

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 114 South Chestnut Street, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania 17976  
**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 North Morris Street, Saint Clair, Pennsylvania 17970  
 Rectory (570) 462-0809 Fax (570) 462-0517 St. Michael's Oak St. Hall (570) 462-2424  
 St. Michael's Pierogie Hotline (570) 462-2424  
 Email- [stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net) Website- [www.first-ukrainian.com](http://www.first-ukrainian.com)  
 Like us on Facebook @St Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church  
 Follow us on twitter @stmichaelukr  
 Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

**Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> , 2015 – Sunday of the Myrrh- Bearing Women**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 3:30pm +Annette Sawka by Bob & Roseann Mitchell                        |
| Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 10:30am God's Blessings on His Pepole                                  |
| Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 5:00pm +Arthur Wahamaker Jr. by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connor        |
| Wednesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00am God's Blessing and Health for John Mushock by Betty Ann & Staff |
| Friday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus                         |
| Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 3:30pm +Eleanor Lombard by Edward & Mary Bickowski                     |
| Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 10:30am 40 <sup>th</sup> Day +Michael Krajcirik by Wife, Theresa       |

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary<br>5:30pm +Rita Renhert by James & Anna Renhert     |
| Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30am +Mary Toth by Ralph & Anne Serignese   |
| Monday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:00am +Theresa Seasock by Eleanor Balas  |
| Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8:00am +Margaret Tomko by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky  |
| Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary<br>5:30pm +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka |
| Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30am God's Blessings on His People  |

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

|                                  |              |                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 6:1-7   | Nancy Sawka       |
| Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Acts 6:1-7   | Stephanie Rarick  |
| Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 9:32-42 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Acts 9:32-42 | Sam Litwak        |

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

|                                  |              |                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 6:1-7   | Bernadette Bremer |
| Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Acts 6:1-7   | Theresa Panchison |
| Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> | Acts 9:32-42 | Andrew Skrincosky |
| Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Acts 9:32-42 | LeeAnn Smulligan  |

***“Unceasing prayer is born of love, but fault-finding , idle talk and self-indulgence are the death of Prayer”***

**St Silouan the Athonite**

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

---

### ***St. Michael:***

---

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

**Sick Calls**- will be Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***St. Nicholas:***

---

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

**Condolences** Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of + Dr. Robert O’Connor 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 +Robert be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat !

**Memorial Fund**- Donations were received from Mr. & Mrs. Earl Davis and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Naradko in memory of +Elmer Gulas.

### ***Both Churches:***

---

**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.

**Icon Workshop**- The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great invite you to participate in a unique Icon Writing Workshop! Acclaimed iconographer Father Damian Higgins, Abbot of Transfiguration Monastery in Redwood Valley, CA, is presenting two separate workshops at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Jenkintown: May 19-24 or May 26-31. The workshops combine a spiritual and artistic experience, and appeal to people of all abilities. Price is \$425 for 5½ days of classes, including breakfast, lunch and all materials. For more information, go to <http://www.stbasils.com/spirituality-icons.html> or call Sister Charlene at 215-780-1227 or email [basilcenter@stbasils.com](mailto:basilcenter@stbasils.com)

**Home Missions Collection**- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. the blessing of the seminarians places a financial burden on the diocese, where educating each seminarians costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men , so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next weeks’ appeal. This collection supports our Chancery as well. The grant we receive helps to support our Seminary, Religious Education, Evangelization, Communication (the museum, The Way and website), Mission Parishes, and Human Life Ministries. For every \$10.00 that is donated our Chancery receives \$120.00 in return to fund these efforts. Your help is needed to continue this support of our Chancery and it’s programs.

**“ There are two ways of exerting one’s strength :  
pushing down or pulling up. “**

## **Both Churches:**

**CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER** sponsored by St. Nicholas Church. Sunday, April 26th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Dinner includes...chicken, halupki, mashed potatoes, filling, corn & roll \$10.00/platter...EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY...call 570-544-4581

**Kielbasi Festival** – May 16, 2015 Featuring the Shenandoah All Star Polk Band , 3 Kielbasi Kings, Capital Foods, Kowaloneks, Lucky's and Mrs. T's Peirogies. Eastern European crafters, games and fun for the whole family.. there will also be a kielbasi making contest for amateurs, call 570-462-2060 to register.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** Trinity Academy Pre-School sponsored by the Divine Mercy Parish is currently accepting students for the 2015-2016 school year. Children must be 4 years of age by October 15. Parents have the option to enroll their child in our regular three-day preschool program OR our five-day Kindergarten Prep program. You can choose either half days or full days for either option. The preschool program provides basic instruction to help your child grow as they prepare for kindergarten. The Kindergarten Prep program is an extension and enhancement of the activities that are used in the preschool program and will include additional activities such as computer, library and gym. For more information, contact Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director, at 570-462-3927. Space is limited so do not delay

**ANNUNCIATION BVM WOODEN MODELS** Attention graduates of Shenandoah Catholic High School and anyone who attended Annunciation BVM Grade School. A commemorative model of the school, created by Cat's Meow, is now available for purchase at Trinity Academy, 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. (570-462-3927) The attractive models cost \$20. They make a great gift for someone who attended the school and would like to remember their glory days. All proceeds benefit Trinity Academy.

