

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, August 21, 2016 14th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20th 9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
3:30pm +Anna Mellon &+ John Sawka by God Daughter & Daughter Paula Sawka

Sunday, August 21st 10:30am God’s Blessings on His People

Monday, August 22nd 9:00am +Mary Donchak by Daughter, Susan

Tuesday, August 23rd 9:00am God’s Blessings on Howard Wildey & Family

Wednesday, August 24th 9:00am +Andrew Shutovich by Granddaughter, Susan
7:00pm Healing Service

Friday, August 26th 9:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, August 27th 9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
3:30pm God’s Blessings on His People

Sunday, August 28th 10:30am +Regina M Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20th 5:30pm 40th Day +Jeannette Stock by Husband Tom, Son Tom, & Daughter, Debra

Sunday, August 21st 8:30am +Anna Brennan by Harold & Mary Albon & Family

Thursday, August 25th 8:00am 40th Day +Leonard Rovinsky by Bernadette Bremer & Family

Saturday, August 27th 5:30pm Birthday Remembrances for +Mary Toth by Rennick & Toth Families

Sunday, August 28th 8:30am +Bishop Michael Kuchmiak

St. Michael’s Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 20 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Winfred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 21 st	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, August 27 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 28 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 20 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Michael Prokop
Sunday, August 21 st	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 27 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	David Toth
Sunday, August 28 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	LeeAnn Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 11/20 & 12/18. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Save the Date : American Girl Doll Bingo will be Sunday September 18th, and our Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 16th. Tickets for American Girl Doll will be available later this month.

Heritage Day will be Saturday, August 27th. We will be selling food at this event. Food preparation will be on Wednesday Aug. 24, Thursday Aug. 25, Friday Aug 26. Any help you can offer either in preparation or on the day of the event is appreciated. For more information please see Nancy Sawka, Stephanie Rarick or contact the rectory.

Heritage Day- Anyone interested in marching on Heritage Day should see Winnie or Carol K.

Shroud of Turin- We will be hosting the Shroud again from August 14 to the 28th. If you would like to help during that time, please contact Msgr. or the rectory.

Pierogies – The next pierogie sale will be Monday, September 12th. We are already sold out, but we would appreciate any help you can give the day of the sale. Thank you. You are the key to our success.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light : Available Dates- 9/18, 10/2, 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

Both Churches:

Help those in need this summer. - As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. During the summer donations are few and far between and the need is greater, because the children of struggling families are not in school. They are not guaranteed breakfast and lunch, as they are during the school year. We ask that you find it in your heart to help these families. Please donate non-perishable foods or personal hygiene products to help stock our depleted Food Pantry. Just a few items can be the difference between a child going to bed with a full tummy, or going to bed hungry. Thank you for your giving spirit.

+Bishop Richard Seminack - Please remember in your prayers +Bishop Richard Seminack who was called home to Our Lord on Tuesday, August 16th, and may Our Lord grant His servant +Bishop Richard rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal. *Vichnaya pamyat.*

Details concerning funeral arrangements will be announced after they are finalized.

Too Soon We're Old- "Too soon we're old, too late we're smart," I know you've heard this said, How many times the foolish heart, Contrives to rule the head. How great another's faults appear, How very slight our own, And those with homes of glass draw near to cast the sharpest stone. We seek to pour another in A mold that we design, And we are disillusioned when The seams do not align. With careless hands we gather weeds and throw the blooms away, Consigning all our deepest needs To gods with feet of clay. "Too soon we're old, too late we're smart," So has it ever been, And thoughtlessly we tear apart What we might never mend. We twist the truth to suit our ends And close our ears to shield A conscience that the world pretends Is something less than real. Oh Lord, forgive our blindness, Who see ourselves as strong, And in your loving kindness, reach down to right each wrong. 'Tis love alone dispels the cold And warms the hardest heart, "For it is much too soon we're old, and much too late we're smart!"

