SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday June 21st, 2015 4th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20th 3:30pm God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Michael's Sunday, June 21st 10:30am In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Michael's

Tuesday, June 23rd 5:00pm +Olga Kurilla

Feast of John the Baptist

Wednesday, June 24th 5:00pm God's Blessings on His People

Friday, June 26th NO DIVINE LITURGY

Saturday, June 27th 3:30pm +George Minarchick by the Mitchell & Kalavage Families

Sunday, June 28th 10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary

5:30pm In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Nicholas

Sunday, June 21st 8:30am God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Nicholas

Monday, June 22nd 8:00am +George Jansson by Mr & Mrs Jake Lurwick

Feast of John the Baptist

Wednesday, June 24th 9:00am +John Yaroshak by Elizabeth Jansson Thursday, June 25th 8:00am +Margaret Tomko by Steve Rennick

Saturday, June 27th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary

5:30pm +Holly Kirchhoff by Mary Ann Uranium

Sunday, June 28th 8:30am +Bishop John Stock

Feast of Peter & Paul

Sunday, June 28th 5:00pm Bishop John Stock by the Stock & Kubeika Families

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 20th Rom 6:18-23 Winifred Mohutsky Sunday, June 21st Rom 6:18-23 Paul Caputo

Wednesday, June 24th Rom13:11-14:4 Charles Calise / Sam Litwak

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St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 20thRom 6:18-23David TothSunday, June 21stRom 6:18-23Dolores SaduskyWednesday, June 24thRom 13:11-14:4Theresa PanchisonSaturday, June 27thRom 10:1-10Bernadette BremerSunday, June 28thRom 10:1-10LeeAnn Smulligan

God loves you. * No restrictions apply.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

<u>Cemetery</u>: Please take all refuse with you when removing it from a grave. Please do not leave old arrangements or garbage beside the shed. Violators will be billed for the removal of garbage left in the cemetery.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 & 8/30

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 speakers for this event are Carmen DeFrancesco

& Dr. Barbara Yastishock Lutz. Mr. DeFrancesco is a coach, educator and motivational speaker. Dr. Lutz She will reflect in an "interactive" way upon the Road to Emmaus with a twist on the Johnny Appleseed story. 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

The 61st Dormition Pilgrimage will be held on August 8-9th at the mother house of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, 150 Sister Servants Lane, Sloatsburg NY 10974. This year's theme is: "Mary our Model of Perfect Commitment." The schedule for the pilgrimage will be in the Diocesan newspapers and is on our website: www.ssmi-us.org in the "News Section". Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be available throughout the entire weekend. Once again we will have various services, presentations/workshops and activities for our children and youth. Copies of the schedule are in the back of the church. Exhibits of some Women/Men Religious communities of the Eastern Church will be on display, as we continue to celebrate the "Year of Consecrated Life". If you have any questions or would like more information about the Youth Camp Out, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-753-2840, srkath25@gmail.com or Sr. Natalya, SSMI at 845-709-0769, thesower@optonline.net. The Pilgrimage Moderator is Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky.

<u>BUS TRIP</u> – we are arranging a bus trip to the Dormition Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 9th. The cost is \$30.00 and is non- refundable. Book your seat now. This is open to everyone you do not need to be a parishioner to attend. Contact Steffy Rarick at 570-590-5878 or call the rectory at 570-462-0809 for more info or to make a reservation. FYI – the bus is equipped with a restroom.

<u>Food for the poor</u>- 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

<u>The rectory office will be closed on Monday, June 22nd.</u> Please note that the rectory office hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday – Thursday.

<u>Peter's Pence Collection-</u> In the second collection today we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantage: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

<u>UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY</u>: 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, July 7th 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.

<u>St. Nicholas 80th Annual Parish Picnic</u> on Saturday & Sunday July 4th & 5th at Picnic Grove, Rte. 901, Primrose. Homemade ethnic foods, live entertainment, refreshments Theme Baskets, bingo, novelties and much more! Free Admission & Free Parking. For Information call 570-544-4581

SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT ANNUAL FOX CHASE PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor, Pa invite the Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy, the clergy, the religious communities and the faithful to join us in celebrating The Year of the Family and The year of Consecrated Life at our annual pilgrimage, Sunday, October 4, 2015. Please mark your calendar!

