

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday August 2nd, 2015 10th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 1 st	3:30pm +Viola Mahutsky by Edward & Rosemary Mohutsky
Sunday, August 2 nd	10:30am In Loving Memory +Daniel M. Paul by Wife, Jane
Tuesday, August 4 th	9:00am +Olga Kurilla
<i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	
Wednesday, August 5 th	6:00pm God's Blessings on His People & Blessing of Fruit
Friday, August 7 th	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 8 th	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew
Sunday, August 9 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 1 st	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm + John & +Anna Skrincosky by Skrincosky Family
Sunday, August 2 nd	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, August 3 rd	8:00am +Anna Zucal by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
<i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	
Thursday, August 6 th	9:00am + Msgr. Peter Skrincosky by Dennis & Dorothy Skrincosky & Blessing of Fruit
Friday August 7 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Charles & Judith Naradko
Saturday, August 8 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Robert J. Wojcik Sr. by Janet Ostrosky
Sunday, August 9 th	8:30am +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 1 st	1 Cor 4:9-16	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 2 nd	1 Cor 4:9-16	Michael Fufla
Thursday, August 6 th	2 Peter 1:10-19	Charles Calise/ Sam Litwak
Saturday, August 8 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 9 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 1 st	1 Cor 4:9-16	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, August 2 nd	1 Cor 4:9-16	Theresa Panchison
Thursday, August 6 th	2 Peter 1:10-19	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 8 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, August 9 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Leeann Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Thank you to everyone for all their hard work related to Seminary Day

St. Nicholas:

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

Both Churches:

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, skath25@gmail.com or Sr. Natalya, SSMI at 845-709-0769, thesower@optonline.net. The Pilgrimage Moderator is Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky.

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 2nd 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.

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

AGD Bingo – THIS SUNDAY August 2nd Doors open at 12pm Bingo starts at 1pm. Cost is \$25.00 and includes 20 regular games. At the Independent Fire Co. at 306 Clark St. S. Williamsport PA Any questions please call 570-777-3689

Ukrainian Festival- August 15th & 16th at the Ukrainian Homestead at 1230 Beaver Run Dr. Lehighton. Traditional Ukrainian Foods, Folk Art & Exhibitions, Games, Swimming, Gift & Craft Vendors, Innesa Tymochko-Dekajlo, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, Iskra Ukrainian Ensemble. Admission \$5 one day \$7 to day Ages 14 and under FREE

Pray for a good harvest, but continue to hoe.

Turn to God's light and your shadows will fall behind you.

Reverend Fathers and Faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery,

Congratulations to all of you! The 81st Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day has just concluded and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the clergy, religious and faithful of our Deanery for the exemplary manner in which you responded to my call for help in bringing success to this Annual Event. Through all the months of preparation and planning, to the preparation of foods in your parishes, to the sales of raffle tickets, to the abundance of Theme Baskets, to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, and to the dozens of volunteers who served food and beverages, to those who set-up and cleaned-up the grounds, the spirit of sacrifice and dedication that makes this Deanery so special was abundantly evident. To continue the beautiful tradition of Ukrainian Seminary Day all these years takes much effort and requires much sacrifice. Above and beyond that, it requires a love for our church that comes from our hearts and motivates all of us to willingly make that sacrifice. I am privileged to serve as your Dean at this time in history. To witness and share such an enthusiastic love for God and our church, to gather twelve individual and unique parishes to work in unison for the support of our seminary, is a heart-warming and edifying experience for me. At this time we are in the process of totaling income and expenses in order to determine our final profit. At our wrap-up meeting on September 9th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville a complete report will be distributed and discussed. Once again, thank you....thank you....thank you and God Bless You! Fr. Michael Hutsko, Dean

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.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Let us close the distance Friday, 26 June 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 30, 24 July 2015)

Get close to marginalized people, close the distance until touching them without being afraid to get dirty. This is the “Christian closeness” that Jesus showed us concretely when he freed the leper from the impurity of the disease and also from social exclusion. During Mass at Santa Marta on Friday, the Pope asked every Christian and the Church as a whole to have this attitude of “closeness”. The Pope’s next Mass at Santa Marta is scheduled for Tuesday, 1 September.

“When Jesus came down from the mountain, a great crowd followed him”. Francis thus began his homily, repeating the first words from the day’s Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (8:1-4). All of those people, the Pope explained, “heard his catechesis: they were astonished because he spoke to them ‘with authority’, not like the doctors of the law” whom they were used to hearing. The Gospel specifies that “they were astonished”.

Thus, these people begin to follow Jesus, without getting tired of listening to him. The Pope recalled that those people “stayed all day and, in the end, the Apostles” realized that they must have been hungry. But “hearing Jesus was a joy for them”. And thus, “when Jesus finished speaking, he came down from the mountain and the people followed him” and gathered round him. These people, the Holy Father recalled, “went on the roads, on the paths, with Jesus”.

However, “there were other people who didn’t follow him: they watched him from afar, with curiosity”, wondering, “Who is this man?”. After all, Francis explained, never “had they heard such astonishing catecheses”. And thus there were “people who were watching from the sidewalk” and “there were other people who couldn’t approach: the law forbade it for they were ‘unclean’”. The leper referred to in Matthew’s Gospel was from this group.

“This leper felt in his heart a longing to draw close to Jesus”, the Pope noted. “He took courage and approached”. But “he was a marginalized person”, and thus, “couldn’t do so”. However, “he had faith in that man, took courage and drew near”, turning “simply to his prayer: ‘Lord, if you will, you can make me clean’”. He said this “because he was unclean”. Indeed, “leprosy was a life sentence”. And “healing a leper was as difficult as bringing a dead man back to life: this is why they were marginalized. They were all over there. They could not mix with the people”.

