

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday July 19th , 2015

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18th 3:30pm +Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol
 Sunday, July 19th 10:30am +Michael Krajcirik by Wife, Theresa
 Tuesday, July 21st 5:00pm + Olga Kurrilla
 Wednesday, July 22nd 5:00pm +Theresa Klemkosky by Carla & Joan Klemy
 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
 Friday, July 24th 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Saturday, July 25th 3:30pm +Michael Smetana by Smetana Family
 Sunday, July 26th 9:00am God's Blessings on His People

Seminary Day

11:00am Heirarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Primrose

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm +Walter Sr, +Helen, & +Walter Jr Kocur by Thomas & Jeanette Stock & Family
 Sunday, June 19th 8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Elijah the Great Prophet
 Monday, July 20th 9:00am +Mary Toth by Theresa Panchison
 Thursday, July 23rd 8:00am +Mary Rady by Theresa Panchison
 Saturday, July 25th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm + Russell Skrincoosky by the Skrincoosky Family

Seminary Day

11:00am Heirarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Primrose

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 18 th	1 Cor 1:10-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, July 19 th	1 Cor 1:10-18	Sam Litwak
Saturday, July 25 th	1 Cor 3:9-17	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 26 th	1Cor 3:9-17	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 18 th	1 Cor 1:10-18	Michael Prokop
Sunday, July 19 th	1 Cor 1:10-18	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, July 25 th	1 Cor 3:9-17	David Toth

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Seminary Day- St. Michael's has been asked to help at Seminary Day from 5:00pm to close . If you cannot come at that time your help anytime during day would be appreciated.

Seminary Day- Cooking- Help is needed preparing the food for Seminary Day on Friday, July 24th. If you are able to help, please contact the rectory or see Winnie or Carol

St. Nicholas:

Seminary Day- St. Nicholas has been asked to help at Seminary Day from 11am to 2pm . If you cannot come at that time your help anytime during day would be appreciated.

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 7/26, 8/9, 8/30 & 9/6

Both Churches:

Seminary Day Update :

- **Baskets** – Baskets are needed for Seminary Day. Donations towards baskets are appreciated, and can be dropped off in the back of the church or at the rectory. Donations of complete baskets are also welcome. The Seminary Committee is requesting that a completed basket's value be \$50.00 and cannot contain alcohol.
- **Baked goods** needed for Seminary Day. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at the rectory on Saturday, or at the event on Sunday. Last year we ran out of baked goods , your help is appreciated .
- **Seminary Day- Set up & Clean up** – Seminary day set up will be Saturday, July 25th beginning at 9:00am. Clean up will be Monday, July 27th beginning at 9:00am . Your help setting up and breaking down this event is needed and appreciated.

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". 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 information about the 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. The Bus trip is sold out.

Food for the poor- THANK YOU for all the recent donations. Please, continue to donate to our food pantry. 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

Parish Festival- Saturday August 1st from 4pm to 10pm and Sunday August 5th from 12noon to 9pm. Divine Liturgy Saturday at 3pm and Sunday at 9:30am. Homemade ethnic food, beverages, novelties, games, baked goods, theme baskets. Music Sat. 5-9pm "Double Talk" Sun. 2-5pm "Soundwave" 6-9pm " Remember When" at Transfiguration Church 129 N Shamokin St. Shamokin PA.

Job Opportunity Trinity Academy is seeking a full-time Food Service Director for the school's breakfast and lunch programs. Applicant must have administrative skills, cooking experience, and computer skills. Individual would need to complete training in the regulations of the National School Lunch Program. Responsibilities would include preparing menus, ordering food, preparing meals, supervising the operation of the kitchen, and submitting NSLP claims. If interested, please send a letter of application, and references via email to Sister Mary Ann Spaetti at mspaetti@trinitymatters.com

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 of 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 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. Again, we encourage the participation and input from the faithful of all our parishes. Please plan to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the Pa. coal region parishes. Your participation is greatly desired and appreciated!