World Meeting of Families –Philadelphia 2015 – Registration Open Mark your family calendar for the 8th World Meeting of Families. Philadelphia is proud to welcome families from around the world to this event on September 22-27, 2015. Registration is now open. Families can look forward to speakers, celebrations, activities for kids, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones, and the world. Visit the official World Meeting of Families website at WorldMeeting2015.org to learn more. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity..



For fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them love and affection today and all days, we pray to God, our Father.

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that they may find hope, and solace in your never ending love, we pray to you, O God, our Father.

For fathers who have died, that God may welcome them into that peaceful place that is without ending, we pray to you, O God, our Father.

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

The Last Word Monday, 9 June 2015

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 24, 12 June 2015)

"Christian identity" finds its strength in testimony, and it allows for no ambiguity: therefore, Christianity cannot be "watered down". Its "scandalous" nature cannot be hidden by changing it into a "beautiful idea" for those who always need "newness". One must also be wary of worldly temptations, those which "expand the conscience" so as to allow everything to enter. Pope Francis offered these thoughts during Mass on Tuesday morning, 9 June, in the chapel at Santa Marta, recalling that "God's last word is called 'Jesus' and nothing more".

"Today's Liturgy speaks to us about the Christian identity", Francis began, following up immediately with the central question: "What is this Christian identity?". Referring to the First Reading of the day (2 Cor 1:18-22), the Pope recalled that "Paul begins by speaking to the Corinthians about the things they had endured, several events of persecution", and "the testimony they bore to Jesus Christ". In effect, he writes to them: "I boast of this — that is, I boast about my Christian identity — which has been like this. God is the witness that our word toward you is 'yes', in other words, that we speak to you about our identity".

"To arrive at this Christian identity", Pope Francis explained, "God, our Father, made us take a long journey in history, centuries and centuries, with allegorical figures, with promises, covenants and the like, until the moment of the fullness of time, when He sent his Son, born of woman". Thus, it is "a long journey". And, the Pope affirmed, "we too must make a long journey in our life, so this Christian identity may be strong and bear testimony". A journey, he indicated, "which we can determine from ambiguity to the true identity".

Thus, in the Letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle writes that "our word to you has not been Yes and No", ambiguous. In fact, Paul adds, "the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you ... was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes". It is here then, the Pope said, that "our identity is actually found: in imitating, in following this Jesus Christ, who is God's 'yes' toward us". And "this is our life: going every day to strengthen this identity and bearing testimony to it, step by step, but always toward the 'yes', not ambiguously".

"It's true", the Pontiff acknowledged, "there is sin and sin makes us fall, but we have the Lord's strength to pick ourselves up and move forward with our identity". But, he added, "I would also say that sin is part of our identity: we are sinners, but sinners with faith in Jesus Christ". Indeed, "it is not simply a faith of awareness" but "a faith which is a gift of God that has entered us from God". Thus, the Pope explained, "it is God himself who confirms us in Christ". And he has anointed us, placed the seal on us, provided us with a surety, the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts". Yes, Francis emphasized, "it is God who gives us this gift of identity" and "the problem is to be faithful to this Christian identity and allow the Holy Spirit, who is our very guarantee, the pledge in our heart, to lead us forward in life".

"We are people who do not follow a philosopher", the Pontiff stated, because "we have a gift, which is our identity: we are anointed, we have the seal placed on us and we have the guarantee within us, the guarantee of the Holy Spirit". And "Heaven begins here, it is a beautiful identity that shows itself in

testimony". This is why, he added, "Jesus speaks to us of testimony as the language of our Christian identity" when he says: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored?". The reference was taken from the day's Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16).

Surely, the Pope continued, "Christian identity, because we are sinners, is also tempted, it's tempted — temptations always come — and it can go backwards, it can weaken and become lost". But how can this happen? "I think", said the Pontiff, "that one can go backwards on two main paths".

