

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday May 31st 2015, Sunday of All Saints

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30 th	3:30pm +John Evans by Anne Evans
Sunday, May 31 st	10:30am +Nicholas Bereschak by Daughters Mary & Helen
Tuesday, June 2 nd	4:00pm +Michael Krajcirik Sr. by Theresa Krajcirik
Wednesday, June 3 rd	8:00am +Olga Kurilla
Friday, June 5 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 6 th	3:30pm +Paul & +Margret Sawka by J. Sawka Family
Sunday, June 7 th	10:30am +Mary Luzusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & William McAndrew Parish Meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Dr. Peter Skrincosky MD by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, May 31 st	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, June 1 st	8:00am +Jerry Hall by Bill Covach
Thursday, June 4 th	8:00am +Kristin Prokop by Mike & Emily Toth & Girls
Saturday, June 6 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Florence Wapinski by Violet Twardzik & Family
Sunday, June 7 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 30 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 31 st	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Michael Fufia
Saturday, June 6 th	Rom 2:10-16	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 7 th	Rom 2:10-16	Stephanie Rarick

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 30 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, May 31 st	Heb 11:32-12:2a	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, June 6 th	Rom 2:10-16	Christine Romanko
Sunday, June 7 th	Rom 2:10-16	Susan Miller

**In the middle of my little mess,
I forgot how big I'm blessed!**

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- available for the following dates; 8/16, 8/23, 8/30 & 12/27

Parish Meeting- There will be a parish meeting on Sunday, June 7th immediately following Divine Liturgy. We will be discussing the upcoming construction on the Church. All are encouraged to attend.

Healing Service- There will be a healing service immediately after Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 17th

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 & 8/30

Sick Calls- Sick calls will be made on Thursday, June 4th

Both Churches:



DEANERY YOUTH GATHERING: Join us for the Second Annual Deanery Youth Gathering on Sunday, July 12th at Knoebel's Amusement Resort. We had a great time last year and hope that you and your family can join us this year! Everyone from 6th grade through College are invited. Bring your friends, and don't forget your family to this fun filled event. Your day will begin at 11:00am at "Pavilion C". Lunch will be at 12 noon and we are excited about our speakers at 1:00pm. The day will conclude at 5:00pm with a prayer service & discussion. Blocks of time have been set aside for you

& your friends to enjoy the park. Teens that participate will receive lunch & free ride tickets for the park. Ride tickets are available for families to purchase at a discounted price. The whole family is invited to join us for lunch, we're having hotdogs, hamburgers, barbeque, drinks and chips . We ask that each family please bring a dish to share with the group. Please , reserve your spot with your pastor by July 5th so we have an accurate head count for lunch. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation. For more information please see our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/southanthraciteyouth>. or call 570-462-0809 / 570-339-0650 Follow us on twitter @deaneryyouthorg . See you at the Knoebel's!

UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY: The 81st Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 26th at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors. Plans for the day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery, a concert and dance performance by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, pysanky demonstrations and classes for the youth, polka music by the fabulous John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra, a theme basket auction, many vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items and exciting games for the kids. We invite everyone from near and far to attend and support this annual event in support of our St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, DC. **The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM.** Again, we encourage the participation and input from the faithful of all our parishes. Please plan to attend and get involved. Your participation is greatly desired and appreciated!

Seminary Day Raffle tickets are available in the back of the Church.

Seminary Day Ad & Patron Forms are available in the back of the Church.

Jesus sent you a friend request. Confirm or ignore?

Report of the 2014 Archieparchial Sobor now available

The report of the 2014 Archieparchial Sobor has been published and is now being distributed. The full report is available on the Archeparchy of Philadelphia web site (<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=114>). The full report is posted in both Ukrainian and English in PDF format, as well as in an ePub format suitable for use with tablets and smartphones. All sobor participants will receive a copy of the English version of the report. Each parish will also receive a copy of the report in both Ukrainian and English.

