

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, October 11th, 2015 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, October 11 th	10:30am +Venancio Esteban Villalba by R. Boak & Family
Tuesday, October 13 th	5:00pm +Josephine Miskar by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
Wednesday, October 14 th	5:00pm +God's Blessings on Chuck & Dolores 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, October 16 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, October 17 th	3:30pm +Michael Lopatskie by Mr. & Mrs. John Baginski & Family
Sunday, October 18 th	10:30am God's Blessings on Kaia Milam

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +George Jansson by Wife, Elizabeth Jansson & Family
Sunday, October 11 th	8:30am +Charles & +Pauline Naradko- Legacy Liturgy
Monday, October 12 th	8:00 am +Pepper Family - Legacy Liturgy
Thursday, October 15 th	8:00am +Roman Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon
Saturday, October 17 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm 40 th day +Frank Homa Jr. by Bill & Rosanne Pogash & Family
Sunday, October 18 th	8:30am +Demetrius, +Anna, & +Peter Porchick by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 10 th	Gal 1:11-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 11 th	Gal 1:11-19	Alice Breznik
Saturday, October 17 th	Gal 2:16-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, October 18 th	Gal 2:16-20	Michael Fufila

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 10 th	Gal 1:11-19	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, October 11 th	Gal 1:11-19	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, October 17 th	Gal 2:16-20	Christine Romanko
Sunday, October 18 th	Gal 2:16-20	Leeann Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: 10/1/15 - The domes & steeples are complete except for the windows. The roof will be started next week – weather permitting. Scaffolding will begin to be erected in the interior of the Church this week. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction equipment. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Pierogie Sale- The next Pierogie Sale will be **MONDAY, October 19th** **We are already sold out!** Help is needed on the 19th. Please donate your time (no matter how limited) to this worthy fundraiser.

Lego Bingo – Help is needed with the Lego Bingo the day of the event. If you are able to help, please contact Steffy Rarick at 570-590-5878, or contact the rectory.

Baked Goods Needed- Baked goods are needed for Lego Bingo on Sunday, October 25. Please drop them off in the hall, or at the rectory. Thank you for your support of this fundraising effort.

Healing Service – There will be a Healing Service immediately following Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, October 28th, 2015 at St. Michael's. Any Questions call the rectory at (570) 462-0809

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available for Sanctuary Candle 11/8, 12/20, & 12/27

Cemetery- Please remove any flowers/holiday bouquets as soon as possible. (Winter Cleaning)

Memorial- Donations in Memory of +Frank Homa Jr. have been received from Catherine Szalku, Gerald and Margaret Curran, James & Anna Rehnert, and co-workers of Roseanne Pogash

Both Churches:

Msgr. Myron will be attending the annual Clergy Conference from Tuesday, October 20th – Friday, October 23rd. Msgr. Bocian will be available in case of emergencies. The rectory will be open Monday – Thursday 10am to 3pm

Faith Lights Our Way – A monthly gathering for teens Grade 8 through High School Seniors will be having their first meeting Sunday, Nov. 1st, 6:00 – 7:30 pm in St. Nicholas Church Hall. 415 N. Front St. Minersville. Any Questions please call Sr. Natalya (570) 544-3639

Food for the poor- OUR PANTRY IS BARE. 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.

Soup Sale- Downtown Shenandoah will be having a there Soup Sale on October 15th from 10:00am to sell out. \$5.00 per quart \$2.50 per pint. Soups include- Chili, Pasta Fagioli , Split Pea, NE Clam, Chicken Noodle, Kielbasi, Beef Vegetable, and Sausage Hoagies for \$3.50 each .

Ethnic Dinner Sponsored by Divine Mercy Parish Date: Wednesday, October 14th Take Out Only Time: 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM Place: St. Stephen Church Hall, corner of South Main & West Cherry Sts. Dinner Includes: Three homemade pigeons, Three homemade pierogies, Green Beans, Applesauce Cost: \$ 9:00 Payment is due when order is placed! Deadline for returns: October 9th Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. Shenandoah, PA 17976. Any questions, please call 570-462-1968

A church is a gift from God- Assembly required .

“SPAGHETTI DINNER” Sponsored by St. Nicholas Church Sunday, October 11th St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Includes....spaghetti, meatballs salad, Italian bread \$8.50/platter.....EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT For more information call 570-544-4581

“MEATLOAF DINNER” sponsored by St. Nicholas Church Women’s Sodality Wednesday, October 21st St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM includes....meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, roll, dessert and beverage \$ 10.00/platter.....EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY...call 570-544-4581

Halupki/Pigeon Sale: Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Mt. Carmel is now accepting orders for their delicious and mouth-watering home-made Halupki/Pigeons. Pick-up date is Saturday, November 7th between 9:00AM and Noon. The price is \$1.50 each, \$9.00 per half-dozen and \$18.00 per dozen. You may order them baked or unbaked and with or without sauce. As always, extra sauce is available at no extra cost. You may place an order by calling the rectory office at 570-339-0650 during normal business hours. Pre-orders only please and all orders should be placed by October 26th. Thank you for your patronage!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Assumption BVM Parish in Centralia is sponsoring its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 15th from 11:00AM until 3:00PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Church Hall in Mt. Carmel. A donation of \$8.50 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children under 12 is requested. Walk-Ins are welcome.