The first, he explained, is "that of moving from testimony to ideas", which is "watering down the testimony". It's as if to say, "Yes, I'm a Christian, this is Christianity, a beautiful idea, I pray to God". But "in this way, we go from the concrete Christ, because the Christian identity is concrete — we read it in the Beatitudes; this concreteness is also in Chapter 25 of Matthew — from this somewhat soft religion, to air, and to the path of the agnostics". Behind it, however, "there is scandal: this Christian identity is scandalous". As a result, "the temptation is to say 'no, no, without scandal; the cross is a scandal; that God became man" is "another scandal", and it is left aside; we are looking for God "with this somewhat ethereal, airy Christian spirituality". Thus, the Pope said, "there are modern agnostics, and they propose to you this and that: no, the last word of God is Jesus Christ, there is no other!".

"On this path", Francis continued, there are also "those who always need newness from the Christian identity: they have forgotten that they were chosen, anointed, that they have the guarantee of the Spirit, and they search: 'Where are the prophets who tell us today the letter that Our Lady will send us at 4:00 in the afternoon?', for example, no? They live by this". But "this is not the Christian identity. The last word of God is called 'Jesus' and nothing more".

"Another way to go backwards from the Christian identity is worldliness", the Pope said. And this means to "expand the conscience so far that everything can enter: 'Yes, we are Christians, but this yes...', not only morally but also in a human sense". Because "worldliness is human, and this is how salt loses its flavour". This is why, the Pope explained, "we see Christian communities, even Christians, who say they are Christian, but cannot and do not know how to bear testimony to Jesus Christ". And "this is how the identity goes backwards, backwards and becomes lost". It is "this worldly nominalism that we see every day".

"In salvation history, God, with his Fatherly patience, has led us from ambiguity to certainty, to the concreteness of the incarnation and redeeming death of his Son: this is our identity". And "Paul boasts of this: Jesus Christ, made man: God, the Son of God, became man and died in obedience". Yes, the Pontiff remarked, Paul "boasts of this" and "this is the identity and there lies the testimony". It is "a grace we must ask of the Lord: that he always give us this gift, this gift of an identity which doesn't seek to adapt to things that would make it lose its saltiness".

Before moving on to celebrate the Eucharist, Francis took the opportunity to say that it too is "a 'scandal'". Moreover, he concluded, "Allow me to say 'a twofold scandal'". First, he explained, "because it is the 'scandal' of the Cross: Jesus, the Son of God, who gives his life for us". And second, "the 'scandal' that we Christians celebrate the memorial of the death of the Lord and we know that here this remembrance is renewed". Thus the very celebration of the Eucharist "is testimony of our Christian identity".

No matter who is president; Jesus is King!

FROM GOD, OUR FATHER, ON FATHER'S DAY

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you.... Psalm 139:1

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered... Matt 10:29-31

For you were made in my image... Gen 1:27

I knew you even before you were conceivedJer 1:4

I chose you when I planned creation..... Ephesians 1:11

And I knit you together in your mother's womb..... Psalm 139:13

You are not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book ... Psalm 139:16

I determined when you would be born and where you would live... Acts 17:26

Because I love you with an everlasting love....Jer 31:3

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.... John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry but am the complete expression of love... 1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you....1 John 3:1

For every good gift that you receive comes from my hand....James 1:17

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could...Matt 7:11

Because I am the perfect Father.... Matt 5:48

And I am the provider who meets all your needs....Matt 6:11-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.... Jer 29:11

My thoughts toward you are as countless as the sands on the seashore... Psalm 139:17,18

And I rejoice over you with singing.... Zeph 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you....Jer 32:40

For you are my treasured possession... Exodus 19:5

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires.....Phil 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine..... Eph 3:20,21

For I am your greatest encourager.... 2 Thess 2:16,17

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles... 2 Cor 1:3,4

When you are brokenhearted I am close to you...Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.... Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe every tear from your eyes.... Rev 21:3,4

Because I love you even as I love my son, Jesus....John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed...John 17:23