Summer Camp- Open to all parishes in the Deanery and held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Mt Carmel, Monday August 3rd to Friday August 7th for pre-school and elementary school age children. The theme this year is "Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid". Those attending the camp will have the opportunity to explore the culture of Jesus' boyhood home and meet His family and childhood friends. Camp activities are scheduled daily from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. A hot lunch and snacks/drinks will be provided each day. On Wednesday evening, August 5th, all the children and their families are invited to join us at Knoebel's Amusement Resort for a light dinner and evening enjoying the rides courtesy of our parish Holy Name Society. More information about this will be shared during the camp. Also, each child attending the camp will receive a complimentary t-shirt memento! There is no cost associated with attendance and participation in the camp activities. Registration and parental consent forms must be completed for each child who will attend. These forms are available on our parish website <http://sspeterandpaulmc.org/> or by contacting Gene or Amy Lapointe at 570-205-7726 or Ss Peter & Paul office at 570-339-0650. We would appreciate registration be completed by July 31st.

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.

Archbishop Soroka to Celebrate Divine Liturgy during Knights of Columbus Convention; Wednesday, August 5 Divine Liturgy will be Televised Live on EWTN beginning at 8 a.m. On Wednesday, August 5, 2015, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Divine Liturgy during the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Responses will be sung by the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C. EWTN will televise this Divine Liturgy live beginning at 8 a.m.

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL St. John's Church in Pottsville will host its MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL on Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th from 5 to 9:30 p.m. each night on the parish grounds at 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave. in Pottsville. We welcome you to join us for great food, varied Games of Chance, Children and Teen Games, Pot Luck Stand, Theme Baskets, and featuring again this year "Splash the Clown", balloon making, face painting, and much much more. Music each night ... Friday, Dave Derbes; Saturday, Nick Michels and his Parrot Band. Shaded seating under the tent. Come join the fun!

POPE FRANCIS

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

Key words Thursday, 11 June 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 25, 19 June 2015)

Walk toward God and toward others, in service and in poverty. Pope Francis' meditation, during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday, can be summed up like this. In his remarks on the passage from Matthew (10:7-13) in which "Jesus sends his disciples to proclaim the Gospel, the good news, the Gospel of salvation", the Pontiff extrapolated "three key words for a clear understanding of what Jesus wanted from his disciples" and "from all of us who follow him". The three words are "walk", "service", and "gratuitous".

First of all, Jesus sends the disciples "to walk". It is a journey, not just a simple "stroll", Francis explained, but "a relay, with a message: to proclaim the Gospel, to go out to bring salvation, the Gospel of salvation". And this is "the task that Jesus gives to his disciples". For this reason, one who "stands still and doesn't go out, doesn't give to others what he received in Baptism, is not a true disciple of Jesus". Indeed, "he lacks the missionary spirit", and doesn't "go out of himself to bring something good to others".

Then there is another "path of the disciple of Jesus", the Pope continued, which is "the inner journey", that of the "disciple who seeks the Lord every day, in prayer, in meditation". And this is not secondary, the Pope emphasized: "a disciple must also take this journey because if he doesn't always seek God, the Gospel he brings to others will be a weak Gospel, watered down, powerless".

Thus it is a "twofold journey that Jesus wants from his disciples". This sums up the "first word" highlighted by today's Gospel: "to walk, journey".

Then comes the second word: "service", which is closely linked to the first. In fact, the Pope said, one has to "walk in order to serve others". The Gospel reads: "preach as you go, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons". Here we find again the "disciple's duty: to serve". The Pontiff was very clear about this: "a disciple who doesn't serve others is not a Christian".

Every disciple's point of reference should be what "Jesus preached in those two columns of Christianity: the Beatitudes and the 'protocol' by which we will be judged", namely that indicated by Matthew in Chapter 25. This is the "framework" of "evangelical service". There are no loopholes: "If a disciple does not walk in order to serve, his walking is of no use. If his life is not in service, his life is of no use, as a Christian".

In this very aspect the "temptation of selfishness" can be seen in many people. There are indeed those who say: "Yes, I'm a Christian, I'm at peace, I confess, I go to Mass, I follow the Commandments". But where is the service to others? Where, the Pontiff asked, is "the service to Jesus in the sick, in the imprisoned, in the hungry, in the naked"? And this is precisely what "Jesus told us we must do because he is there". Therefore, the second key is "service to Christ in others".

There is also great meaning in the third word inferred from this passage, which is "gratuitous". Walk, in service, without pay. Indeed, the passage reads: "You received without pay, give back without pay".