by ~Grace E. Easley~

All Are Called to Prayer during a Holy Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 28, Metropolitan Soroka to Lead Pilgrims at Assumption Church, Centralia, Pa. All are invited to join Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy on a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia, Pa. on Sunday, August 28th. The pilgrimage begins at 12:00 noon with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Stefan as the main celebrant. Homilist at the liturgy will be Father Vasyl Kharuk, Spiritual Director at St. Josaphat Seminary and an Extraordinary Minister of Mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There will be a Living Rosary prayed at 2:30 PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Father John Szada will provide a reflection at the conclusion of the rosary. At 4:00 PM all will gather at the outdoor chapel for a candlelight procession to the church for the celebration of a Moleben to the Mother of God. Archbishop Stefan will again be the main celebrant as well as homilist during the Moleben. Prior to entering the church, the Blessing of Water for the Jubilee Year will take place at the Grotto of the Holy Cross. The newly blessed Jubilee Water will then be distributed to all pilgrims. At the conclusion of the Moleben, prayers for healing and the anointing for the healing of soul and body will take place, as well as the opportunity to venerate the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Confessions will be available throughout the day at various locations on the church grounds. There will be religious goods for sale, which will be blessed at the conclusion of the Living Rosary in the outdoor chapel. Food service will be provided from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This is a Rain or Shine event. Handicap parking will be provided on the church grounds. Off-site parking and shuttle van service will be provided from specially designated areas near the church. For more information please feel free to contact the church rectory at 570-339-0650. During his historic visit in November 2015, His Beatitude Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Primate of the world-wide Ukrainian Catholic Church, marveled at the continuing presence of the church in Centralia, where an underground mine-fire resulted in the abandonment of the town, the demolition of almost all buildings and the relocation of all but less than ten residents. Patriarch Sviatoslav felt a sense of true holiness which pervades the entire church property. His desire is for all people of faith to come and experience this holiness, sanctity and serenity as pilgrims to this holy place on the mountain. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the church has also been designated a Holy Door of Mercy and all pilgrims are invited to walk through the Holy Door for special blessings.

PILGRIMAGE PREPARATIONS: A call for "all hands on deck" help to prepare the parish church and grounds at Assumption BVM Church in Centralia for the "Pilgrimage: A Call to Prayer." We invite members of all parishes in our deanery to meet on Friday, August 26th at 6:00PM and again on Saturday, August 27th at 9:00AM to help set-up the church grounds for the pilgrimage. Chairs and tables have to be set in place, the outdoor chapel prepared, pop-up tents set-up, the church basement prepared for food service, direction signs erected, etc. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Please consider lending a hand on either or both of those days. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers with be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszszak, author, "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America", to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of 'Treasury of Faith' Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone's anticipated assistance and participation

All Invited to Attend Philadelphia City Hall Ceremonies to Celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day, Wednesday, August 24 at 12:45 p.m. Philadelphia, Pa.—The Ukrainian-American community of the Greater Philadelphia area will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's independence on Wednesday, August 24, beginning at 12:45 PM, in an outdoor ceremony on the North Broad Street area of Philadelphia City Hall. The Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will present the closing address, praying for Ukraine and all who lost their lives defending Ukrainian independence and sovereignty. All are welcome and invited to attend the outdoor program. Wear your best vyshyvanka or your national dress, bring your children with you, and celebrate Ukrainian Independence at City Hall in Philadelphia.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Orphans or disciples Tuesday, 19 April 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 17, 29 April 2016)

With the 'Our Father', Jesus conveyed to each one of us the state of paternity: no one is an orphan, but we risk becoming one by closing our hearts and not letting ourselves be drawn by the love of God. This reminder came from Francis on Tuesday morning during Mass at Santa Marta. The Pope also suggested that, with the spirit of daughters and sons, we offer a humble prayer: "Father, draw me to Jesus; Father lead me to know Jesus". This is the attitude to have in order to avoid that of the doctors of the law who, even in the face of the miracles and Resurrection of Jesus, did everything they could to deny the evidence.

The Pontiff's meditation arose from the day's passage from the Gospel of John (10:22-30). "Jesus was once again confronted by the doctors of the law", Francis began. "They asked him the question: 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly'". These doctors "always returned to the same subject: 'who are you? By what authority are you doing this?'". The Gospel tells us that "Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe'".