**RACE FOR EDUCATION** The Ninth Annual Race for Education will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at Nativity BVM High School. The Race for Education is one of Trinity Academy's largest fundraisers. Students ask friends and family members to sponsor them as they walk or jog around the track for approximately one hour. Race for Education is great fun for the students and fully benefits the school. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the school at 570-462-3927 or send sponsorship information to Trinity Academy, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976.

**Save the Date and Join the Holiness Revolution!** DATE: Saturday, May 16th 2015 SPEAKER: Dan DeMatte MUSICIAN: Aaron Richards LOCATION: St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville COST: Adults-\$20.00, Teens (13-19) \$10.00 without an adult, Teens with an adult, \$5.00. Children 12 and under are free. Ticket price includes free book, CD and join us for FREE lunch after the event. For more information and tickets, please contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470. All are welcome!

**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.

**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>

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Three women and three judges Monday, 23 March 2015*

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

“Where there is no mercy, there is no justice”. Paying the price for this lack of mercy, when faced with “profiteering, depraved and rigid judges” are the People of God and the Church that is “holy, sinful, needy”. These were the words of Pope Francis on Monday during Mass at Santa Marta.

Francis immediately pointed out that the day’s Readings — taken from the Book of Daniel (13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62) and from the Gospel according to John (8:1-11) — “show us two judges of two women”. He also mentioned another judgement concerning a woman: “which Jesus recounts in Chapter 18 of St Luke”. Thus, “there are three women, and there are three judges: one innocent woman: Susanna; another, a sinner, the adulteress; and a third, the one from the Gospel of Luke, a poor widow”. And “all three, according to some fathers of the Church, are allegorical figures of the Church: the holy Church, the sinful Church, and the needy Church, for the widow, the orphans were the most needy in that time”. This is precisely the reason, the Pope explained, that “the fathers thought they were allegorical figures of the Church”.

However, “the three judges are bad, all three”. And, he continued, “I am compelled to emphasize this: in that time a judge was not only a civil judge: he was civil and religious, he was both things together, judging religious and also civil matters”. Thus, “all three were corrupt: those who brought the adulteress to Jesus, the scribes, the Pharisees, those who made the law and also passed judgements, they had the corruption of rigidity in their heart”. To them, “everything was the letter of the law, what the law said, they felt was pure: the law says this and you must do this...”. But, Francis remarked, “these were not saints; they were corrupt, corrupt because rigidity of this sort can only go on in a double life”. Perhaps they “who condemned these women later went to find them from behind, hidden, to have a good time”. And the Pope also emphasized that “the rigid ones were — to use the adjective that Jesus gave them — hypocrites: they lived a double life”. Such that “those who judge, we think in the Church — all three women are allegorical figures of the Church — those who judge the Church with rigidity have a double life. With rigidity you can’t even breathe”.

Referring in particular to the passage from the Book of Daniel, the Pope re-emphasized that certainly the two men who unjustly accused Susanna “were not saints either”. And Daniel himself, “whom the Holy Spirit moved to prophesy, called them ‘old relics of wicked days’”. To one of them he even says: “beauty has deceived you and lust has perverted your heart. This is how you both have been dealing with the daughters of Israel, and they were intimate with you through fear”. In other words, those two “were depraved judges, they had the corruption of vice, in this case luxury”. And “it is said that when there is this vice of luxury, with years it becomes more savage, more cruel”. Thus those two judges “were corrupted by vices”.

And “regarding the third judge — the one from the Gospel of St Luke who I recalled moments ago — Jesus says that he did not fear God and did not take care of anyone: he didn’t care, he only cared about himself”, Francis said. He was, in short, “a businessman, a judge who in his task of judging did business”. And he was thus “corrupt, corrupted by money, by prestige”.

The underlying problem, the Pope explained, is that these three people — the businessman, the depraved and rigid men — “did not know one word: they did not know what mercy was”. Because “corruption took them far from understanding mercy”, from “being merciful”. However, “the Bible tells us that righteous judgement lies precisely in mercy”. And thus “the three women — the saint, the sinner and the woman in need — suffer from this lack of mercy”.

This holds true “even today”. And it touches “the People of God” who, “when before these judges, suffer merciless judgement, whether in civil or ecclesiastical” circumstances. After all, the Pope clarified, “where there is no mercy, there is no justice”. And thus, “when the People of God willingly approach to ask forgiveness, to be judged, how often, how often, they find one of these” judges. They find the “depraved” judges, for example, “who are there, capable of even trying to exploit them”, and this “is one of the most serious sins”. But unfortunately they also find “the profiteers”, to whom “nothing matters and who do not give oxygen to that soul, who do not give hope: it doesn’t matter to them”. And the people find “the rigid ones, who punish the penitent for what they hide in their own souls”. Thus, here are “the holy, sinful and needy Church, and the corrupt judges: be they profiteers, depraved, rigid”. “This is called a lack of mercy”.

