

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday August 16th , 2015 12th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 15 th	3:30pm +Anna Mellon by Niece, Paula Sawka
Sunday, August 16 th	10:30am +Bishop Walter Paska
Tuesday, August 18 th	8:30am +Olga Kurilla
Wednesday, August 19 th	5:00pm +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepak 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, August 21 st	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, August 22 nd	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, August 23 rd	10:30am +Regina M. Rusin by Daughter Dolores & Len Kozlosky

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 15th	9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Blessing of Flowers & Herbs
Saturday, August 15 th	5:30pm +Rita Rehnert by James & Anna Rehnert
Sunday, August 16 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, August 17 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Dennis Skrincoosky for his Birthday by Andrew & Anna Skrincoosky
Thursday, August 20 th	8:00am +Anna Brennan by Harold & Mary Albon & Family
Saturday, August 22 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Thomas & +Mary Pelachick by Family
Sunday, August 23 rd	8:30am +John Washuta by Susan & Hugh Miller & Family

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 15 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 16 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Charles Calise
Saturday, August 22 nd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 23 rd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 15 th 9:00am Holy Day	Phil 2:5-11	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 15 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Christine Romanko
Sunday, August 16 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Susan Miller
Saturday, August 15 th	1 Cor 16:13-24	Mike Prokop
Sunday, August 23 rd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Lauralee Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: Construction has started here at St. Michael's. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction materials. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Parish Meeting: There will be a parish meeting on Sunday August 30th, immediately following Divine Liturgy. We will be reviewing the financial report for 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Cemetery- Please note- We are having an issue with garbage being left in the Cemeteries. It is important that dead arrangements or plants be gotten rid of in order to keep our cemeteries neat and tidy. If you do not dispose of dead arrangements or plants, the landscaping company has our permission to dispose of them. Please take any dead plants or garbage with you and do not leave your garbage by the shed. If you have any questions please contact the rectory.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available for Sanctuary Candle 8/30 , 9/6, 9/20, & 9/27

Both Churches:

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

CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER - St. Nicholas Church is sponsoring a Chicken & Halupki dinner on Sunday, August 23rd 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

Knights of Columbus Live Broadcast- If you missed the live broadcast of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Philadelphia with Archbishop Stefan Soroka you can see it on Catholic TV at www.catholictv.com/shows/knights-columbus/divine-liturgy-133rd-supreme-convention

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.

When you receive gifts from the Holy Spirit don't ask for a receipt.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Philadelphia, Pennsylvania We invite all our married faithful to join with our Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka to celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries at a Divine Liturgy in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 11 AM followed by a Banquet in their honor. Registration forms are located at the back of the church

. **PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** Trinity Academy Pre-School sponsored by the Divine Mercy Parish has a few remaining spaces 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 preschool program (three half-days) OR our Kindergarten Prep program (three full-days.) 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 or to enroll your child, contact Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director, at 570-462-3927. Classes begin September 8, 2015.

CONGRATON FOR THE CAUSE OF SAINTS

Subject: Pope Accepts Cause of Metropolitan Sheptytsky [FYI]

Decrees for the Causes of Saints [Vatican Information Service]

Vatican City, –The Holy Father Francis received in a private audience Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., prefect of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints, during which he authorized the Congregation to promulgate the following decrees regarding the heroic virtues of:

- **Servant of God Andrey Sheptytsky, O.S.B.M., Major Archbishop of Leopoldensis of the Ukrainians, Metropolitan of Halych (1865-1944);**

- -Servant of God Giuseppe Carraro, Bishop of Verona, Italy (1899-1980);

- -Servant of God Agustin Ramirez Barba, Mexican diocesan priest and founder of the Servants of the Lord of Mercy (1881-1967);

- Servant of God Simpliciano della Nativita (ne Aniello Francesco Saverio Maresca), Italian professed priest of the Order of Friars Minor, founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Hearts (1827-1898);

- Servant of God Maria del Refugio Aguilar y Torres del Cancino, Mexican founder of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (1866-1937);

- Servant of God Marie-Charlotte Dupouy Bordes (Marie-Teresa), French professed religious of the Society of the Religious of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (1873-1953);

- Servant of God Elisa Miceli, Italian founder of the Rural Catechist Sisters of the Sacred Heart (1904-1976);

- Servant of God Isabel Mendez Herrero (Isabel of Mary Immaculate), Spanish professed nun of the Servants of St. Joseph (1924-1953). *Translation of the original Italian Text.*

“Lord.. you keep your covenant of kindness with your servants who are faithful to you with their whole heart.” 1Kings 8:23

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:5

POPE FRANCIS

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

Three lifestyles Friday, 29 May 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 23, 5 June 2015)

During Mass at Santa Marta on Friday morning Pope Francis explained that there are “three lifestyles”. He drew from the passage from the Gospel according to Mark (11:11-25), which presents three attitudes linked to figures: those “of the fig tree”, the “businessmen in the temple” and “the man of faith”.