There were, however, “also the self-marginalized”, Francis continued. “The doctors of the law who were always watching with that longing to put Jesus to the test, to make him slip up, and then condemn him”. The leper, however, knew he was “unclean, sick, and he approached”. So, the Pope asked, “what did Jesus do?”. He didn’t stand still, without touching him, but instead drew even closer, stretched out his hand and healed him.

“Closeness”, the Pontiff explained, is “such an important word: you can’t build a community without closeness; you can’t make peace without closeness; you can’t do good without drawing near”. Jesus could have said to him: “Be healed!”. But instead He drew close and touched him.

“What’s more: at the moment that Jesus touched the unclean man, He became unclean”. And “this is the mystery of Jesus: He takes upon himself our uncleanness, our impurities”.

It is a reality, the Pope continued, which St Paul describes well when he writes that Jesus, “though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself”. Paul goes even further, confirming that “Jesus became sin”: Jesus became sin, Jesus became excluded, took impurity upon himself to draw close to man. Thus “he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,” but instead “he emptied himself, drew near, became sin, became unclean”.

“So often, I think that it may be, I wouldn’t say impossible, but very difficult to do good without getting our hands dirty”. And “Jesus got dirty” with his “closeness”. But then, Matthew recounts, he went even further, saying to the man who was freed from his illness: “Go to the priests, and do what must be done when a leper is healed”.

Essentially, “that man who is excluded from social life, Jesus includes: includes in the Church, includes in society”. He advises: “Go, so that all things shall be as they must be”. Thus, “Jesus never marginalizes anyone, ever!”. Moreover, Jesus “marginalizes himself in order to include the marginalized, to include us, sinners, marginalized people, by his life!”. And “this is beautiful”, the Pontiff noted.

How many people followed Jesus in that time and have followed Jesus in history because they are astonished by the way he speaks”, Francis explained. And “how many people are watching from afar and do not understand, are not interested; how many people watch from afar but with a wicked heart, to put Jesus to the test, to criticize him, to condemn him”. And yet, “how many people watch from afar because they don’t have the courage” of that leper, “but have such longing to draw near”. And “in that case, Jesus stretched out his hand, first; not as in this case, but in his being he reached out his hand to everyone, becoming one of us, like us: sinners like us but without sin; but a sinner, soiled by our sins”. And “this is Christian closeness”.

“Closeness” is a “beautiful word, for each of us”, the Pope continued. We should ask ourselves: “Do I know how to draw near? Do I have the strength, do I have the courage to touch those who are marginalized?”. And “the Church, parishes, communities, consecrated men and women, bishops, priests, everyone” should also answer this question: “Do I have the courage to draw near or do I always keep my distance? Do I have the courage to close the distance, as Jesus did?”.

Pope Francis then emphasized that “now on the altar”, Jesus “will draw near to us: he will close the distance”. Therefore, “let us ask him for this grace: Lord, may I not be afraid to draw close to the needy, to the needy who are visible or to those who have hidden wounds”. This, the Pope concluded, is “the grace of drawing near”.

Never mess up an apology with an excuse.

Food for thought

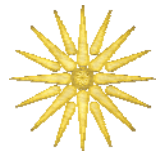
1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace .



Life offers many choices.

Eternity offers two.

What's yours?



VALUES OF THE KINGDOM

Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. But to do that, He had to deal with the Kingdom of Earth. That was the Roman Empire. Israel was a colony; and like all colonists, every Jew had to their own relationship to the powers that be. "

The priests collaborated with Rome, both to maintain their status and to guarantee the exercise of the Jewish religion in a secular world. The Pharisees compromised with Rome by adapting the Jewish religion to Roman roles. The Essenes allowed no intermingling; they abandoned Rome to the devil and waited in desert caves for salvation. The zealots were even farther outside the circle of power -they fought Roman dominance, even to the point of military revolution.

When Jesus was dropped in the middle of this volatile situation, He also had to form His own relationship with the King of the world. He decided that collaboration, adaptation, flight and revolution were simply tactics to maintain a temporary balance of power. What Jesus wanted was a strategy to eventually reverse the center of power.

His overall strategy was simple: accept reality, give everything its due. To paraphrase His campaign: after you give your absolute allegiance to God, and then give Caesar what he deserves. Seek the Kingdom of God first, and then everything else will find its proper place.

Jesus entered the fray on the side of the poor. That was the only way to include them in the Kingdom. In all secular kingdoms, the successful people find their way to the top and then let as much as they wish filter down to lesser mortals. That means there are always people on the bottom, excluded from the common.

Jesus knew that the only way to include outcasts was to get them into the Kingdom first, the poor, not the rich, would be the base of the Kingdom. Sinners, not saints would be sought, the sick, not the well, would be cared for, spirit, not law, would be the force of the Kingdom.

Jesus began a whirlwind campaign. He cured anyone in sight: blind deaf, dumb, possessed, lame, child, adult-He was a mobile free clinic. He warned the rich not to build bigger barns until the poor were fed.

It is difficult and dangerous to transfer the values of God's kingdom into today's world. But that is precisely the task of preaching. So we try. Today, Jesus says: "The earth belongs *to* God, and every single person deserves a share."

In some way or other, to some degree or other, the poor, the married, the outcast, the underclass must be included in God's kingdom. Not because they are better, not because they deserve it, not because this is what God wants but because this the way God lives, the way God is.

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 - \$565.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$583.00 Cemetery \$50.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- Special Intentions by Mr & Mrs Charles Naradko

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Mary Jo Szczyglak by Son, Andrew Szczyglak

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- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene Mc Andrew

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
Dolores O'Connell Leahy

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& Rosemary (Mother)
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Jesus turns a mess into a message.