Condolences- Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Eleanor Cicinsky Hutchins who feel asleep in the Lord. +Eleanor is the beloved wife of Kenneth Hutchins, a member of the Chancery staff. We pray Almighty God grant her a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of +Eleanor be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat !

Please Pray for Deacon Thomas Stadnik, a deacon of the Stamford Eparchy. Deacon Thomas was injured in the Amtrak accident on May 12th in Philadelphia and is presently recuperating in Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia from the injuries he suffered in the railroad accident.

GOLF TOURNAMENT Trinity Academy's eighth annual golf classic will be held on Sunday, June 7 at Mountain Valley Golf Club. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. 4-person team play format. Cost is \$75.00 per player which includes cart, green fees, picnic lunch, team cash awards, door prizes and closest to pin contest. There will also be a special surprise drawing at the end of the tournament. To enter your team or to sponsor a hole, contact Mike Nieddu, Director of Development, at 570-462-3927, ext 5 or email at trinitymike@yahoo.com.

St. John's Curiosity Shop- St. John's R.C. Church, 913 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop on Saturday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, books, Candles, Vases, Craft Items, Christmas Decorations, plus much, much, more Food items also available ... hot dogs, BBQ, baked goods, refreshments. Phone: (570) 622-5470 Website: SaintJohnPottsville.org E-mail: stjbp parish@comcast.net

INFORMATION NIGHT Did your child have a good school year? Was the year all you had hoped it would be? Trinity Academy will hold an informal question and answer session followed by a tour of the school on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom. All parents and students interested in visiting the school and learning more about what Trinity Academy has to offer are welcome. Faculty, staff, current parents and student ambassadors will be available to answer any questions parents or students may have regarding academics, registration and financial aid. Elementary students transferring into grades 1-8 receive \$1,500 in grants (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2). To register for the information session, call Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director at (570) 462-3927.

Food for the poor- We are in need of donations for the needy in our community. Non- expired, Non-perishable foods are needed, as well as personal hygiene products, toilet paper and paper towels. Diapers and wipes are also welcome. Thank you for your giving spirit

50/50 Spectacular Trinity Academy's 50/50 spectacular will soon come to an end! Hurry to get your chance now and help support Catholic Education. Chances are \$1.00 and available during school hours at Trinity Academy. The drawing will be held Friday, June 5, 2015.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (Psalms 27:14) for; “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar weary; they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

“Jesus turns a victim into victory.”

POPE FRANCIS

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

The importance of saying goodbye Tuesday, 19 May 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 21, 22 May 2015)

Pope Francis recalled the suffering of the Rohingya people in Myanmar, rejected and abandoned in the middle of the sea, and also of the Christian and Yazidi refugees “cast out of their homes” in Iraq. These tragedies are taking place today right before our very eyes. Celebrating Mass on Tuesday morning in the chapel at Casa Santa Marta, the Pontiff proposed a reflection on the ultimate meaning of every farewell, great or small, with the word “goodbye” (a contraction of ‘God be with ye’), which expresses an act of entrustment to the Father. He also took the opportunity to speak of the sorrow and apprehension of all mothers who watch their sons depart for war.

After all, the Pope began, “the atmosphere in these final days of the Easter season is an atmosphere of farewell”. And “in the liturgy the Church takes up Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper, where he bids farewell before his Passion, and makes us read it again: Jesus bids farewell in order to go to the Father and send us the Holy Spirit” (Jn 17:1-11).

Today, Francis repeated, “this atmosphere of farewell is also the focus of the First Reading, one of those beautiful pages of the Acts of the Apostles: Paul’s farewell” (20:17-27). He “was in Miletus” and “he sent the elders of the Church to call Ephesus” for “a gathering of the small churches, as big as parishes”. And thus “begins that discourse which will finish in tomorrow’s liturgy, where Paul recalls his work, what he has done: ‘I did not shrink declaring to you anything that was profitable, and from preaching to you and teaching you’. Therefore, “he reminds them that he has toiled, but he does not boast”. It is a reminder: “This has been my life among you”. He then adds: “And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit”.

