Creator, creates the universe, creates the heavens, the earth, the living beings. He creates. The work of creation”. However, “creation is not the end: He continuously supports what He created, works to sustain what He created in order that it continue”.

In the Gospel of Mark (6:53-56), the Pope indicated, “we see ‘the other creation’ of God”, namely “that of Jesus who comes to ‘re-create’ what has been ruined by sin”. And “we see Jesus among the people”. Indeed, Mark writes: “‘when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, and ran about the whole neighbourhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard He was’. And those who touched Him were saved”. This is the “re-creation”, and “the Liturgy expresses the soul of the Church in this, when the beautiful prayer is said: ‘O God, that you created the universe so wondrously, but more wondrously you created redemption’”. Thus, “this ‘second creation’ is more wondrous than the first, this second work is more wondrous”.

There is then, Francis continued, “another work: the work of persevering in the faith, which Jesus says is done by the Holy Spirit: ‘I will send the Paraclete and He will teach you and remind you, He will make you remember what I have said’”. It is “the work of the Spirit within us, to keep the word of Jesus alive, to preserve creation, to guarantee that this creation does not die”. Thus “the presence there of the Spirit, who keeps the first creation and the second alive”.

In other words, “God works. He continues to work and we can ask ourselves how we should respond to this creation of God, which was born from love because He works through love”. Thus, “to the ‘first creation’ we must respond with the responsibility the Lord gives us: ‘The earth is yours, foster it; make it grow!’”. For this reason, “we too have the responsibility to make the earth flourish, to make creation flourish, to safeguard it and make it flourish according to its laws: we are lords of creation, not masters”. And we mustn’t “take control of creation, but foster it, faithful to its laws”. Indeed, “this is the first response to God’s work: work to safeguard creation, to make it fruitful”.

From this perspective, the Pope continued, “when we hear people hold meetings to consider how to safeguard creation, we could say: ‘No, they are green!’”. Instead, he suggested: “they aren’t green: this is Christian!”. And this “is our response to God’s ‘first creation’, it is our responsibility!”. In fact, “a Christian who doesn’t safeguard creation, who doesn’t make it flourish, is a Christian who isn’t concerned with God’s work, that work born of God’s love for us”. And “this is the first response to the first creation: safeguard creation, make it flourish”.

But, Pope Francis asked, “how do we respond to the ‘second creation’?”. In this regard, he said that “Paul the Apostle tells us the right word, which is the true response: ‘Let yourselves reconcile with God’”. This, he explained, is “that open interior attitude for going constantly on the path of inner reconciliation, of community reconciliation, because reconciliation is Christ’s work”. And Paul also says: “God has reconciled the world in Christ”. Thus, “to the ‘second creation’ we say: ‘Yes, we must let ourselves reconcile with the Lord’”.

Francis then posed another question: “And to the work that the Holy Spirit does within us, of reminding us of Jesus’ word, of explaining to us, of making us understand what Jesus said: how do we respond?”. It is again “Paul who tells us” not to grieve “the Holy Spirit who is within you: be attentive, he is your guest; he is within you; he works within you! Do not grieve the Holy Spirit”. And this is “in order that we believe in a personal God. God is person: He is the person of Father, the person of Son, the person of the Holy Spirit”. After all, “all three are engaged in this recreation, in this re-creation, in this perseverance in re-creation”. Therefore, our response to all three is “to safeguard creation and make it flourish, to let ourselves reconcile with Jesus, with God in Jesus, in Christ, each day, and do not grieve the Holy Spirit, do not push him away: he is the guest in our heart, the One who accompanies us, who makes us grow”.

In conclusion, the Pope prayed that “the Lord give us the grace to understand that He is at work; and give us the grace to respond rightly to this work of love”.

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.

In memory of (deceased)

In honor of (living)

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The road to perfection is always under construction.

People look outward, God looks inward.

Who was Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSs.R?



Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, C.Ss.R, known as “the healer of souls” was beatified by St. John Paul II on June 27, 2001 in Lviv, Ukraine, and is commemorated by the church on June 27.

Blessed Mykola, born on December 14, 1884 in the village of Semakivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, was ordained to the priesthood in 1909, and earning a doctorate in dogmatic theology from Rome, he was appointed spiritual director and professor at the seminary in Ivano-Frankivsk.

In 1919, he entered the novitiate of the Redemptorist Fathers in Lviv and in 1926 was appointed apostolic visitor for Ukrainian Catholics in Volyn, Polissia, Kholm and Pidliasha. He zealously worked for the union of the Holy Church. On February 2, 1931, he was ordained to the episcopacy by Bishop Hryhorii Khomyshyn.

He was arrested by the NKVD, the secret police of Josef Stalin on April 11, 1945 and sentenced to six years of hard labor in Siberia. According to official records, he underwent 600 hours of interrogation and torture and spent time in 30 different prisons and camps. Terminally ill, in 1956, he was permitted to return to western Ukraine, where he secretly continued to fulfill his episcopal obligations in the underground church of the catacombs.

In the midst of the cruelty and oppression which he suffered in imprisonment and in exile, he was distinguished for his evangelical patience, gentleness and limitless goodness and holiness. During his lifetime he was considered by the faithful, a holy man. As a consequence of his sufferings, he died a martyr for the faith on April 2, 1959 in Lviv, and is known as “the healer of souls’ by the 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.

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

World Meeting of Families Video English

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

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God - The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There is a painting of the Annunciation in the catacombs of Priscilla in Rome dating from the second century. The Council of Toledo in 656 mentions the Feast. In 692 the Council in Trullo celebrated the Annunciation during Great Lent.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as "good tidings." This refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:26-38). The tropar describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God becomes the Son of Man.

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God's promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3: 15): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel." The Fathers of the Church understand "her seed" to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, but the Archangel Gabriel proclaimed that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

We see this echoed in the Liturgy of St. Basil, as well: "When man disobeyed You, the only true God who had created him, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death by his own transgressions, You, O God, in Your righteous judgment, did send him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration through Christ Himself."

The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin who was betrothed to St. Joseph: "Hail, thou who art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

In contrast to Eve, who was readily deceived by the serpent, the Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel's message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. The fact that she asked for an explanation reveals her sobriety and prudence. She did not disbelieve the words of the angel, but could not understand how they would be fulfilled, for they spoke of something which was beyond nature. "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34).

"And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore also that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elizabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her" (Luke I: 35-38).

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.

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- \$ 957.01 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$1,182.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Walter Buchinsky & +Francis Krieger by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

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
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