A detail so fundamental that the Lord stated it clearly, just in case “the disciples didn’t understand”. He explained to them: “Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics”. In other words, Francis explained, “the journey of service is gratuitous because we received salvation gratuitously”. None of us “bought salvation, none of us has earned it”: it is ours purely by the “grace of the Father in Jesus Christ, in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ”.

This is why, the Pope said, “it’s sad when we see Christians who forget these words of Jesus: ‘You received without pay, give back without pay’”. And it’s sad when those who forget this gratuitousness are Christian communities, parishes, religious congregations or dioceses. When this happens, the Pontiff warned, it is because in the background “there is the mistake” of assuming “that salvation comes from riches, from human power”.

Pope Francis then summarized his reflection: “Three words. Walk, but walk” in order “to proclaim. Service: the life of a Christian is not for himself; it is for others, as Jesus’ life was”. And third, “gratuitous”. This, he said, is how we can place our hope back in Jesus, who “thus sends us a hope which never disappoints”. On the other hand, “when hope lies in being comfortable on the journey” or when “hope lies in selfishly seeking things for oneself” and not in serving others, or “when hope lies in riches or in small worldly assurances, all of this caves in. The Lord himself crushes it.

Then came the Pope’s final invitation before continuing the Eucharistic celebration: “Let us make this journey toward God with Jesus on the altar, in order to then walk toward others in service and in poverty, with only the riches of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus himself gave us”.

PENNIES

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story.. Gives you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend.. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants.

Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts.



Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny?

Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

'Look at it.' He said. 'Read what it says.' She read the words 'United States of America'.

'No, not that; read further.'

'One cent?'

'No, keep reading.'

'In God we Trust?' 'Yes!'

'And?'

'And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him.

For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change.

I read the words, 'In God We Trust,' and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful!

And, God is patient...



The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

That's the whole gospel message simply stated.

READING THE GOSPELS FORWARD

The Gospels are difficult for us to understand at times. Today, most authors write for a specific audience: mystery lovers, sci-fi or history buffs, or the general population. The evangelists wrote for their own people in their own circumstances. They wrote for Jews under Roman power so the story might favor one or the other depending on whose approval was needed at the moment. So, sometimes the Jews were blamed for the death of Jesus, other times the Romans.

The first disciples were very poor, just ordinary people, fanners, fisherman, and shepherds. There are some things that poor people can understand. Mostly, they feel a desperate need for salvation and a fear and dislike of their wealthy masters. That is probably why Jesus warns against the dangers of money much more than anything else.

Jesus talked about things they knew: lost sheep, nets full of grapes, figs, and wheat. They also had little formal education, so instead of teaching doctrine, Jesus told stories about forgiveness, banquets, justice, joy, and love.

All of this is foreign to us. Not being poor, we have no sense of the futility that poverty instills. We lack that urgent, desperate desire to be saved.

We also find it hard to understand the Gospels because they were written backward. If the evangelists had been reporters, they would have concentrated on Jesus' childhood to explore His adult activity. Then they would have written matter-of-fact accounts of various supposed miracles without editorializing. They would have quoted the high points of His speeches and summarized His major teaching. They finally would record the manner of His death, and perhaps comment on His rise and fall.

But the evangelists were not reporters or even biographers, and they knew the end of the story. Resurrection at the end casts its glow on all the previous events of the life of Jesus. That bright light made the shadows disappear to let the truth be revealed.

Only after the resurrection could the evangelists realize that Jesus was the longed-for suffering servant of God victimized for the whole people, only after the resurrection could they believe that God approved of the message of Jesus. Only the resurrection enabled them to conclude that Jesus was the Son of God.

All of that seems obvious to us, now that we have the advantage of the evangelists' experience and wisdom. But that means we have the opposite task: We must read the Gospels forward. We accept Jesus as the Son of God; now we must imagine ourselves in the dark as His disciples were, we must experience their doubts, their questions, their fears, their inability to understand.

In order to believe in the God of our salvation, we must know and love the human Jesus ... shadows and all.

Great opportunities to serve rarely present themselves,
but little ones are frequent .

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:** Contributions-\$ 1,219.26 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$717.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Gratitude for Blessings. (Past, Present & Future).

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings and Good Health for Samuel P. Litwak by Toni Poppert Huntzinger

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas –. Thank You to our Heavenly Father & all Fathers Who Have Touched my Life

Lamps of the Crucifix-

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!

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

Irene Flaherty

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

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