

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday April 5th, 2015 – Resurrection of Our Lord Pascha

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4th 2:00pm Blessing of Easter Food
4:00pm Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Pascha (Easter) Sunday

Sunday, April 5th 10:30am Easter Blessings on God's People

Bright Week

Tuesday, April 7th 9:00am +Charles & + Mary Lazusky by William & Irene McAndrew

Wednesday, April 8th 5:00pm +Paul Litwak by Toni Poppert Huntzinger

Friday, April 10th 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, April 11th 3:30pm 40th Day +Olga Fylypovych by People of St Michael's and St Nicholas

Sunday, April 12th 10:30am +Bishop Jaroslav Gabro

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4th 1:00pm Blessing of Easter Food
8:00pm Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Bright Week

Monday, April 6th 9:00am +John Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family

Thursday, April 9th 8:00am +Frank & +Mary Homa by Frank & Dorothy Homa

Saturday, April 11th 5:30pm +John Weiss by Thomas & Jeanette Stock

Sunday, April 12th 8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 4 th	Acts 1:1-8	Alice Breznik
Sunday, April 5 th	Acts 1:1-8	Charles Calise
Saturday, April 11 th	Acts 5:12-20	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 12 th	Acts 5:12-20	Michael Fufla

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 4 th	Acts 1:1-8	Bernadette Bremer
Saturday, April 11 th	Acts 5:12-20	David Toth
Sunday, April 12 th	Acts 5:12-20	Dolores Sadusky



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Lenten Fish Dinner- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success. A special thanks to those who prepped, cooked and worked the event. The profit for this event was \$ 796.30 Great Job to everyone involved !

Easter Bread Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. A special thanks to those who picked up and distributed the bread. We raised \$473.00. Thanks for everyone's hard work.

Pierogie Sale –April's Pierogie Sale is SOLD OUT ! But we could use your help on April 27th making pierogies. Anyone available to help with the prep work needed for the sale should talk to Winnie or Carol.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Date Available 5/10.

Both Churches:

Deanery Lenten Raffle. The Winners of the Lucky Three Raffle are
1st prize----Fuflla Family (\$500.00) 2nd prize----Andrea Chabon (\$200.00) 3rd prize----David Reed (\$50.00)
Easter Basket Raffle: Large Basket----Chris Bogner Small Bastet----Joseph Liptock
Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the entire Great Fast. My prayers for a blessed and joyous celebration of the Pascha! Fr. Michael Hutsko

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

Day of Prayer The Sisters of the Order of St Basil the Great invite you to a Day of Prayer. Gather together to pray and reflect on your calling to God, Sunday, April 26, 2015, 9 AM to 3 PM, Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046. To register contact: Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, 215-379-3998 ext.16. Registration fee: \$16.00.



NBC's Follow –up to “ The Bible “ Premieres: Pascha Sunday, April 5, at 9 pm EDT, NBC begins a 12 part TV series entitled AD--The Bible Continues. The all new 12 part series, which will air each Sunday at 9 p.m. will conclude Sunday, June 21, 2015. This is a YouTube link to the official trailer for the series <http://youtube/dSoFbndq0xs>, which was previewed by the USCCB at their 2014 Fall meeting. You will find more information about the series at this link: <http://www.nbc.com/ad-the-bible-continues/about>.

**It's wonderful what God can do
with a broken heart ,
if He gets all the pieces.**

To the People of St. Michael's and St. Nicholas,

Let us not forget during our busy day of family dinner and Easter eggs, that it is the virtue of hope that we are celebrating this Easter Sunday.

In Dante's "The Divine Comedy", the pilgrim through the afterlife is questioned by St. James as to the virtue of hope, he reply's that" Hope is the sure expectancy of future bliss to be inherited- the holy fruit of God's grace and man's precedent worth."

