

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015      9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Michael Smetana by Smetana Family
Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am God's Blessings on His People
	<b><i>Seminary Day</i></b>
	<b><i>11:00am Heirarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Primrose</i></b>
Tuesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am +Olga Kurilla
Wednesday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepack
	6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:30pm +Viola Mahutsky by Edward & Rosemary Mohutsky
Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am In Loving Memory +Daniel M. Paul by Wife, Jane

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm + Russell Skrincoosky by the Skrincoosky Family
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Seminary Day</i></b>
	<b><i>11:00am Heirarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Primrose</i></b>
Monday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Elmer Gulas by Paul & Sally Egan
Thursday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am + Virginia Covach by Husband, Bill
Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm + John & +Anna Skrincoosky by Skrincoosky Family
Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 3:9-17	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 3:9-17	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Cor 4:9-16	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Cor 4:9-16	Michael Fulfa

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 3:9-17	David Toth
Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Cor 4:9-16	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Cor 4:9-16	Theresa Panchison

**We're not old fashioned; we're rooted.**

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### **St. Michael:**

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**Seminary Day-** St. Michael's has been asked to help at Seminary Day from 5:00pm to close. If you cannot come at that time your help anytime during day would be appreciated.

**Sick Calls-** Sick calls will be on Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Halupki for Sale** – Halupki will be available for \$1.00 each after Divine Liturgy. Please see Carol Kalavage or Michelle Caputo after Liturgy if you are interested. Thank you !

### **St. Nicholas:**

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**Seminary Day-** St. Nicholas has been asked to help at Seminary Day from 11am to 2pm. If you cannot come at that time your help anytime during day would be appreciated.

**Sick Calls-** Sick calls will be on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>

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

**Memorial Fund** - Donations in Memory of +Mr. Michael Kulka have been received from Barbara and Dean Padfield, Mrs. Bernadette Bremer, Mrs. Helen Corby, and Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Sockalosky

### **Both Churches:**

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#### **Seminary Day Update :**

- **Baked goods** needed for Seminary Day. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at the rectory on Saturday, or at the event on Sunday. Last year we ran out of baked goods , your help is appreciated .
- **Seminary Day- Clean up** –. Clean up will be Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am . Your help setting up and breaking down this event is needed and appreciated.

**The 61<sup>st</sup> Dormition Pilgrimage** will be held on August 8-9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, [srkath25@gmail.com](mailto:srkath25@gmail.com) or Sr. Natalya, SSMI at 845-709-0769, [thesower@optonline.net](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm to 10pm and Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

When in doubt, tell the truth.

**Ukrainian Seminary Day:** The 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside of Minersville, PA). Plans for the day include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery, a concert and dance performance by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, pysanky demonstrations and classes for the youth, polka music by the fabulous John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra, a theme basket auction, many vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items and exciting games for the kids. We invite everyone from near and far to attend and support this annual event in support of our St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington DC. Again, we encourage the participation and input from the faithful of all our parishes. Please plan to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the Pa. coal region parishes. Your participation is greatly desired and appreciated!

**Summer Camp-** Open to all parishes in the Deanery and held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Mt Carmel, Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 133<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Annual Picnic-** Our Lady of Mercy Church in Catawissa is holding their annual picnic on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> & Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. All are invited to join them off route 42 in Slabtown between Numidia & Catawissa (follow Signs) for an evening of homemade ethnic food, live music, and fun! Music by "Kartune" on Friday & "The 60 Boys" on Saturday

**Ukrainian Festival-** August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ukrainian Homestead at 1230 Beaver Run Dr. Leighton. 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

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Beguiled by the serpent* Monday, 25 May 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 22, 29 May 2015)

The illusion of happiness and power, lacking horizon and hope. The difficulty of man's relationship with wealth was at the heart of Pope Francis' reflection during Monday morning Mass at Santa Marta.

The liturgy of the day offered a passage from the Gospel according to Mark (10:17-27) which speaks of the young rich man, an episode which the Pontiff said could be entitled "The journey from joy and hope to sorrow and closing in on oneself". That young man, indeed, "wants to follow Jesus, sees Him and runs to Him, thrilled, to ask Him a question: 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'". To which, after an appeal to follow the commandments, the Lord exhorts him: "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me". And the young man's "countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions".

