

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, November 22nd 2015 ~ 26th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21st 3:30pm +Frank Sacco by Zukovich & Sacco Families
 Sunday, November 22nd 10:30am God's Blessings on His People
 Tuesday, November 24th 5:00pm +Ann Wildey & Family
Thanksgiving Liturgies
 Wednesday, November 25th 10:00am Divine Liturgy at the Shenandoah Manor
 5:00pm +Michael & +Ruth Howard by Sharon & George Neil & Family
NO Prayer Meeting – Thanksgiving
 Friday November 27th 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Saturday, November 28th 3:30pm +Kate Norman by Winifred Mohutsky & Family
 Sunday, November 29th 10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21st 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm +Louis & +Anna Zucal by Bernadette Bremer & Family
 Sunday, November 22nd 8:30am Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for +Walter & + Julia Salak
 by their Children
 Monday, November 23rd 8:00am +Kristin Prokop by Marissa Gogno
 Wednesday, November 25th 8:00am 40th day +William Covach by Patty & Jim Hale & Family
Thanksgiving Liturgy
 Thursday, November 26th 9:00am Happy Anniversary to Andrew & Anna Skrincosky by Family
 Saturday, November 28th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm 2nd Anniversary +Olga Kulka by Husband & Children
 Sunday, November 29th 8:30am Birthday Remembrance +Julia Salak by her Children

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, November 21 st	Eph 5:9-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, November 22 nd	Eph 5:9-19	Sam Litwak
Saturday, November 28 th	Eph 6:10-17	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, November 29 th	Eph 6:10-17	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, November 21 st	Eph 5:9-19	David Toth
Sunday, November 22 nd	Eph 5:9-19	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, November 28 th	Eph 6:10-17	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, November, 29 th	Eph 6:10-17	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: 11/19/15 The electrical work is continuing. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction equipment. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory

Candles for the 2016 year are now available, the sign-up sheet for the Sanctuary Light (donation \$15.00) is now in the back of the Church. If you are interested in the Tetrapod (donation \$6.00) Iconostas (donation \$12.00) Crucifix (donation \$6.00) or the Tabernacle Lamps (donation \$30.00) Please contact the rectory .

Pierogie Sale will be Monday December 7th. We appreciate any time you are able to give to help with this fundraiser. We are sold out for this sale. This will be the last sale for 2015. The next sale will be in February.

A Visit From Santa – Santa will be at the Shenandoah Park Friday, November 27th from 6-8pm. Sponsored by DSI & the Shenandoah Chamber of Commerce. A horse and trolley ride to and from the park is available from the DSI office on N. Main St.

Christmas Bread Sale- Rolls available are Nut, Poppy, Poppy/Raisin and Apricot. Cost is \$13.00 each. The rolls are 13 to 14”long. They are baked by a local church and are frozen. Orders only. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 2nd. Pick up on Saturday, December 19th at 12:00noon. Order forms in the back of the church, or contact the rectory.

St. Nicholas:

Feast of St. Nicholas – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas will be at 11:00am on Sunday, December 6th.

St. Nicholas Banquet- The annual St. Nicholas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 6th at 12:00noon. The dinner will be prepared and served by the TNT Deli Staff. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, bread & butter. St. Nick will highlight the affair for the children & lucky adults. Donation \$12.00 adults. Children 12years and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling Janet Buchinsky at 570-622-4463. We are required to have a minimum of 50 guests to utilize the caterer. Please make your purchase of tickets by Nov. 24th.

Sanctuary Light- Reservations for the Sanctuary Candle for “2016” may be submitted at your convenience. Envelopes for this special offering are available in the vestibule of our church.

Memorial- Donations received from the friends and family are in memory of +William Covach, Jennie M. Breitigan, Matthew & Agnes Mansell, Catharine Washuta & Susan Miller, Colleen B. Stutzman, David & Louann Vinc, Catherine L. Covach-Hale.

Both Churches:

Rectory Office Hours- Due to a family emergency the rectory office will only be open for limited hours for the next few weeks. Please call the office before coming down to avoid an unnecessary trip. Please feel free to leave a message or send an email during this time. Emails & phone messages will be checked on a daily basis. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Liturgy requests for 2016 will be taken as of November 1st. Please contact the rectory during normal business hours, submit a request in writing, or email a request to stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net

Murphy Jewelers Bingo- St. Nicholas School will be holding a Murphy Jewelers Bingo on Sunday, December 6th at St. Nicholas Hall Primrose. Doors open at 11am, Bingo starts at 1pm. Ticket are \$25 and include 16 reg. games and 4 specials. Pre-sale ticket holders will be entered to win \$100 gift card to Murphy Jewelers. For more info/tickets call 570-544-4581 or 570-527-0899