Sometimes we forget that the Catholic understanding of the virtue of hope is not the same as the secular one. Hope should not be thought of as a wish that things go our way, "but as the firmness in faith that eternal life can be achieved because " Christ is Risen!". For hope is at the center of our faith, and if "Christmas is joy , then Easter is hope."(*Robert Lockwood*)

Remember what St. Paul said of hope in 1Corinthians 15:17,19 " if Christ has not been raised your faith is in vain; you are still your sins... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. " And Pope Benedict XVI wrote of Zechariah in his encyclical on hope in *Spe Salvi*, " The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted a gift of new life"

So I say to you this Easter, live a life of hope, for Our Savoir has Risen . His Resurrection confirming our faith and forgiving our sins. We have life everlasting because of our hope in Christ. And we should strive to commit to this virtue every day, for it is in His love, and grace that we are made whole.

May you all have an Easter filled with hope,

Fr. Myron

American Girl Doll Bingo

Sunday May 3rd, 2015

Doors open at 12 noon

Early Bird at 1:15pm

Bingo starts at 1:30pm

Admission \$25.00

***All Players must purchase an admission ticket**

***Winner receives their choice of doll.**

***Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory .**

*** Special Raffles - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for special raffles throughout the day – one chance per item**



**St. Michael's Church Hall- 300 W Oak St , Shenandoah, PA
for tickets or info call 570-462-0809.**

**EASTER PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A. TO
OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS
AND BELOVED FAITHFUL**

Christ is Risen!

Indeed he is Risen!

“Then (the women) went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” Mk. 16:8

It should be easy for us to think of a time when we were so terrified of something or someone that we ran away in fear. Why did we run? Sometimes we were afraid of getting hurt. Or perhaps we were afraid of losing control. Other times we were afraid of what we did not understand.

When we read the Gospels we can be surprised to learn that it is also those who are the closest companions of Christ who fled in terror. When Judas led the soldiers into the Garden of Gethsemane and betrayed his Master, it is the disciples who fled for their lives. Later, it is Peter, fearing a similar fate, who denied Jesus three times. And almost at the very end of the Gospel, following the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus, it is the women who came to the tomb very early on that first Easter Sunday morning, whom we witness fleeing in fear and astonishment. Why did they flee? Were they afraid for their lives as were Peter and the other disciples?

Certainly, we must admire the tenacity of the faith of Mary Magdalene and the other women for coming to the tomb in the first place to anoint the body of Jesus. It is astonishing they did not let themselves become discouraged either by the fearful events they had just witnessed two days earlier or by the impossibility of what they planned to do. After all, how were they to get past the soldiers guarding the tomb and whose aid could they enlist to help them roll away the great stone at its entrance?

But God, in rewarding their faith, removed all obstacles – the soldiers are struck dumb and the stone is miraculously rolled away by an angel in the form of a young man who now sits at the head of the place where Jesus was laid. He tells them that Jesus is not there, that he is risen and that he will meet them and the disciples in Galilee. But instead of responding with joy to this unexpected announcement, the women are seized with fear and run off in haste.

Their reaction is not surprising because they had come to the tomb to pay their final respects to their Teacher, who had died a horrible death. They were taken aback to discover the grave empty and still more when they heard the message of the angel. And they were overcome with fear when they realized that the empty tomb had completely upended their world and challenged everything they thought they knew. If their eyes were not deceiving them and if what the young man in the tomb said was true, then the whole world had changed radically with Jesus’ resurrection, and that meant they had to change too. The women had come to the tomb to honour a man who had died. Instead, they were sent out to proclaim that he is very much alive. Little wonder they were afraid!

Once again this year, we have completed our Lenten journey of prayer and repentance and, having spiritually re-lived the final terrible days of Jesus’ earthly life in the liturgical services of Holy Week, we find ourselves, along with the pious women, kneeling at the foot of the empty tomb of Jesus.

How will we respond to the astonishing sight of the empty tomb and the words of the angel? Will we too run away in fear, unable to face a God who overturns our understanding of the world? Will we flee from the personal challenge that He presents to us? Or, will we come to the empty tomb and find our hope?

Whatever our hopes are – for reconciled relationships, for healing from physical illness or emotional hurts, for a closer relationship with God, for peace in our families, our parish communities, our country, for an end to the senseless spilling of blood in Ukraine and for the restoration of peace in our homeland – they are all found in the empty tomb. For God has reconciled everything to himself by making peace through the blood of the cross and through the crucified and resurrected Lord, the firstborn of the dead and the beginning of the new creation. (Col. 1:19, 20)

Today we celebrate the resurrection of the Messiah, the Son of God. We, like the women, must tremble with amazement when we approach the empty tomb. Christ is truly Risen! How wonderful it is when we meet the living God!

