

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday August 23rd 2015, 13th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22nd 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
 Sunday, August 23rd 10:30am +Regina M. Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky
Monday, August 24th **Ukrainian Independence Day**
 Tuesday, August 25th 5:00pm +Lou Giovanni by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
 Wednesday, August 26th 8:00am +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepack
 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
 Friday, August 28th 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Beheading of John the Baptist
 Saturday, August 29th 9:00am God's Blessings on His People
 3:30pm +Mary Donchak by Daughter, Susan
 Sunday, August 30th 10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22nd 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm +Thomas & +Mary Pelachick by Family
 Sunday, August 23rd 8:30am +John Washuta by Susan & Hugh Miller & Family
Monday, August 24th **Ukrainian Independence Day**
 Monday, August 24th 8:00am +Michael Skrincosky by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Prock
 Thursday, August 27th 8:00am +Kristin Prokop by Jack & Rita Boris
Beheading of John the Baptist
 Friday, August 28th 6:00pm +John Yaroshak by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sadusky
 Saturday, August 29th 5:30pm +Michael Kulka by Thomas & Jeanette Stock
 Sunday, August 30th 8:30am +Bishop Michael Kuchmaik CSSR

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 22 nd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 23 rd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Alice Breznik
Saturday, August 29 th	Acts 13:25-33	Charlie Calise/ Sam Litwak
Saturday, August 29 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 30 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Michael Fuflla

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 22 nd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Mike Prokop
Sunday, August 23 rd	1 Cor 16:13-24	Lauralee Sadusky
Friday, August 28 th	Acts 13:25-33	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 29 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	David Toth
Sunday, August 30 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Dolores Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: 8/20/15 As of today, the scaffolding is completed on the outside of the Church. The crew is currently working on the front steps and the masonry. The dome has been washed and they have confirmed where the leaks are in the dome. The windows in the dome have been measured and ordered. Next week they will begin to strip the old materials from the roof in preparation for the new roof and the sealing of the dome. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction equipment. 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.

Sick Calls- Sick Calls will be Wednesday, August 26th

St. Nicholas:

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

Donations- A Donation was received from Louise Shea, Veronica Shea, & Kathie Contello in memory of +Michael Kulka

Sick Calls- Sick Calls will be Thursday, August 27th

Both Churches:

Fast- We will be celebrating the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist on Saturday August 20th. Those parishioners between the ages of 14 and 59 this includes fasting from meat.

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

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!

Holy Cross Kitchen- Parish Center, 99 Lombard Street, New Philadelphia is having specials for Thursday, August 27th from 12:00 – 5:00pm. To Place your order for Kugelie or any other item, please call Thursday after 8:00am. (570) 640-8750. For a listing of the menu with specials see the flyer in the back of the church.

77th Annual National Convention- of the **League of Ukrainian Catholics of America** will be held on October 16, 17, & 18, 2015, At the Holiday Inn – Lansdale. 1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpville, PA 19443; (215) 368-3800. Discount room rates with buffet breakfast available; reserve on or before September 28, 2015. For more info. Call or e-mail Gene at (267) 664-3857; eluciw@comcast.net Join us for all or some of the events! ***“Honoring Our Past – Building Our Future”*** Registration forms are available in the rectory.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY 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.

Metropolitan Soroka Announces New Mission in Front Royal, Va. Front Royal, Va. – Metropolitan Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia announces a new mission community is being formed in Front Royal, the northern entrance to Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive. Services at the new mission will begin with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom celebrated by Rev. Petro Zvarych at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, in the chapel of Human Life International, 4 Family Life Lane, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630. The Divine Liturgy will then be celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in English. Organization of the mission was started after a request from local Ukrainian Catholics and other Eastern Catholics was sent to Archbishop Soroka. Preliminary work was undertaken to find a church or chapel to celebrate services on a regular basis. After some searching, a site was found at Human Life International in Front Royal. The mission invites and welcomes anyone who would like to make this faith community their new spiritual home, and to experience the liturgical and spiritual traditions of Eastern Christianity. For more information please contact David Hilt, a Front Royal resident who has agreed to serve as the mission secretary at FRONTROYALMISSION@gmail.com or 540-636-8394.

Growing up Jewish

A Grandson of slaves, a boy was born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town."