In conclusion, Francis recalled “one of the most beautiful words of the Gospel, taken right from the day’s passage from John, which really moves me: Has no one condemned you? — No one, Lord — Neither do I condemn you”. And this expression of Jesus — “Neither do I condemn you” — is “one of the most beautiful words because it is filled with mercy”.

## **Seeing Faith in a Deeper Way**

*From the Trenton Monitor, April 19, 2013 By Father Ron Rolheiser of Holy Longing*

Sometimes you can see a whole lot of things just by looking. That’s one of Yogi Berra’s infamous aphorisms. It’s a clever expression of course, but, sadly, perhaps mostly, the opposite is truer. Mostly we do a whole lot of looking without really seeing much. Seeing implies more than having good eyesight. Our eyes can be wide open and we can be seeing very little.

I’ve always been intrigued by how scripture describes Paul immediately after his conversion. We always assume that it tells us that Paul was struck blind by his vision, but, I think, the text implies more. It tells us that Paul got up off the ground with his eyes wide open, seeing nothing. That doesn’t necessarily equate with physical blindness. He may well have been seeing the meaning of what he was getting himself into. Someone had to come and open his eyes, not just so that he could see again physically but especially that he could see more deeply into the mystery of Christ. Seeing, truly seeing, implies more than having eyes that are physically healthy and open. We all see the outer surface of things, but what’s beneath isn’t as automatically seen.

We see this, for instance, in what’s contained inside the healing miracles of Jesus. In the Gospels, we see Jesus perform a number of healings. What’s important to see in these various miracles is that, almost always, there’s more at issue than mere physical healing. Jesus is healing people in a deeper way.

We see this most clearly at those times when Jesus heals people who are blind. He’s giving them more than just physical sight; he’s opening their eyes so that they can see more deeply. But that’s only

an image. How might it be unpacked? How can the grace and teachings of Jesus help us to see in a deeper way? Here are some suggestions:

~ By shifting our eyes from seeing through familiarity to seeing through wonder.

G.K. Chesterton once affirmed that the secret to life is to learn to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again.

~ By shifting our eyes from seeing through paranoia and self-protection to seeing through metanoia and nurture.

It is not incidental that the first word out of Jesus' mouth in the Synoptic Gospels is the word "metanoia," a word that opposes itself to "paranoia." We open our eyes to depth when we shift from a posture of self-protection to a posture of nurture.

~ By shifting our eyes from seeing through jealousy to seeing through admiration.

Our perception becomes distorted whenever we move from the happy state of admiration to the unhappy state of envy. Our eyesight is clear when we delight in admiration.

~ By shifting our eyes from seeing through bitterness to seeing through eyes purified and softened by grief.

The root of bitterness is wound and the way out of bitterness is grieving. Tears clear our eyesight because they soften a heart hardened by wound.

~By shifting our eyes from seeing through anger to seeing through forgiveness.

Nothing taints our eyesight as much as anger. And nothing cleanses our vision as much as forgiveness. Nobody holding a grudge sees straight.

~ By shifting our eyes from seeing through longing and hunger to seeing through gratitude.

Longing and hunger distort our vision. Gratitude restores it. It enables insight. The most grateful person you know has the best eyesight of all the people you know.

Love is the eye! So say the medieval mystics. Seeing straight has more dimensions that we normally imagine.



## American Girl Doll Bingo

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.**



**BULLETIN INSERT FOR April 18-19**

***APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month***

The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment training even if you are not required. <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=68>

Warning signs

Ask questions if:

- Your child begins to avoid previously enjoyed activities
- Your child seems fearful of specific people or places
- You notice a significant change in your child’s behavior
- An adult is singling out your child with gifts, attention, and privileges...
- You notice a marked change in your child’s mood.
- Your child has unexplained injuries or health problems
- Your child is exhibiting sexualized behavior or has unexpected sexual knowledge

*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](mailto:ukrchildprotection@ukrcap.org). No. 219/2105 SXB This Number should be Prefixed to Your Reply*

*Thanks  
to Mom*

***Celebrate the Women who have touched your life !***

*Mother’s Day Memorials & Intentions*

*In Memory of (deceased)*

*In Honor of (living)*

*Given By*

***Please submit by Tuesday ,May 5<sup>th</sup>***

## 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- \$771.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution \$983.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** God's Blessings on John Naradko

**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-** In Memory of +Annette Sawka by Sawka Family

**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 Kozié  
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  
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 Church Signs Calendar 2015

**“If you don't step forward, you'll always be in the same place “**