

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, August 28th 2016 15th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27 th	9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, August 28 th	10:30am +Regina M Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
Monday, August 29 th	9:00am God's Blessings on His People
Tuesday, August 30 th	8:00am Deceased Members of the O'Connell Family by Helen O'Connell & Charles Calise
Wednesday, August 31 st	5:00pm +Michael & +Anna Governa Kaczmarczyk- Legacy Liturgy
Friday, September 2 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, September 3 rd	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 4 th	10:30am +Edna Unuscavage by Theresa Panchison

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27 th	5:30pm Birthday Remembrances for +Mary Toth by Rennick & Toth Families
Sunday, August 28 th	8:30am +Bishop Michael Kuchmiak
Thursday, September 1 st	8:00am 40 th Day +Leonard Rovinsky by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Saturday, September 3 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Leonard Rovinsky by the Stock Family
Sunday, September 4 th	8:30am 31 st Anniversary Remembrance +Mrs. Helen Krolick Yaroshak by Ronald Krolick

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 27 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 28 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	Paul Caputo
Saturday, September 3 rd	2 Cor 6:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday September 4 th	2 Cor 6:1-10	Charles Calise

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 27 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	David Toth
Sunday, August 28 th	2 Cor 4:6-15	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, September 3 rd	2 Cor 6:1-10	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday September 4 th	2 Cor 6:1-10	Susan Miller

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.

American Girl Doll Bingo will be Sunday, September 18th Doors open at 12 noon Early Bird at 1:15pm Bingo starts at 1:30pm Admission \$25.00 *All Players must purchase an admission ticket *Winner receives their choice of doll. *Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory . * Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item For Tickets call 570-462-0809

American Girl Doll Bingo – Anyone able to help the day of the event – Please see Stephanie Rarick or call the rectory. Deserts will be needed for the event , please drop them off in the Hall the Saturday before or the Sunday of the event.

Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 16th. Doors open at 12 noon Early Bird at 1:15pm Bingo starts at 1:30pm Admission \$25.00 *All Players must purchase an admission ticket *Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for a Christmas Item . * Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item For Tickets call 570-462-0809

Lottery Raffle – Tickets for our Lottery Basket Raffle are now available. Please see Stephanie Rarick or Nancy Sawka for Tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There are \$376.00 in Scratch- Offs in the basket- Good Luck !

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.

Mother's Guild Fundraiser- As a reminder, the Mother's Guild receives a donation from **Boyers when you use the key tags in the back of the church and hand in the receipt** in the box in the back of the Church. *The same is true when you use YOUR key tag and hand in your receipt for Redners* . Please help the Mother Guild continue their good works by helping with this fundraising effort.

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.

CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER sponsored by St. Nicholas Church on Sunday, September 18th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose Meal includes...halupki, mashed potatoes, filling, green beans, roll \$10.00/platter...eat-in or take-out Advance tickets only call 544-4581

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.

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 will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, 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

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale St. John's R.C. Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on Friday, September 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Christmas/Fall Decorations, Small Appliances, Video/DVD's, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section ... Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and much, much more. Food items also available ... Hot Dogs, BBQ, Pierogies, Meatball Sandwiches, Baked Goods, Refreshments.

NOTICE TO THE PARISH

Please pass this notice to those members of our parish who have not been regular in their church attendance and ask them to carefully consider the message below.

I want you to know that our parish needs you, and that you also need to be here with us. We have a responsibility to one another as members of the Body of Christ – the Church – and these responsibilities are growing daily, given the events taking place in the world around us. Please make church attendance and prayer a regular part of your daily lives.

POPE FRANCIS

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

When a man is down - Friday, 15 April 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 16, 22 April 2016)

“Rise and go”, the Lord said to Saul, who had fallen to the ground on the road to Damascus. He likewise sent Ananias to baptize the converted persecutor. “Rise and go”, the Pope said, is also a call to each of us, because a Christian “must be on his feet with his head held high”, while “a man with a closed heart is a man who is down”. For Mass at Santa Marta on Friday, with a meditation on the biblical account of the conversion of Saul, taken from the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20), Pope Francis continued to discuss the importance of docility to the action of the Holy Spirit, and to reflect “on the attitude of those people who have a closed heart, a hard heart, an arrogant heart”.

The previous day’s liturgy had highlighted how both the Apostle Philip and the queen’s minister opened their hearts to the voice of the Spirit”. This Friday of the Third Week of Easter, then brings us the story of Saul, “the story of a man who lets God change his heart: the transformation from a closed, hard, misguided heart to a man with a heart docile to the Holy Spirit”.

Saul, the Pontiff explained, “was present at the martyrdom of Stephen”, and he “agreed”. He was “a strong, brave young man, zealous in his faith, but with a closed heart”. In fact not only “did he not want to hear about Jesus Christ” but he went even further and began “to persecute Christians”. Thus, confident, he asked permission to “do the same” in Damascus.

