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Sunday April 12 , 2015 – Thomas Sunday

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11 th	3:30pm 40 th Day +Olga Fylypovych by People of St Michael's and St Nicholas
Sunday, April 12 th	10:30am +Bishop Jaroslav Gabro
Tuesday, April 14 th	5:00pm +40 th Day +Barbara Seaman by Anne Evans
Wednesday, April 15 th	5:00pm +Mary Ellen Sacco by Dolores & Len Kozlosky
Friday, April 17 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, April 19 th	3:30pm +Annette Sawka by Bob & Roseann Mitchell
Sunday, April 20 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11 th	5:30pm +John Weiss by Thomas & Jeanette Stock
Sunday, April 12 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, April 13 th	8:00am 40 th Day +Helen Yasembousky by Theresa Panchison
Thursday, April 16 th	8:00am +Roman & +Kathryn Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon & Family
Saturday, April 19 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Rita Renhert by James & Anna Renhert
Sunday, April 20 th	8:30am +Mary Toth by Ralph & Anne Serignese

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 11 th	Acts 5:12-20	Winfred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 12 th	Acts 5:12-20	Michael Fufla
Saturday, April 19 th	Acts 6:1-7	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, April 20 th	Acts 6:1-7	Stephanie Rarick

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 11 th	Acts 5:12-20	David Toth
Sunday, April 12 th	Acts 5:12-20	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, April 19 th	Acts 6:1-7	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, April 20 th	Acts 6:1-7	Theresa Panchison

Garden for God: Lettuce be kind and squash gossip.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

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.

Memorial Fund- We would like to thank Lorraine Yarnitsky and Rita & John Karas for their donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of +Michael Krajcirik.

Condolences Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Michael Krajcirik who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of +Michael be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat !

Thank you-to Bill & Irene Mc Andrew for their donation to St. Michael’s in memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick and in honor of William Mc Andrew.

Thank you to everyone who decorated and prepared St. Michael’s for Holy Week & Easter Sunday. The Church was beautiful, you did a lovely job. Thank you for your time and efforts.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Date Available 5/10, 6/14 & 6/21

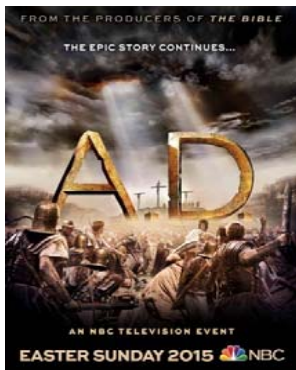
Sick calls will be Thursday March 16th.

Thank you to everyone who prepared St. Nicholas for Holy Week and Easter. The Church looked lovely. Your help and dedication are appreciated.

Condolences Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Elmer Gulas who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of +Elmer be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat !

Both Churches:

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 “ 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/dSoFbndg0xs>, 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>.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Christians? Yes, but....Tuesday, 24 March 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 13, 27 March 2015)

How many people say they are Christians but don't accept "the way" that God wants to save us? They are the ones Pope Francis defined as "Christians, yes, but...", incapable of understanding that salvation passes through the Cross. And Jesus on the Cross — the Pontiff explained in his homily during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday — is the very "core of the message of the day's Liturgy".

In the passage from the Gospel according to John (8:21-30), Jesus says: "When you have lifted up the Son of man..." and, foretelling of his death on the cross, evokes the bronze serpent that Moses raised "to heal the Israelites in the desert" and which was recounted in the First Reading from the Book of Numbers (21:4-9). The People of God enslaved in Egypt, the Pope explained, had been freed: "They had truly seen miracles. And when they were afraid, at the time of the Pharaoh's persecution, when they were faced with the Red Sea, they saw the miracle" that God performed for them. The "journey of liberation" thus began in joy. The Israelites "were happy" because they had been "liberated from slavery", happy because "they carried with them the promise of a very good land, a land for them alone", and because "none of them had died" on the first part of the journey. The women were also happy because they had "the jewels of the Egyptian women" with them.

At a certain point though, the Pontiff continued, at the moment in which "the journey was getting long", the people could no longer bear it and "they grew tired". Therefore they began to speak "against God and against Moses: why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?". They began to "criticize: to speak against God, against Moses", saying: "Here there is no bread and no water, and we loathe this worthless food, this manna". In other words, the Israelites "loathed God's help, a gift of God. And thus that initial joy of liberation became sorrow, lamenting".

They would have probably preferred to be freed by "a magician performing magic with a wand" rather than a God who made them walk and made them "earn salvation" or "at least deserve it in part" by acting "in a certain way".

In the Scripture we meet a "discontented people" and, Francis pointed out, "criticizing is a way out of this discontentment". In their discontent, "they vented, but they didn't realize that the soul becomes poisoned with this attitude". Thus, the serpents arrive, because "like this, like the venom of serpents, at this moment these people had a poisoned spirit".

Jesus, too, speaks of the same attitude, of "this way of not being content, not satisfied". The Pontiff then referred to a passage from the Gospels of both Matthew (11:17) and Luke (7:32): "When Jesus speaks of this attitude He says: 'How are you to be understood? Are you like those youths in the square: we played for you and you did not dance; we wailed and you did not mourn. Does nothing satisfy you?'. The problem "wasn't salvation" but rather "liberation", because "everyone wanted this";

the problem was “God’s way: they didn’t like dancing to God’s song; they didn’t like mourning to God’s lamentations”. So “what did they want”? They wanted, the Pope explained, to act “according to their own thoughts, to choose their own path to salvation”. But that path “didn’t lead anywhere”.