They did not believe, even though "they saw many things, many miracles". Thus, "when Jesus healed the man blind since birth — in Chapter Nine of the Gospel of John — they did all the research that was possible and imaginable: they called that man's parents; they called those who knew him; they called him...". In other words, "it was clear that he had been blind since birth, yet they did not believe". It was then that "Jesus said a few words about spiritual blindness: these men, who believed they could see, the illustrious men who knew everything — all the law — could not see because they were the blind ones, blind since birth".

Thus, Jesus said to the doctors of the law: "You do not believe". He explained why, and herein lies "the novelty of this passage of the Gospel", the Pope affirmed. "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep", the Lord said. Essentially, Francis continued, you might think that "in order to believe I must say 'I believe' and then join Jesus' flock". But no, "it is the reverse: only those who belong to Jesus' flock are able to believe".

This is confirmed by John's words in the Gospel: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand". But, the Pontiff stated, "did these sheep learn by following Jesus, and then believe? No". Jesus himself provides the definitive response: "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all". It is thus "the Father who gives the sheep to the shepherd; it is the Father who draws hearts to Jesus". The Lord states it clearly: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him". And "these people, who are Jesus' sheep, are drawn by the Father, they let themselves be drawn".

However, Francis noted, “those doctors of the law had closed hearts, they felt they had mastered themselves but, in reality, they were orphans, because they did not have a relationship with the Father”. It’s true, “they spoke of their fathers — of our father Abraham, of the patriarchs — but as distant figures”. However, “in their hearts they were orphans, they lived in the condition of orphans and preferred this condition to that of letting themselves be drawn by the Father”.

The Pope indicated that we are looking at “the drama of the closed hearts of these people: they believed they had created themselves because they knew it all and, for this reason, their hearts were unable to believe, because they did not let God draw them to Jesus and therefore they did not belong to Jesus’ sheep”. This “drama continues all the way to Calvary”. And then, “even on the day of the Resurrection: when the soldiers went to tell what had happened, what did they do? They gave them some fine advice: ‘Say that you were asleep and that the disciples stole the body’”. Thus, the doctors “put their hands in their pockets”, following “the bribery principle: you keep quiet and I’ll pay for your silence”.

Therefore, Francis pointed out, “not even before this proof, did these witnesses to the Resurrection let the Father draw them to Jesus”. This is why “they could not believe, because they did not belong to Jesus’ flock. They were orphans”, because “they denied their Father”.

Referring to the first reading, taken from The Acts of the Apostles (11:19-26), the Pope emphasized that one can recognize “the opposite attitude: after the persecution that broke out in Jerusalem after Stephen’s death, the disciples went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, proclaiming the word to the Jews, not to others, but the faith went forth”. However, “some of them also began to preach, to proclaim Jesus Christ to pagans, to Greeks, and this was a very important change: their awareness of access to salvation was transformed”.

Thus, the Pontiff continued, “the disciples who remained in Jerusalem were somewhat fearful and sent Barnabas to Antioch”. When Barnabas “came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose”. Thus, “they received the message, because they let the Father draw them toward Jesus who wanted this”.

The Pope then explained that “Jesus calls us to be his disciples, but to be so we must let the Father draw us toward him”. And “the humble prayer that we can say as daughters and sons is: ‘Father, draw me to Jesus; Father, lead me to know Jesus’”. Indeed, “the Father will send the Spirit to open our hearts and lead us to Jesus”, because “Christians who do not let the Father draw them to Jesus are Christians who live in the condition of orphans. We have a Father. We are not orphans”. In conclusion, Francis recommended that we turn “to the Father as Jesus taught us — ‘Our Father, who art in heaven...’ — and ask for the grace to be drawn to Jesus”.

God answers Knee-mail.

**Listen with the intent to understand,
not with the intent to reply.**



METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S REFLECTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE

On August 24th, 2016, Ukrainians worldwide celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the declaration of independence of Ukraine. Our celebrations ought to be joyful and filled with hope. Our celebrations ought to recall the vision of those who contributed to the declaration of freedoms and nationhood twenty-five years ago. Our celebrations ought to rekindle the prosperous nation envisioned by Ukrainians and the free world on our realizing our nationhood. Our celebrations ought to remind us of the heroic sacrifices of those who stood bravely on the Maidan to ensure the recognition of our freedoms against those endeavoring to reverse our nationhood. Our celebrations ought to celebrate gratitude to the many who today make great sacrifices for the defense of Ukraine against its invading oppressors. It is very important and significant that all Ukrainians boldly celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine.