His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant, His mother became a prostitute and the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother. Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were the coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had immigrated from Lithuania to the USA had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home. Initially given 'work' in the house, to feed this hungry child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish families home where, for the first time in his life he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian Lullaby that he would sing with her.

Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs. Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument; as was the custom in the Jewish families. They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions, such as St. James Infirmary and Go Down Moses.

The little black boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore a star of David and said that in this family he had learned "how to live real life and determination."

You might recognize his name.

This little boy was called Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish!

POPE FRANCIS

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

What kind of Christian are we? Thursday, 28 May 2015

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

Showroom Christians — whether selfish, businessmen, worldly or rigorist — try to push away people seeking Jesus. Pope Francis warned of this temptation during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning. Inviting each person to perform “an examination of conscience”, the Pope recalled that Christians must be able to hear the people’s “cry for help” and to support them on their journey to get close to the Lord.

Francis began his homily by highlighting the events in the day’s Reading from the Gospel according to Mark (10:46-52). “Jesus went with his disciples and with the people”, he said, “who followed Him because He spoke like a master, with real authority”. Bartimaeus, a blind man, “heard the noise and asked, ‘What’s happening?’. It was Jesus”. Thus, Bartimaeus “began to cry out and, in an act of faith, he cried out loudly ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”. His words were “truly an act of faith”, the Pontiff noted.

But, “among the people who were there with Jesus, each one had his own personality, his own way of seeing life, of feeling life”, the Pope explained. First of all, “there is a group of people who didn’t hear the cry” of the blind man. It is “that group of people who, even today, don’t hear the cry of the many who are in need of Jesus”. In short, it is a group of people who are “indifferent: they don’t hear, they believe that life is their own little group; they are happy, they are deaf to the clamour of so many people in need of salvation, in need of Jesus’ help, in need of the Church”. However, Francis remarked, “these are selfish people, they live for themselves”, unable “to hear the voice of Jesus”.

The Pope continued, saying “then there are those who hear this cry that pleads for help, but they want to silence it”. In fact, in the Gospel, Mark indicates that many people rebuked Bartimaeus to silence him, telling him “not to cry out”, and to leave the master “in peace”. Indeed, “even the disciples” do so. The Pope recalled that “the disciples keep the children away” as well, “so they don’t disturb the master”. Thus, the disciples also tried to silence Bartimaeus, “because the master was their own, He was for them, not for everyone”. In so doing, “these people keep separate from Jesus those who cry out, who are in need of faith, who need salvation”.

Then, Francis affirmed, there is another group, composed of the “businessmen: they were religious, it seems, but Jesus cast them out of the temple because they were doing business there, in the house of God”. These are people “who don’t hear, don’t want to hear the cry for help, but prefer to conduct their business and use the People of God, use the Church, to conduct their business”. Even “these businessmen distance the people of Jesus” and do not allow the people to “ask for help”.

“Another group who push away the people of Jesus”, the Pope continued, are those who are “Christians in name only, without witness, who do not bear the witness of Christians”. Yes, “they are Christians in name, showroom Christians, reception Christians, but their inner life is not Christian, it’s worldly”. And “one who calls himself a Christian but lives as a socialite distances those who cry ‘help’ to Jesus”.

Finally, “there are the rigorists”, the Pope added, “those whom Jesus rebukes” because “they lay such heavy burdens on the people’s shoulders”. And “to them Jesus dedicates all of Chapter 23 of St Matthew”. He says to them: “hypocrites, you exploit the people!”. In fact, “instead of responding to the cry for salvation, they push the people away”.

The “first group”, the Pontiff summarized, is comprised of “those who do not hear”. The second, however, includes “many different, diverse people” who “hear the call, but separate” the people from Jesus. And “there is also a third group” and they are those “who help” the people “to approach Jesus” and who say to Bartimaeus: “Be brave, get up, he’s calling you!”. This is “the group of Christians who are consistent between what they believe and what they live”. It is the group of Christians who help “the people who cry out, asking for salvation, asking for grace, asking for spiritual health for their soul”, helping them to get close to Jesus.

In light of this reflection, Francis proposed “an examination of conscience” that “will do us good”, through a series of direct questions: “Which group am I in? In the first, with those who don’t hear the many cries asking for the help of salvation? Am I concerned with only my relationship with Jesus, closed, selfish? Do I belong to the second group, with those who separate people from Jesus, whether by lacking coherence in life, lacking testimony, whether by being too attached to money, or through rigidity?”. He continued: “Do I distance people from Jesus? Or do I belong to the third group, with those who hear the cry of so many people and help them to approach Jesus?”. These are questions that, the Pope concluded, “each of us can answer in our heart”.