Trinity Academy 10th Anniversary Lottery Calendar Are you looking for a unique gift or stocking stuffer? Do you like to try your luck with the lottery? Trinity Academy has a great solution. 2016 Annual Lottery Calendars are on sale now! You can purchase a 3 digit number for \$25 and have 365 chances to win. Prizes are as follows : \$25 each week day and \$50 on weekends. The third Sunday of each month will have a prize of \$100. A special prize of \$250 will be awarded to the winning number on June 10, 2016 in celebration of the completion of Trinity Academy 's 10th school year. Tickets can be purchased from any student or at the school office. Please call 570-462-3927

Coach Purse Bingo featuring Michael Kors- Trinity Academy at 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, will be hosting a Coach Purse Bingo with 4 special games featuring Michael Kors purses on Sunday, November 15th, 2015. Cost is \$25 per ticket and since space is limited. ALL seat holders must purchase a ticket. Doors open at 12 noon, bingo begins at 2:00 p.m. Pre-Sale tickets are available by calling the school at (570) 462-3927 or by stopping at school office. Kitchen will also be open with plenty of great food for purchase. All proceeds benefit Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Education Center.

Food for the poor- Please, help by donating 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.

Nuremberg Community Players Present- "The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus" Saturday and Sunday December 5th & 6th. At the theater located at 283 Hazle St. in Nuremberg. Show starts at 2pm, Tickets are \$10.00 and will include a visit from Santa! For more info or to make reservations please call (570) 276-6263

LAST WEEKEND – ALL CHANCES NEED TO BE HANDED IN BY WEDNESDAY

American Girl Doll ® Sports Basket Raffle

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Drawing to be held Thanksgiving Day. You need not be present to win.

Basket includes: American Girl Doll Outfits - 2 in 1 Ice skating set - F1729-RF1A: Basketball outfit- F5173-RF1A :2 in 1 Track outfit - F5185-RF1A :Soccer outfit - V6037-RF1A 2-1 :Cheer Gear - G0659-RF1A \$198.00 list price (Dolls not included)

These outfits fit other dolls of the same size .

Tickets are now available after Liturgy or call the rectory at 570-462-0809



The Power of Prayer

“More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of.”

The words of the poet are quite true. Prayer can help us solve personal and family problems.

Prayer can give us light to see God’s will and the strength to follow it.

This Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for the Lord’s blessings and pray for the intentions of our friends and families .

Let us thank everyone in our lives by exercising the power of prayer.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Never exclude Thursday, 5 November 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 46, 13 November 2015)

It is by our deeds that Jesus asks us to include everyone, because as Christians “we do not have the right” to exclude others, nor to judge or close the doors on them. This “attitude of exclusion” is at the root of all wars, large and small, Pope Francis said. This message was part of his homily at Mass on Thursday morning in the Chapel of Santa Marta.

Referring to the day’s passage from the Letter to the Romans (14:7-12), Pope Francis noted that St Paul “does not tire of remembering the gift of God, the gift that God has given us in order to recreate and regenerate us”. And “he uses powerful words: ‘None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For this end Christ died and lived again: that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living’”. Therefore, the Pope re-emphasized, it is “Christ who unites, who makes unity; Christ who, by his sacrifice on Calvary, made it so that all people are included in salvation”.

“The attitude Paul wants to emphasize is precisely the attitude of inclusion”, the Pope explained. In fact, the Apostle “wants them to be inclusive, to include everyone, as the Lord did. He admonishes the Romans: ‘And you, with that which the Lord has made, why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother?’”. Hence the Apostle “makes them feel that they have an attitude which is not the Lord’s”, because “the Lord includes. In another passage Paul also says: ‘From two peoples he has made one’”, while these people, instead, “exclude”.

“When we pass judgement on a person”, Pope Francis continued, “we create exclusion”, perhaps saying: “Not with this man, not with this woman, not with this one... no”. In doing so, “we remain in our little group and we are selective, and this is not Christian”. We say: “No, that person is a sinner, that person did this...”. The issue, the Pope continued, is that “we pass judgement on others”. The same thing “happened to Jesus”, as we read in the Gospel passage of Luke (15:1-10) in the Liturgy of the day: “Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to Jesus”, — that is, the excluded and those who were on the outside — “to hear him. The Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them’”.

The Romans also had an attitude “of exclusion”, which is why Paul “warns them not to judge”. This is the same attitude of the scribes and the Pharisees, who say: “We are the perfect ones, we follow the law, while they are sinners and tax collectors”.

“Jesus’ attitude”, however, “is to include”. Here, the Pope explained, “there are two possible paths: the path of excluding people from our community and the path of including”. The first, “though to a limited degree, is at the root of all wars: all disasters, all conflicts begin with exclusion”. There is exclusion “from the international community, but also from families: among friends, how many fights!”. Instead, “the path that Jesus shows us, that he teaches us, is completely different, and it is opposed to the other: to include”.