Previously, during the morning celebration on Thursday, Pope Francis had spoken of the characteristics of three types of disciples of Jesus — those “who didn’t hear the cry for help” of the blind man, those who “pushed people away from Jesus” and, last, “those who help the people in need to go to Jesus” — calling for an examination of conscience for each person to identify which group he or she belongs to. Thus he returned this, the following morning, to a similar reflection inspired by the Gospel Reading of the day.

The fig tree, he explained, “represents infertility, that is to say, a barren life, incapable of giving anything”, because that type of person “lives for himself; undisturbed, selfish”, who doesn’t want “problems”. In the Gospel passage, Jesus curses the fig tree for being infertile, “because it made no effort to bear fruit”. Therefore, it symbolizes the “person who does nothing to help, who lives only for herself, so she wants for nothing”.

Such people, the Pope continued, “become neurotic” in the end. And “Jesus condemns the spiritual barrenness, the spiritual selfishness” of those who think: “I live for myself: so I never want for anything, let the others make do for themselves!”.

Then there is a second “lifestyle”, which is that “of those who exploit, the unscrupulous businessmen in the temple”. They “even exploit the sacred place of God by conducting business: they change coins, sell sacrificial animals, among them they even have a sort of union among themselves for protection”. Their lifestyle is “not only tolerated but even permitted by the priests of the temple”. For a clearer understanding, the Pontiff recalled another “really ugly” scene from the Bible, which describes “those who make a business of religion”: the story of the priest whose sons “urge the people to make offerings and really profit, even from the poor”. “Jesus spares no words” for these men, and says to the merchants in the temple: “My house shall be called a house of prayer.... But you have made it a den of robbers”. The Pope paused on this harsh passage: the people “went there in pilgrimage to ask the Lord’s blessing, to make a sacrifice” and even there “those people were exploited”; the priests “didn’t teach them to pray, didn’t give them the catechesis.... It was a den of robbers”. They didn’t care whether there was true devotion: “you pay, you enter...”. They performed the rites “without true devotion”. Francis digressed from this point to invite reflection: “I don’t know if it would do us good to consider whether something like this happens with us in certain places”: in other words, “utilizing the things of God for our own profit”.

There is, finally, a third type, the one “that Jesus advises, namely, the life of faith”. To describe it, the Pontiff returned to the Gospel of Mark and recalled that when the disciples saw the fig tree shriveled to the root “because Jesus had cursed it”, Peter said to him: “Master, look! The fig tree which you cursed

has withered!". And Jesus, taking the opportunity to point out the just lifestyle, responded: "Have faith in God.... whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.... Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will". Therefore, the Pope explained, "what will come to pass is exactly what we ask with faith: it is the lifestyle of faith".

One could ask: "Father, what must I do for this?". To Francis, the answer is simple: "Ask the Lord, but with faith, that he help you do good things". It's simple, but has "one condition", which is exactly what Jesus said: "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one. It's the only condition, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses".

Thus, the third lifestyle suggested is to live "the faith so as to help others, to be closer to God", the faith "that works miracles". The Pontiff then summarized the three paths presented to Christians: the first is that of the "barren person" who doesn't wish to "bear fruit in life" and who leads "a comfortable, calm life without problems, and leaves": the lifestyle of one who doesn't bother doing good. Then there are those "who take advantage of others, even in the house of God; the exploiters, the unscrupulous businessmen of the temple", those whom Jesus "drives out" with a whip. And finally, the lifestyle of those who have "trust in God", knowing that what they ask of the Lord with faith, "will come to pass". And this is precisely what "Jesus advises us: the path of Jesus", which can be taken only on one condition: "forgive, forgive others, so your Father may forgive you of so many things".

In conclusion, the Pope invited everyone to ask the Lord — "in the sacrifice of the Eucharist" — to teach "each one of us, the Church", to never fall "into barrenness or commercialism".