While he was travelling, the Pope continued, “suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him”. Then “he fell to the ground and heard a voice”. This man, “the strong, confident Saul, was on the ground”, in other words, he was “down”. And as he was down, Francis continued, he “understood his truth; he understood that he was not a man as God wanted, because God created us, all of us, to be on our feet, heads held high”.

At this point the Lord said “a key phrase, the same one he had said to Philip in giving him the mission to go and find the Ethiopian proselyte: ‘You, rise and go!’”. Moreover, the Lord said to Saul, a confident man who knew it all: “enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do”. It was as if to say: “you still have to learn”. It was humiliation, and that’s not all.

Rising from the ground Saul “realized he was blind” and thus “let himself be guided”. Here, the Pope remarked, “his heart began to open”, as he was compelled to be led by the hand to Damascus. “This man was down”, and he “understood immediately that he had to accept this humiliation”. In this regard the Pontiff explained that “humiliation” is “precisely the way to open the heart”. Indeed, “when the Lord sends us humiliation or allows humiliation to come to us, it is precisely for this reason: so the heart may be opened, may be docile” and “be converted to the Lord Jesus”.

The narrative then moves on to Ananias. To him too, the Lord said: “Go. Rise and go”. So the disciple “departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit”. This key phrase embraces a fundamental detail: “the main character in these stories”, Francis pointed out, “is not the doctors of the law, nor Stephen, nor Philip, nor the eunuch, nor Saul... it is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a protagonist of the Church who leads the People of God”.

At this point in the Acts we read that “something like scales fell” from Saul’s eyes “and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized”. His “hardness of heart”, with the experience of humiliation, became “docility to the Holy Spirit”. Saul, “who believed that he was the one with the truth, and who had persecuted Christians, received the Lord’s grace to see and understand his truth: ‘You are a down and you must rise!’”.

It is a lesson for everyone: “it is beautiful”, the Pope said, “to see that the Lord is able to change hearts and make a hard, stubborn heart become a heart docile to the Spirit”. However, Francis added, it is important that “we not forget those key words”. First and foremost: “Rise”, because “a Christian must be on his feet with his head held high”. Then: “Go”, because “a Christian must go, must not be closed in on himself”. Finally, “let yourself be led”, as did Paul who “let himself be led like a child; entrusted himself to the hands of another, whom he did not know”. There is, in all of this, the Pontiff explained, “the work of the Holy Spirit”.

Indiction, Beginning of the Liturgical Year

On September 1st we begin the new Ecclesiastical Church Year. It is called the beginning of the “indiction” – meaning “to impose.” It was first applied in imposing taxes in Egypt.



The Roman Emperor Diocletian extended the system of taxing conquered people to the whole Roman Empire. The first official worldwide indiction originated with the Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D. when he saw a miraculous vision of the sign of the Cross in the sky. The Church picked this day to begin its calendar for various reasons. Before the Julian Calendar the Romans began their year on September 1st. Once the Julian Calendar was written, the year began in January and ended in December. Many years later the Gregorian Calendar took its place,

because the Julian Calendar was thirteen days behind; today we use the Gregorian Calendar. According to Holy Tradition it was on September 1st that our Lord first entered the Jewish Synagogue (Luke 4) to preach his mission to us. Jesus quoted from the 61st chapter of the Book of Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.”

“MEMO FROM GOD”



I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not require your assistance. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter has been placed in the box, do not continue to hold onto it or remove it. Holding on or removal will only delay a resolution of your problem. If you believe you can handle the situation, please consult me in prayer first to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.



August 29 - Commemoration of the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Isaiah 40:3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32. Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18).

Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger.

Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29). The findings of his holy head are commemorated on February 24 and May 25.



A Matter of Trust

So many events in life teach us not to trust. So often our trust has been betrayed—in the political realm, in business dealings and in personal relationships. So it's no wonder that we might find it difficult to trust in God's mercy.

But think about this. Humanity's first sin was based on willful disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his mercy.

When Adam and Eve heard God calling to them in Eden, they hid in fear. They knew they had done wrong, but they didn't trust him.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his creator

die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command.

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, wrote about it this way: "Truly, sin begins with a lack of trust. Sure, pride was there, too. But the starting point, the origin of sin, is lack of trust in God. And this applies not only to the first sin but to all subsequent sin."

Our prayer: *Father, you call to us today as you did our first parents in the Garden. Strengthen our trust in your divine mercy, so that we may never hide from you.*

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 - \$ 874.17 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 597.00 Cemetery \$ 80.00 Thank You!

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

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael In Memory of +Pearl Mallick by Joe & Andrea Pytak

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
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