SENIORS COFFEE GROUP

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments at Tim Horton's.

"My arms have got so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another, "My cataracts are so bad; can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time because my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you", said one elderly lady.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully,

"Thank God we can all still drive."



WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamed I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section.' Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.'

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, 'This is the Packaging and Delivery Section.' Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them.'

I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing.

'This is the Acknowledgment Section,' My angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

'How is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked 'So sad,' the angel sighed.

'After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments.'

'How does one acknowledge God's blessings?' I asked.

'Simple,' the angel answered. Just say, 'Thank You, Lord.'

I asked, 'What Blessings should they acknowledge?'

'If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.'

'If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.'

'And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.'

'If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.'

'If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation.. You are ahead of 700 million people in the world.'

'If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are envied by and more blessed than three billion people in the world.'

'If your parents are still alive and still married... You are very rare.'

'If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair.'

ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.: "Thank You Lord, for all the blessings you have given me, and those whom I love."

GET UP AND EAT by Msgr. Samuel Shoemaker JCD, pastor of St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

1 Kgs 19:4-8 *Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.*

Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.

After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food; he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Vandike Street in Northeast Philadelphia was the epicenter of the Shoemaker clan. Grammy and Pop lived there most of their lives, so their address was an ever-popular destination; aunts, uncles, and cousins traveled from far and near. Prior to anyone's arrival, Grammy would dedicate a full day to making her raisin bread and buns, a family favorite.

First the kitchen air would be pregnant with flour as she whirled about the kitchen with handfuls of this or that. Later, with firm intent, she would knead and punch the dough. Finally the smell of baking would fill their home. In their home, food equaled love.

In the Hebrew scriptures, the dispensation of daily bread from heaven also indicated God's love. In reading, Elijah receives just such a blessing, with an angel of the Lord delivering two meals to strengthen him on his journey. While the physical delivery of bread from heaven was in itself miraculous, it was but a foreshadowing of a spiritual banquet yet to come. Those who knew and understood the Hebrew scriptures with their hearts awaited the Messiah and an everlasting banquet that would feed both physical and spiritual needs.

Unfortunately, when Jesus began speaking of Himself as that long awaited bread that would satisfy all hungers, most of the listeners who heard Him were blinded by His ordinariness.

Was He not just the son of Mary and Joseph? Didn't He live up the street from us and drink water from our well? They had been expecting their messiah to come and wield political power and bestow honor and glory upon them. Now, Jesus, son of a carpenter, is saying that He is the bread of life. This didn't fit with their vision of the coming of the Messiah. Many turned away.

So here we stand each week at Divine Liturgy here at St. Michael's 2000 years after Jesus walked this earth. God places before us a banquet of bread and wine, body and blood, and invites us to get up and eat. Are we ready to do so, or are our hearts and souls blinded by ordinariness?

For some of us, Divine Liturgy has become a routine part of our lives. Babies cry and perhaps we have lost the wonder. The miracle of Communion feeds neither our hearts nor our souls because we have lost our sense of awe. How do we regain it?

Expectancy is an important attitude. When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we need to believe that our request will be granted. We must fully acknowledge and embrace our dependence on God.

Our ancestors in the desert and the Christians in the acts of the Apostles can be our guides. They yearned to experience the love of God; they trusted they would be fed.

Whenever I remember Grammy's raisin bread, I feel enfolded in love. God yearns for His love to be just as palpable as a raisin bread. To reach us, He uses scripture and the sacraments.

This week, immerse yourself in scripture; come to communion and expect to be fed. Get up and eat, otherwise, the journey will be too much for you.

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 - \$894.35 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$763.00 Cemetery \$80.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Michael Leschick by Cuono Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on and In Memory of the Rusin & Kozlosky Families by Len & Dolores Kozlosky

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-

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

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

Our Military Friends Serving Our Country,

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak
Eva Koch
Dolores Kozie
Martha Hysock
Sandy Bankes*
Edward Sion

Helen Beddall
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Tom Prete
Susan Chernesky
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Christian realty in eternity: location, location, location!