Our fervent prayer is that our Resurrected and Living Lord may bestow his peace and grace upon you and your loved ones, upon all our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world and especially upon our beloved and suffering Ukraine.

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

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

BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless family without beds to sleep in. Should you find yourself frustrated, stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles from any assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take a walk. Should you notice a few gray hairs in the mirror, think of the cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking "what is my purpose", be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

Let us be thankful for all gifts, great & small this Easter

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE FROM PEOPLE OF HOPE

Heartfelt gratitude is offered in prayers and words to all who have so generously donated for the ongoing Archieparchial COLLECTION FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE. You are Easter people – people who offer hope! Many individuals and parishes have made significant contributions, for which we are most thankful. To date, \$60,000 has been generously donated by you, people of hope! The donations have been forwarded directly to the Office of the Patriarch of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. They are best aware of the needs of those suffering as a result of the conflict in eastern Ukraine. Our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine has generously provided for the care of the many refugees and those in need of medical assistance. Your generous donations enable the Church to respond and to help immediately with great compassion and care.

Some parishes have elected to raise funds for specific programs providing assistance to the suffering in Ukraine. I believe that our Patriarch can best determine the greatest and most immediate needs for help. My preference is for us to respond as one family and direct collections taken within our parishes to assisting our Church in responding to the needs. It is the responsibility of the parish priest to ensure that all collections taken within parishes are strictly for humanitarian needs. This is also in conformity with tax laws.

The need for help in eastern Ukraine will continue to be great for some time. We are people of hope who celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Risen Christ walks with us in the journey of life as He did with the apostles on the road to Emmaus. Their hearts burned with passion as they came to understand the meaning of life. May our hearts burn with passion and love as we generously provide for the needs of the many who needlessly suffer in eastern Ukraine. When we choose to help, we grow in our understanding of life in the Risen Christ.

People of hope are asked to continue to share generously in providing humanitarian aid so desperately needed. Contributions may be made through your parish or sent directly to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts are issued.

Thank you for your generosity shown to date. Thank you for your anticipated understanding and generous support for those requiring humanitarian help in this urgent time of crisis in our native Ukraine. God bless you in ways only He can for your generous outpouring of love and support for those in need!

+ Stefan Soroka Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Holy Pascha

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



BULLETIN INSERT for April 4-5 (Easter Sunday)
APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month

The Archeparchy has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. Read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection.

<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=13>

10 Safety lessons to teach your child

- Trust your feelings
- Treat others with Respect and expect to be treated the same.
- Question the motives of adults who single you out with gifts, privileges, or attention.
- Avoid going alone
- Know the rules for adult / child interactions
- Speak up tell someone if you are feeling uncomfortable
- Know your comfort zone and expect others to respect your boundaries
- Be sure someone knows where you are
- Talk with your parents, it's their job to keep you safe
- Remember you have the Right to Say No when you feel unsafe

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call our Child Protection and Victims Assistance Coordinator, Ken Hutchins at 215.627.0143 or email ukrchildprotection@ukrcap.org.

No. 219/2105 SXB

This Number should be Prefixed to Your Reply

**Sometimes God says yes,
sometimes God says no, and
sometimes He says wait....**

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- \$2,386.75 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$1,177.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of+ Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Alex, Pearl & Alexis Mallick by Joe and Andrea Pytak

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – He is Risen, and We are Saved. Thank you Jesus.

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

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

Lights of the Tabernacle- In Loving Memory of +Dr. Daniel M. Paul, +Helen & +Albert Bauser, +Robert Thomas, +Helen & +Dante Paul by Jane Bauser Paul

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

Helen Sims
Mary Mazur
Keilbasa Family*

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

St. Nicholas

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

Peter Kadingo
Jeanette Stock
Mary Kadingo

Laura Seasock
Anna Skrincosky
Catherine Washuta
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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

Make someone feel important , ask them for help.