This is an attitude that we still encounter today. “Among Christians”, Francis asked, how many are “somewhat poisoned” by this discontentment? We hear: “Yes, truly, God is good. Christians, yes, but...”. They are the ones, he continued, “who end up not opening their heart to God’s salvation” and who “always ask for conditions”; the ones who say: “Yes, yes, yes, I want to be saved,” but on the path of their own choosing. This is how “the heart becomes poisoned”. This is the heart of “lukewarm Christians” who always have something to complain about: “‘Why has the Lord done this to me?’ — ‘But He saved you, He opened the door for you, He forgave you of so many sins’ — ‘Yes, yes, it’s true, but...’”. Thus the Israelites in the desert said: “I would like water, bread, but the kind I like, not not this worthless food. I loathe it”. And we too “so often say that we loathe the divine way”.

Francis emphasized: “Not accepting the gift of God in his way, that is the sin; that is the venom; that poisons the soul, it takes away your joy, it doesn’t let you go”.

So “how does the Lord resolve this? With the poison itself, with sin itself”: in other words “He takes the poison, the sin, upon Himself and is lifted up”. Thus “this warmth of soul, this being halfway Christians” this being “Christians, yes, but...” becomes healed. The healing, the Pope explained, comes only by “looking to the Cross”, by looking to God who takes on our sins: “my sin is there”. However “how many Christians in the desert die of their sorrow, of their lamenting, of their not wanting God’s way”. This is for every Christian to reflect upon: while God “saves us and shows us what salvation is like”, I “am not really able to tolerate a path that I don’t like much”. This is the “selfishness that Jesus rebukes in his generation”, which said of John the Baptist: “He has a demon”. And when the Son of Man came, He was defined as a “glutton” and a “drunkard”. And so, the Pope asked, “who understands you?”. He added, “I too, with my spiritual caprice regarding the salvation that God gives me, who understands me?”.

Therefore, there is an invitation to the faithful: “Look at the serpent, the venom there in the Body of Christ, the poison of all the sins of the world, and let ask for the grace to accept the divine way of salvation; to also accept this food, so wretched that the Hebrews complained about it”: the grace, that is, “to accept the ways by which the Lord leads me forth”. Francis concluded by praying that Holy Week may “help us to leave behind this temptation to become “Christians, yes, but...””.

Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord take me once more into your redeeming embrace.”

Sunday of Saint Thomas

The Sunday after Pascha is called the Sunday of Thomas. The name comes from the gospel that is read on this Sunday. The Gospel begins with Jesus appearing to His Disciples on the evening of His Resurrection.

When it was late that same day, the first day of the week. . . Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you".

. . . And after eight days, his Disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you!" (Jn. 20:19-27)

Thomas was not present when Jesus first showed Himself to His Disciples. When the Apostles told Thomas of the Lord's appearance, he said that he would not believe until he saw Jesus Himself. Eight days later, Jesus again appeared and called Thomas to Him and showed His hands and side that Thomas might believe.

The Church remembers this gathering of the Disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession on the eighth day after the feast of The Resurrection. Thomas' brief but pointed affirmation of belief "My Lord and my God," (Jn. 20:28) is the title often given to the Icon of St. Thomas. It portrays the greatest confession of anyone in the Gospels. Thomas, who has seen Christ in His earthly existence, now is transformed to see Christ through the eyes of faith.

In the Icon, Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Christ, the dominant figure at the center, initiates the activity in the Icon as He bends toward Thomas and shows him His side. Thomas is called to see and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord. This event takes place in the upper room where the Disciples gathered, and the closed doors witness to Christ's entering even though the doors were locked. This Icon is a witness of the Resurrection. It is a witness to us and a call to believe and profess our faith in Christ, our Lord and our God. (*God With Us Icon Study*)



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.

Sunday of Saint Thomas

Introduction

The Eastern Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed “My Lord and my God” upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning “in the stead of Pascha,” not “in opposition to Pascha”) because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6.

Biblical Story

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, “Peace be with you.” (v. 19)
He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. (v. 20)

Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ’s Resurrection. He stated, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” (vv. 24-25)

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, “Peace be with you.” He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” (vv. 26-27) Thomas answered, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus replied by saying, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (v. 29)

Eastern Christian Celebration of the Feast of Sunday of Thomas

The Sunday of Thomas is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, “Christ is risen...”

Patient God, you never tire of looking on us with kindness and love. Help us be aware of the negative ways we look at ourselves and others. In your generosity please grant us the grace to be changed by your loving gaze so that we may look at others with that same love. We pray in the Spirit of Christ who I Love . Amen

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month

BULLETIN INSERT FOR April 11-12

Our Archeparchy has codes of conduct adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children. Reading and following the code in all situations creates a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=67>

10 Ways to keep your child safe

- Know where your child is.
- Know who your child is with.
- Be Aware of adults who single out your child with
 - Attention
 - Gifts
 - Special privileges
- Be sensitive to changes in your child's attitude or behavior.
- Teach your child about Right Relationships
- Listen to your child
- Practice basic safety skills
- Talk to your child about when to say "no" to an adult
- Give your child unconditional love and attention
- Be involved in your child's activities

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.

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**Faith is not separate from reason.
It is a continuation of it.**

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- \$7,394.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$2,929.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Olga Kulka by Husband and Children

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

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – In thankfulness for Jesus's love.

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

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& Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
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Robert O'Connor

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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

The trouble with leaving yourself a way out is that it is too easy to take.