Paul’s farewell, the Pope explained, was “even somewhat dramatic”. In fact, Paul leaves “not knowing what shall befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord”. And that is, namely, “to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God”.

Paul then “makes a rather long, brotherly speech, and when it’s over he begins to weep”. And he says: “now, behold, I know that you will see my face no more, but I know also that neither will I see yours”. Then, “everyone weeping, they go to the beach, kneel down and pray, as they weep and bid farewell to Paul”, accompanying him “to the ship”.

Thus, the Pope summarized, referring to the two Readings, “Jesus bids farewell, Paul bids farewell and this helps us to reflect on our own farewells”. Indeed “in our life there are many farewells: there are small farewells — you know I’m returning, today or tomorrow — and there are grand farewells and you don’t know how this journey will end”.

Francis recognized that it is “good to think about this”, because “life is filled with farewells” and “there is also so much sorrow, so many tears” in some situations. And he called for reflection on the “poor Rohingya people in Myanmar. At the time they left their land to flee from persecution they didn’t know

what would happen to them. For months they have been on a boat, there.... They arrive in one city where, after being given food and water, they are told: ‘Go away’: it is a farewell”.

The Pope then recalled “the farewell of the Christian and Yazidi who expect never to return again to their land because they are cast from their homes. Today!”

The Pontiff then pointed out that “there are even small, but great farewells in life: I think about the farewell of a mother who says goodbye, gives a final embrace to a son who goes off to war, and every day she awakes with the fear that an official will come and announce to her: ‘We thank you very much for the generosity of your son who gave his life for the homeland’”. Because “one never knows how these grand farewells will turn out”. And then “there is also the final farewell, that we all must do, when the Lord calls us to the other side: I think about this”.

“These great farewells of life, even the last one, are not farewells” that conclude with “see you soon, see you later, until we meet again”. They are not farewells “in which one knows he is returning either right away or in a week”. Instead, with grand farewells, “one neither knows when nor how” the return may be. And “that last farewell is even portrayed in art, in songs, for example”. In this regard, Francis spoke of the traditional song of the Alpine troops, recalling *Il Testamento del Capitano* [the Captain’s Testament], “when that captain bids farewell to his soldiers”. He then posed the question: “Do I think about that great farewell, my grand farewell”, meaning: “not when I have to say ‘see you soon’, ‘see you later’, ‘until we meet again’, but ‘goodbye’?”

The two texts in the day’s liturgy “say the word ‘goodbye’”: Paul entrusts his own to God, and Jesus entrusts to the Father his disciples, who remain in the world. It is “entrusting to the Father, entrusting to God” which is the “origin of the word “goodbye””. In fact, “we say ‘goodbye’ only in the great farewells, whether those of life, or the final one”.

Before the icon “of Paul who weeps, kneeling on the beach” and the icon of “Jesus, somber for he is going to his Passion, with his disciples, weeping in his heart”, the Pontiff recommended that we “reflect on it: it will do us good”. And that we ask ourselves: “Who will be the person to close my eyes? What will I leave?”. The Pope noted, in fact, that “Paul and Jesus, in these passages, both do an examination of conscience: ‘I have done this, this and this’”. And thus it is good to ask oneself, in a sort of examination of conscience: “What have I done?”. And to do so with the awareness that “it is good for me to imagine myself at that moment, one never knows when, in which ‘see you later’, ‘see you soon’, ‘see you tomorrow’, ‘until we meet again’ will become ‘goodbye’”. He then invited further reflection: “Am I prepared to entrust to God all of my loved ones? To entrust myself to God? To say that word which is the Son’s word of entrustment to the Father?”.