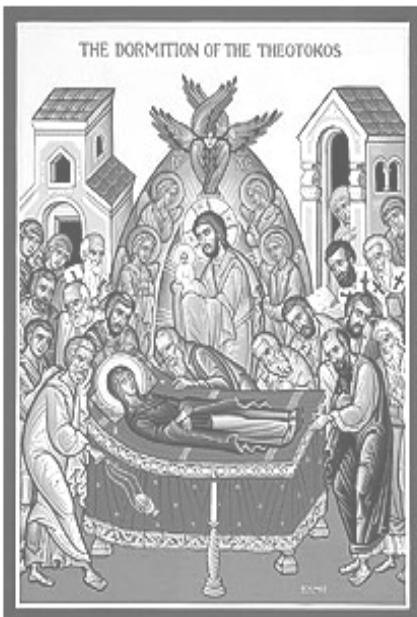
August 15

Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God

The Feast of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God commemorates the death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ's mother.

By promulgating the Bull Munificentissimus Deus, 1 November, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.

As with the Nativity of the Virgin (September 8) and the feast of her Entrance to the Temple (November 21), the Feast of the



Assumption also comes from the Tradition of the Church. There we learn that Mary died as all people die because she had a mortal human nature affected by the corruption of this world. The Church proclaims that Mary needed to be saved by Christ just as all of us are saved from trials, sufferings, and death of this world. Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the "Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27-28) Finally, we celebrate the fact that what happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.

It is important to remember that there are no relics of the Mother of God. Their existence has never been mentioned throughout history. At one time in Constantinople there was a center of pilgrimage where the belt and veil of the Virgin were venerated.

From the Tradition of the Church

Following the day of Pentecost, the Mother of God remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. When a Jewish man tried to interrupt their solemn procession, an angel of the Lord came and punished him by cutting off his hands, which were later healed.

The Apostle Thomas arrived on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb. Church tradition relates that the Mother of God was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.

The Icon of the Dormition

The Mother of God is depicted upon the funeral bier. Christ, standing behind the Mother of God, is her Son, Who has come to receive His Mother's soul into heaven; He holds in His left arm an infant in white, symbolizing the soul of the Mother of God reborn in her glory in heaven; Christ also is robed in white and appears in an aureole (elongated halo) depicting the Light of His Divinity. This imagery is the reversal of the imagery of Mary holding the infant Jesus in her arms in swaddling clothes at His nativity.

The Apostles are depicted on either side of the bier stand the Apostles; the group on the left is led by St. Peter who stands at the head of the bier; the group on the right is led by St. Paul who stands at the foot of the bier. Below the bier is a figure of Antonius the Jew, who tried to disrupt the procession, was punished, but later repented of his sins and embraced Christianity through Baptism.

The mystery of love is that the more you give,
the more remains in your heart.

EVANGELISM DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SCARY

By Howard Lange. From St. Nicholas Newsletter (*Edited for the bulletin*)

God desires that all should be saved. He sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to effect this, and He calls His people to spread the gospel through evangelism (Isaiah 45:22, John 3:16-17, Matthew 28: 18, 1 Timothy 2:1-4). However, outreach seems a low priority for most parishes and individual Catholics.

Why are Ukrainian Catholic believers not more involved in evangelism? I think the greatest reason is fear – we're not sure what to do and say, and we worry how the other person will react. Even most seminary graduates get a little squeamish at the prospect of sharing their faith, and most of us only have a narrow stereotype of what evangelism is: street preaching, door-to-door solicitations, and mass rallies. These have their place, but these are not natural for most of us nor the most effective means of outreach.

Fr. Martin's "Friends and Family Evangelism" method is essentially how the same method recorded in the Book of Acts.

Here 's a thumbnail step-by-step sketch of the "Friends and Family Evangelism" method.

Step 1: Identify who is in your personal "extended family", i.e. your close friends, relatives, and associates who are not presently committed to Christ and His Apostolic Church.

Step 2: Pray regularly for such extended family members.

Step 3: Use discernment and focus your efforts. Concentrate on the friends with whom you have influence, you enjoy spending time with, and who are most receptive to what God has to offer them.

Step 4: Strengthen your relationships. Enjoy each other's' company through shared activities and conversations. Have fun together!

Step 5: Enhance your witness. Learn your faith and be able to verbalize it. Also know where to lead a person for further opportunities to experience Christ.

Step 6: Incorporate into the Church. This is the goal – the "extended family member" must become part of our family in Christ. This step is not automatic, but is more like the care and nurture provided to a newborn child.

A survey of over 15,000 people by the institute for American Church Growth reports that a whopping 75 – 90% came to their church and to Christ because of the influence of a friend or relative! Follow the "Friends and Family" method and you will have taken the first step to becoming an evangelist for Christ.



Conflict cannot survive without your participation.

The road to Heaven is a one-way street.

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 - \$723.05 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 659.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Nancy Bollerman by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Anna Slatick by Son, John

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings on St. Michael's & our construction project.

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
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders
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God's window of opportunity has no pains.