I have always been Father, and will always be Father.... Eph 3:14,15

My question is.... Will you be my child? John 1:12,13

I am here if you ever want to talk,

Your Father

THE MASTER'S TOUCH HEALS TO BE OUR TRUE SELF

At an antique show, the auctioneer held up an old violin and even for a \$2 bid, no one accepted. Then a violinist picked up the antique and began to produce a sound that was so serene and beautiful that everyone realized what a precious treasure he was playing. Tears of peace and joy flowed among the young and old because what made the difference was the master's touch. Saint Thomas ran away from Jesus and his fellow disciples instead of praying in the cenacle where Jesus had washed his feet and promised him His Body and Blood to prepare them for his crucifixion and His resurrection. Only when Thomas returned to praying with the disciples did Jesus appear to him. The Master invites him to touch his healed wounds so Thomas can overcome his doubts. The master's touch renewed his faith and Thomas touched many with his faith in the crucified and Risen Lord until he was martyred in India.

On this Father's Day we need to honor all our parents, religious, teachers and friends who have touched us with the Masters touch even though they were wounded themselves. Un-forgiveness kills the soul, but mercy brings us the Master's Touch of divine healing and holiness. Then, we can overcome our doubts and entrust our lives to the Risen Jesus, who will enable us to his healing presence, power and peace to our wounded brothers and sisters.

Devin Schadt began to pray to Saint Joseph to become a better husband and father to his five girls. Saint Joseph guided and graced him to believe that fathers have the power to change the world for the better. He learned that how that "identity determines your destiny." If you trust that God called you to be a man of God, a good father and brother, then you will avoid relating as a dictator, trickster, competitor, magician or villain and become an elder, compassion, champion, mystic and mentor. This is a lifelong journey and can only happen with intense daily prayer and regular reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. For becoming a better person is a gift from God and the beautiful family and friends who melt and mold us into Christ's image like Saint Joseph. Any man can be a physical father, but only a spiritual father can be a good Dad. You are a temple of the Holy Spirit. Bless them with the touch of our heavenly Father and they will revere, respect and be responsible in paying forward the gift to their family and friends. Real Men are not predators but protectors of their spouses. Their spouses are the feminine geniuses, who like our Blessed Mother, will help their husbands to listen and obey God's meaning and purpose. You can be one, if you see your vocation as husband and father as call from God to be the best version of yourself. Please pray for me and all priests to offer all fathers the Master's Touch as spiritual fathers as we pray for you to be the face of Christ and the shepherds of your family. For we are commissioned by God with the authority and tenderness to transmit God's glory to our spouses, children and parents.

Nancy Hope, who has struggled with cancer, offers us hope with the following message that hangs in her home:

Dance as if no one were watching Sing as if no one were listening Love as if you have never been hurt And love everyday as if it were your last

Happy Father's Day!

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-\$580.00 Cemetery \$70.00

Cemetery M.City \$150.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$711.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Father Deacon James Bremer- Ordained Deacon 6/4/2001 by

Bernadette Bremer Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +John Szczyglak Sr. by Andrew Szczyglak

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families **4 Lamps of the Iconostas** –. In Memory of +Patricia Forgotch by Daughter, Stephanie Rarick

Lamps of the Crucifix- Thank You to our Heavenly Father & all Fathers Who Have Touched my Life

Lights of the Tetrapod- Deceased Members of +Szczyglak Family by Andrew Szczyglak **Lights of the Tabernacle-** In Thankfulness for All the Blessings Bestowed Upon My Family.

God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!

<u>Prayer Requests: Please remember our shut-ins and all those who have requested our Prayers:</u>

Our Military Friends Serving Our Country.

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak
Eva Koch Helen Beddall
Dolores Kozie Irene Flaherty

Martha Hysock Tom Prete
Sandy Bankes* Susan Chernesky
Edward Sion Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Sims

eahy & Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak

Christine Lenhart*

Susan Chernesky Mary Mazur Maya Usewicz Keilbasa Family*

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Helen SalakPeter KadingoLaura SeasockJoseph SalakHelen SeamonJeanette StockAnna SkrincoskyJim RehnertMary MistishenMary KadingoCatherine WashutaWalter MistishenJoseph LuckenbillElizabeth GulasAndrew Skrincosky

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Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

If you think your sunk, Jesus makes an excellent life preserver.