From enthusiasm to sorrow: "He wanted to go with Jesus but he left by another path". The reason? "He was attached to his possessions. He had many possessions. And in the final analysis, the possessions won". Francis emphasized Jesus' sharp approach to this reaction: "He said to his disciples with conviction: 'How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God'". Indeed, the Holy Father explained, "there is a mystery in the possession of wealth. Riches have the capacity to seduce, to lead us into seduction and make us believe we are in an earthly paradise". The Pope offered an example in this regard: "I recall that in the 1970s I saw for the first time a closed community, of people who were wealthy; it was closed to protect against thieves, to be secure". There were also good people, but they were enclosed in that sort of "earthly paradise". This happens, he said, when we close ourselves off "to protect possessions": we lose "the horizon". And "living without a horizon is sad".

The Pontiff then went a little deeper: it's important to consider, that "things that are closed become ruined, they become corrupt. Attachment to riches is the start of every kind of corruption, everywhere: personal corruption, corruption in business, even small corruption in commerce" — such as that, the Pope explained, of those who subtract a few hectograms from the correct weight of merchandise — "political corruption, corruption in education...". So many live their lives "attached to their own power, to their riches, they believe they are in paradise. They are closed, they have no horizon, they have no hope. In the end they will have to leave it all".

To render this concept more understandable, the Pontiff also recalled the parable in which Jesus speaks to the man who, wearing elegant clothes "feasted lavishly every day": he "was so closed within himself that he no longer saw past the end of his nose: he didn't see that there, at the gate to his house was a man who was hungry, sick, full of sores". The same thing happens to us: "attachment to riches makes us believe that all is well, there is an earthly paradise, but it takes away our hope and our horizon. And living with no horizon is a barren life, living without hope is a sad life".

However, Francis specified, this is criticizing "attachment" and not "good management of riches". In fact, riches "are for the common good, for all", and if the Lord grants them to someone, it is "for the good of all, not for oneself, not to close within one's heart, which then becomes corrupt and sorrowful". Jesus uses a powerful expression: "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter

the kingdom of God". Riches, the Pope stated, "are like the serpent in the earthly paradise, they beguile, they deceive, they make us believe we are powerful, like God. In the end they take away the best, hope, and cast us into unseemliness, into corruption". This is why Jesus states: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God".

From this point the Pope derived valuable advice for everyone: those who possess riches need to refer "to the first Beatitude: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'; that is to say, to strip themselves of this attachment and let the riches that the Lord has given be for the common good". The "only manner" of behavior is "to open your hand, open your heart, open the horizon". If, on the other hand, "your hand is closed, your heart is closed like that man who had banquets and dressed in luxurious clothing: you have no horizons, you don't see others who are needy and you will end up like that man: far from God". The same thing happened to the young rich man: "he had the path for happiness, he sought it and ... he lost everything". Due to his attachment to possessions "he ends up defeated".

Therefore, the Pontiff concluded, we must ask Jesus for the grace "not to be attached to possessions" in order not to run the risk of a "closed heart, corruption and barrenness".

## Doors

"Good morning!" said a woman as she walked up to the man sitting on the ground.

The man slowly looked up.

This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new.. She looked like she had never missed a meal in her life....

His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.. "Leave me alone," he growled....

To his amazement, the woman continued standing.

She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows. "Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away."

The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm.

"What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone.

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked..

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?"

The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for a while."



"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. "Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything."

"This is a good deal for you, Jack" the officer answered. "Don't blow it.."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived...

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this, is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business.."

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place."

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled..... "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a godly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?"

I, sir am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company."

"Oh."

The woman smiled again. "I thought that might make a difference." She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?"

"No thanks, ma'am." the officer replied. "I'm on duty."

"Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?"

"Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel, "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently... "Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry."

"Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble... Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the cash register, I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of God, prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons...He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet... If you ever need anything, my door is always open to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he said.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To God goes the glory. Thank Jesus.... He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways....

"Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today; something that I will never forget.

And...

And thank you for the coffee."

**God closes doors no man can open & God opens doors no man can close..**



Every saint has a past.  
Every sinner has a future.

## 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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$893.30 Cemetery - \$20.00

Construction Fund -\$1,000.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$784.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-**

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

**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-**

**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

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Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction  
and faithful in prayer**