Our celebrations ought to be primarily characterized by prayers to almighty God in gratitude for His graces poured upon all who foster and defend the independence of Ukraine. Our Churches and holy temples of all faiths ought to be filled with Ukrainians gathered in the strength of united prayer. Our shared faith and prayer is what sustains and fosters our identity as Ukrainians. Our trust in almighty God enables our offering encouragement and hope to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and elsewhere who particularly suffer because of the current invasion of Ukraine. We surrender ourselves to the Mother of God as we beseech her loving and maternal presence and intercession for Ukraine and its people. We also pray and beseech peace for the world and for the people of nations also presently experiencing the devastating effects of war.

Our celebrations ought to also boldly present the rich cultural traditions of Ukraine and Ukrainians throughout the world. The preparation of concerts and various festivities ensure that our rich traditions and culture continues to evolve and embrace the hearts of Ukrainians of all ages. We ought to particularly encourage the involvement of the young in all such celebrations so as to plant the seed of appreciation and pride in their identity as Ukrainians. Sharing our rich cultural traditions in song and dance is life-giving to our friends and neighbors in our nation where we live.

The 25th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence ought to be CELEBRATED with gratitude and hope, characterized by sincere and active prayer and sharing our rich cultural traditions in song and dance. May each of us worthily and boldly live our Ukrainian identity on the occasion of this special anniversary and every day of our life. *Слава Україні!*

Aug 21: To Boldly Go



In case you haven't noticed, we are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the *Star Trek* franchise. Innumerable television episodes over the decades, several movies featuring the original TV cast, three more movies in recent years with a new cast—the latest movie in cinemas now.

All the tales revolve around the central, now-famous theme, “to boldly go where no man has gone before.”

Why bring all this up? Because the Jubilee Year of Mercy is our opportunity to boldly go forth to “rediscover the deepness of the mercy of the Father,” as Pope Francis put it.

When Francis pushed open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to launch the Jubilee Year last December, he followed a rite of pilgrimage dating back centuries. An estimated 10 million faithful are expected to follow his lead and pass through the door during this Year of Mercy.

Most heartening, perhaps, is that God welcomes all who pass through the door. He “goes out to meet everyone personally,” Francis said, reminding us of the parable of the father who ran out of his house to meet his prodigal son when he saw him at a far distance.

Our prayer today: *Help us move out of our comfort zone during this Holy Year, Heavenly Father, and boldly seek your welcoming mercy.*

St Michael & St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Host

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

(Authentic Vatican Replica)

Sunday, August 14 to Sunday, August 28

Shroud Exhibit Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm and 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday 11:30am – 9:00pm

*Divine Mercy Daily at 3:00pm Rosary Daily at 5:00pm
DVD presentations, Confessions & Healing Prayers Daily
Healing Service: Wednesdays August 17 & August 24th*

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Church Information

Rectory Hours- Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

Baptisms: Please contact the rectory to arrange a date with the pastor.

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 - \$ 1,225.00 Cemetery \$ 320.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 868.00 Cemetery \$ 40.00 Thank You!

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

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Katherine Blaschak by Blaschak & Wolfe Families

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings for & in Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings and Good Health on My Family and Friends.

Lamps of the Crucifix-

Lights of the Tetrapod-

Lights of the Tabernacle-

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

Prayer Requests: *Please remember those who are shut-ins, those in need, or who are ill or suffering and all those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way to serve others such as those that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak
Eva Koch
Dolores Kozié
Martha Hysock
Sandy Bankes*
Shannon's Mom*

Helen O'Connell
Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
Tom Prete
Susan Chernesky
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders
Dolores O'Connell Leahy
Helen Bereschak
Helen Sims
Mary Mazur
Keilbasa Family*

Christine Lenhart*
& Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak
Annie Cragen
Irene Yaroma

St. Nicholas

Helen Salak
Margaret Skrincosky
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo

Mary Kadingo
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