Tickets/Reservations can be purchased by calling the rectory at: 570-339-0650. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Alzheimer’s Care Giver Support Group- October 20th, 2015 at Providence Place Retirement Community 2200 1st Ave. Pottsville. Presentation begins 6pm light refreshments served. Reservations required. Call Yvonne by Oct. 16th at (570) 628-6950.

Holodomor- Blessing of the new national monument commemorating the HOLODOMOR in Ukraine will take place in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 7th beginning at 1 pm. Our Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk will participate. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by him on Sunday, November 8th at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine to the Holy Family at 9:30 am. A commemorative Concert will be a 2pm at the Lisner Auditorium. There will also be a benefit reception on Friday November 6th from 7-9pm. The donation requested for the reception is \$250.00. The rest of the events are free of charge. If you need additional information please contact the rectory.

Boscov’s Fundraiser – Donate \$5.00 and receive a coupon good for 25% off at any Boscov’s on October 20th 2015. To donate please see Msgr., Stephanie Rarick or contact the rectory. Please see the back of the coupon for additional details .



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

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER

B. Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia Saturday, 26 September 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dear Families,

First of all, I want to thank the families who were willing to share their life stories with us. Thank you for your witness! It is always a gift to listen to families share their life experiences; it touches our hearts. We feel that they speak to us about things that are very personal and unique, which in some way involve all of us. In listening to their experiences, we can feel ourselves drawn in, challenged as married couples and parents, as children, brothers and sisters, and grandparents.

As I was listening, I was thinking how important it is for us to share our home life and to help one another in this marvelous and challenging task of “being a family”.

Being with you makes me think of one of the most beautiful mysteries of our Christian faith. God did not want to come into the world other than through a family. God did not want to draw near to humanity other than through a home. God did not want any other name for himself than Emmanuel (cf. Mt 1:23). He is “God with us”. This was his desire from the beginning, his purpose, his constant effort: to say to us: “I am God with you, I am God for you”. He is the God who from the very beginning of creation said: “It is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 2:18). We can add: it is not good for woman to be alone, it is not good for children, the elderly or the young to be alone. It is not good. That is why a man leaves his father and mother, and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh (cf. Gen 2:24). The two are meant to be a home, a family.

From time immemorial, in the depths of our heart, we have heard those powerful words: it is not good for you to be alone. The family is the great blessing, the great gift of this “God with us”, who did not want to abandon us to the solitude of a life without others, without challenges, without a home.

God does not dream by himself, he tries to do everything “with us”. His dream constantly comes true in the dreams of many couples who work to make their life that of a family.

That is why the family is the living symbol of the loving plan of which the Father once dreamed. To want to form a family is to resolve to be a part of God’s dream, to choose to dream with him, to want to build with him, to join him in this saga of building a world where no one will feel alone, unwanted or homeless.

As Christians, we appreciate the beauty of the family and of family life as the place where we come to learn the meaning and value of human relationships. We learn that “to love someone is not just a strong feeling – it is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise” (Erich Fromm, *The Art of Loving*). We learn to stake everything on another person, and we learn that it is worth it.

Jesus was not a confirmed bachelor, far from it! He took the Church as his bride, and made her a people of his own. He laid down his life for those he loved, so that his bride, the Church, could always know

that he is God with us, his people, his family. We cannot understand Christ without His Church, just as we cannot understand the Church without her spouse, Christ Jesus, who gave His life out of love, and who makes us see that it is worth the price.

Laying down one's life out of love is not easy. As with the Master, "staking everything" can sometimes involve the cross. Times when everything seems uphill. I think of all those parents, all those families who lack employment or workers' rights, and how this is a true cross. How many sacrifices they make to earn their daily bread! It is understandable that, when these parents return home, they are so weary that they cannot give their best to their children.

I think of all those families which lack housing or live in overcrowded conditions. Families which lack the basics to be able to build bonds of closeness, security and protection from troubles of any kind.

I think of all those families which lack access to basic health services. Families which, when faced with medical problems, especially those of their younger or older members, are dependent on a system which fails to meet their needs, is insensitive to their pain, and forces them to make great sacrifices to receive adequate treatment.

We cannot call any society healthy when it does not leave real room for family life. We cannot think that a society has a future when it fails to pass laws capable of protecting families and ensuring their basic needs, especially those of families just starting out. How many problems would be solved if our societies protected families and provided households, especially those of recently married couples, with the possibility of dignified work, housing and healthcare services to accompany them throughout life.

God's dream does not change; it remains intact and it invites us to work for a society which supports families. A society where bread, "fruit of the earth and the work of human hands" continues to be put on the table of every home, to nourish the hope of its children.

Let us help one another to make it possible to "stake everything on love". Let us help one another at times of difficulty and lighten each other's burdens. Let us support one another. Let us be families which are a support for other families.

Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is "forged" by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish in men and women who try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity. An opportunity to seek help, an opportunity to question how we need to improve, an opportunity to discover the God who is with us and never abandons us. This is a great legacy that we can give to our children, a very good lesson: we make mistakes, yes; we have problems, yes. But we know that that is not really what counts. We know that mistakes, problems and conflicts are an opportunity to draw closer to others, to draw closer to God.

This evening we have come together to pray, to pray as a family, to make our homes the joyful face of the Church. To meet that God who did not want to come into our world in any other way than through a family. To meet "God with us", the God who is always in our midst.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH COUNCIL



Today is a commemoration of an historical event — which, to allay all critics — is not found “in the Bible” — because it observes the fact which happened after the written part of our Tradition was closed to further addition. The living Tradition of the Church is that experienced by those people who follow the norms of Scripture and are thus sanctified by these writings, and give witness to ways of interpreting them for their lives — and a proof of the invaluable worth of the Scripture. Such is the case of celebrating the Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. During the early development of the codification of the Christian Doctrine and clarification of the elements of the Truth to be found — sometimes hidden — in the Sacred

scripture, there were at times people who would profess ideas which were not in conformity with what was and is written. The Fathers of the Seventh Council who battled the heretical thought are honored in the Liturgy in the Tropar while the Kondak of the feast proclaims the Truth over which they so valiantly — even physically — fought. Yet, even more enlightening are the Vesper Prayers for the feast; among them: “You have appeared as champions of orthodoxy... In wisdom, O venerable Fathers, you patched the garment of Christ which had been torn... You confounded the foolish Arius and all those who followed his doctrines

THE CHRIST OF FAITH: TWO NATURES

Holy Scripture is the main source of our knowledge about God in general and about Christ in particular. Yet Scripture can be understood and interpreted in various ways; indeed, all heresies have been underpinned by references to Scripture and quotations from the Bible. The Protestant West has employed this tactic since their religion was fabricated. For the Church the criterion is Holy Tradition of which Scripture is part. Tradition comprises the centuries-old experience of the life of the Church, reflected not only in Scripture but also in the acts and definitions of faith of the Ecumenical Councils, in the works of the Church Fathers and in liturgical worship.

Tradition is not merely a supplement to Scripture; it bears testimony to the permanent and living presence of Christ in the Church. The authors of the New Testament books emphasize that they are ‘witnesses’: *‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the works of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us’* (I John 1:1-2). Yet Christ continues to live in the Church, and the experience of contact with him, of life in him, engenders a new witness which is fixed in Tradition was faced with the task of formulating a dogma concerning the unity of divinity and humanity in Christ. This dogma was developed in the course of the Christological debates of the fourth to the seventh centuries under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Quotes from Pope Frances:



“...**spirit of gratitude.** The joy of men and women who love God attracts others to him; priests and religious are called to find and radiate lasting satisfaction in their vocation. Joy springs from a grateful heart. Truly, we have received much, so many graces, so many blessings, and we rejoice in this. It will do us good to think back on our lives with the grace of remembrance. Remembrance of when we were first called, remembrance of the road travelled, remembrance of graces received... and, above all, remembrance of our encounter with Jesus Christ so often along the way. Remembrance of

the amazement which our encounter with Jesus Christ awakens in our hearts. My brothers and sisters, men and women of consecrated life, and priests! Let us seek the grace of remembrance so as to grow in the spirit of gratitude. Let us ask ourselves: are we good at counting our blessings, or have we forgotten them?

A second area is the **spirit of hard work.** A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of commitment to our work. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for him and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to his great love. “*Vespers, St Patrick's Cathedral, Sept. 24*

- “Knowing that Jesus still walks our streets, that he is part of the lives of his people, that he is involved with us in one vast history of salvation, fills us with hope. A hope which liberates us from the forces pushing us to isolation and lack of concern for the lives of others, for the life of our city. A hope which frees us from empty “connections”, from abstract analyses, or sensationalist routines. A hope which is unafraid of involvement, which acts as a leaven wherever we happen to live and work. A hope which makes us see, even in the midst of smog, the presence of God as he continues to walk the streets of our city. Because God is in the city. “*Homily at Madison Square Garden, NY, Sept. 25*



Lego® Bingo

Sunday, October 25th 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 Lego Kit (Recommend age for kit's vary from 3 to 18+ years of age) *Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for a Lego Accessory. * Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per non-expired item St. Michael's Church Hall 300 W Oak St, Shenandoah. For info call 570-462-0809. *Tickets are now available after Liturgy, contact the Stephanie Rarick or the rectory.*

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 - \$ 709.00 St Nicholas MC Cemetery \$50.00
Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$1,400.00 Cemetery \$60.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Demetrius , +Anna & +Peter Porchick and by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Dudish & for the Health of Catherine Dudish by the Caputo Family

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings on St. Michael's & our construction project.

Lamps of the Crucifix- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew

Lights of the Tetrapod- Deceased Members of +Szczyglak Family by Andrew Szczyglak

Lights of the Tabernacle-

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

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

Our Military Friends Serving Our Country,

St. Michael

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

Helen Beddall
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