Pope Francis also counseled: “if you have a little time today and, if you don’t, find it!”: read Chapter 16 of the Gospel according to John or Chapter 19 of the Acts of the Apostles. These are “the farewell of Jesus and the farewell of Paul”. In the light of these very texts, it is important “to consider that one day I too will have to say that word: ‘goodbye’”. Yes, he added, “to God I entrust my soul; to God I entrust my history; to God I entrust my loved ones; to God I entrust all”.

“Now”, the Pope concluded, “let us remember Jesus’ goodbye, Jesus’ death”. And he prayed “that Jesus, died and risen, will send us the Holy Spirit so that we learn this word, learn to say it existentially, with all our strength: the last word: ‘goodbye’”.

The Cross of Christ is scandalous. The Pope clarified, “Jesus prepares the hearts of His disciples with the promise of the Paraclete”. And he says: “I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away” from the Cross. According to John, the Lord says: “They will put you out of the synagogue, indeed the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think they are offering service to God”. And today, the Pontiff said, we “are witnesses to those who are killing Christians in the name of God because they are disbelievers, according to these people”. This “is the Cross of Christ”. Jesus’ words in the Gospel of today’s liturgy are still relevant: “They will do this because they have not known the Father, nor me”. Jesus reminds us that what happened to Him will also happen to us. Therefore we must not fall away, we must be certain that “the Spirit will guide us and help us understand”.

In fact, Pope Francis said, “yesterday I had the joy of calling Coptic Patriarch Tawadros, because it was the day of friendship between Copts and Catholics” and “we spoke about several things”. He added “I recalled his faithful who were beheaded on the beach because they were Christians. These faithful people, through the strength given to them by the Holy Spirit, did not fall away. They died with the name of Jesus on their lips. That is the strength of the Spirit. The testimony. It is true, theirs was a martyrdom, the supreme testimony”.

There is also, the Pope continued, “the witness of every day, the witness which makes the fruitfulness of Easter present — which we asked for at the beginning of Mass — that fruitfulness which the Holy Spirit gives us, which guides us to the full truth, the entire truth, and which makes us remember what Jesus tells us”.

Thus, Pope Francis said, “a Christian who does not take this dimension of martyrdom seriously, does not understand the path that Jesus taught: the everyday path of martyrdom, the path of martyrdom in defending human rights, the path of martyrdom in defending one’s children: fathers, mothers who defend their family, the path of martyrdom of the many, many sick people who suffer for the love of Jesus. We all have the possibility to carry forward the fruitfulness of Easter on this path of martyrdom, without falling away”.

Later, in the celebration of the Eucharist — “the memorial of the Cross” in which “the fruitfulness of Easter is made present” — the Pontiff asked “the Lord for the grace to receive the Holy Spirit who makes us remember the things of Jesus who will guide us to the truth and prepare us every day to bear this witness, to make this small martyrdom every day or a great martyrdom, according to the Lord’s will”.



ATTENTION 2015 GRADUATES:

If you are graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School this year please inform the rectory as soon as possible. If you are graduating from high school, let us know what college you will be attending or where you will be working. If you are graduating from college or graduate school, please tell us your plans. We want to know our graduates accomplishments so that we may acknowledge your hard work.

PLEASE LET US KNOW THIS WEEK IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATE

The Feast of All Saints

Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost



All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74th homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 Feast of All Holy Martyrs held. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. *In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.*

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-\$ 1,325.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$ 583.00 Cemetery \$ 210.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-In Memory of +Charles & +Pauline Naradko by the Charles Naradko Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on +Albert Joseph Sockalosky III by Mark & Kimberly Minarchik

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas –Thank You to the Blessed Mother & all Mothers Who Have Touched my Life.

Lamps of the Crucifix- God's Blessings & Good Health on Alice Breznik by a Friend

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

Lights of the Tabernacle- In Thankfulness for All the Blessings Upon My Family.

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

Helen Beddall
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Are you drawn by Jesus or scribbling with Satan.