In the Gospel we find “two parables”, the Pope explained, that “show us that it is not easy to include people because there is resistance, there is that selective attitude, and it is not easy”. The first parable speaks of “a shepherd who returns home with his sheep and realizes that out of 100, one is missing”. Surely he could have said: “Tomorrow I will find it...”. But instead, “he leaves everything”, despite being hungry and having worked all day, “and he goes, late in the evening, perhaps in the dark, to find it”. Jesus does the same “with these sinners, with the tax collectors: he goes to eat with them, to find them”.

The other parable to which the Pope referred is “the woman who loses a coin: the same thing happens, she lights a lamp, she sweeps her house and carefully searches until she finds it”. And “perhaps it takes all day, but she finds it”.

“What happens in both of these cases?” the Pope asked. The shepherd and the woman “are filled with joy, because they have found what was lost, and they go to their neighbours and friends, because they are so happy: ‘I have found it, I have taken it in!’”. This is precisely “the inclusion of God”, the Pope remarked, as opposed to “an exclusion of those who judge, who drive away people, persons”, who say “no, not this one, not this one...” and make “a small circle of friends, which is the environment” of exclusion.

This, the Pope added, “is the dialectic between exclusion and inclusion: God has included everyone in salvation, everyone!”. And “this is the beginning: we, with our weaknesses and our sins, with our envy and jealousy, always have this attitude of excluding which, as I said before, can end in war”.

Jesus does the same as the Father did, “when he sent him to save us: he seeks us out to include us, to enter a community, to be a family”. And “Paul’s joy is the great salvation that he received from the Lord”. Thus, the Pope said, returning to the two Gospel parables, the joy of the shepherd and that of the woman lie precisely in “finding what they believed” had been “lost forever”.

Calling for reflection, Pope Francis suggested that we never judge, even “a little”, in “our little” way. Because “God knows: it is his life. But I do not exclude him from my heart, from my prayer, from my smile and, if the opportunity should arise, I will say something nice to him”. In short, “let us never exclude, we do not have the right” to do so. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: “For we shall all present ourselves to God’s tribunal. So each of us shall give account of himself to God”. Therefore, “if I exclude, there will be a day of judgment before God’s tribunal, and I will have to give account of myself”.

The Pope concluded by asking for “the grace to be men and women who always include — always! — to the extent of sound reasoning, but always”. We must never “close the door on anyone”, but always have “an open heart”, and say “I like this one, or I do not like this one” but nevertheless “with an open heart”.



Happy Thanksgiving to all the wonderful and loving parishioners of St. Michael’s & St. Nicholas. I am thankful for everyone one of you. God’s blessings on you and your family.

Fr. Myron

THANKSGIVING GREETINGS



This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day: Someone once said that he feels sorry for atheists on Thanksgiving Day because they have no one to thank. The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 knew they had Someone to thank, since one of their motives in coming to the new world was their desire for religious freedom.

Like the chosen people of the Bible they came to a land full of promise and they soon recognized their debt to God by beginning our custom of Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day among us is traditionally a family day, a time for homecomings and the sharing of a sumptuous dinner. **We will celebrate a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 25th at 5:00pm at St. Michael's and Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am at St. Nicholas** this year so that as a parish family we can gather together to give thanks. This year, let us begin this Thanksgiving Day properly by coming together as God's children in His Home - our Church. We should gather there to express thanks to God for all His many favors. As Americans, we should express our gratitude for the blessings of living as we do in a free and prosperous land. As Christians we should gather to express our gratitude for our faith, a faith that gives us the joy of knowing that God is our Loving Father.

This coming Thanksgiving day reminds us that we, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, have indeed much to be thankful for. Above all, it reminds us that we have someone to thank. As a "Parish family" let us gather in our "Family House of Worship" at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Day to express our sincere gratitude to God, Our Father!



FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was

to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance

Goodness is the only investment that never fails!

Thoughts for Thanksgiving



Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear.

There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see.

Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.

There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, my children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my family.

There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have.

There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.

There are many who are jobless.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, *thank you Lord, for life.*

“It is our very sleepiness to the presence of God that renders us insensitive to evil: we don’t hear God because we don’t want to be disturbed.” —Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, April 20, 2011, General Audience

“The attempts made through the ages to extinguish the light of God, to replace it with the glare of illusion and deceit, have heralded episodes of tragic violence against mankind. This is because the attempt to cancel the name of God from the pages of history results in distortion, in which even the most beautiful and noble words lose their true meaning.” —Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, December 14, 2012



Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

Example is a language anyone can read.

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 - \$ 743.42 Building Donation \$300.00
Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$1,084.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- 66th Wedding Anniversary for Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Anna Leshnak by Mary Bickowski

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings on the People of St. Michael's this Thanksgiving.

Lamps of the Crucifix- Special Intentions for Patrick Timothy Morrissey by Annie Cragen

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
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
Susan Enders

St. Nicholas

Helen Salak
Margaret Skrincosky
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo
Jeanette Stock
Mary Kadingo

Laura Seasock
Anna Skrincosky
Catherine Washuta
Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak
Jim Rehnert
Walter Mistishen
Andrew Skrincosky

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

God forgives you- yes, even for that!