

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, October 25th, 2015 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24th 3:30pm God's Blessing on His People
 Sunday, October 25th 10:30am God's Blessings on Sam Litwak
 Tuesday, October 27th 5:00pm God's Blessings on Adam Rodino by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
 Wednesday, October 28th 5:00pm +Katherine Kumis &+ Stephen Crepack
 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
 Friday, October 30th 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Saturday, October 31st 3:30pm +George Deffendall by Anne Evans
 Sunday, November 1st 10:30am God's Blessing on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24th 10:00am Funeral +William Covach Sr.
 5:30pm + Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family
 Sunday, October 25th 8:30am + Helen Seamon by Mrs. Lucille A. O'Connor
 Monday, October 26th 8:00 +Roman Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon
 Thursday, October 29th 8:00am Good Health & God's Blessings on the 93rd Birthday of Michael Kovich by Family
 Saturday, October 31st 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
 5:30pm + Kristin Prokop by Nancy Kalyan
 Sunday, November 1st 8:30am 40th Day +Walter Salak by Family

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 24 th	Gal 6:11-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 25 th	Gal 6:11-18	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, October 31 st	Eph 2:4-10	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, November 1 st	Eph 2:4-10	Stephanie Rarick

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 24 th	Gal 6:11-18	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, October 25 th	Gal 6:11-18	Susan Miller
Saturday, October 31 st	Eph 2:4-10	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, November 1 st	Eph 2:4-10	Lauralee Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: 10/22/15 – The new roof is going on the Church. They are also working on the electrical & repairing the water damage on the domes interior. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction equipment. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

Pierogie Sale- Thank you to everyone who helped make our pierogie sale a success. Out profit for this sale was \$1,446.09. Thank you again to the pierogie workers, we couldn't do it without you !

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

Boscov's fundraiser- Thank you to everyone who donated towards this event. We raised \$250.00, and had no expenses! Thanks to Boscov's for the opportunity!

St. Nicholas:

Condolences – Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of +William Covach Sr., who fell asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of +William be eternal. Vichnaya pamyat!

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.

Both Churches:

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.

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

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.

16th Annual Chinese Auction benefits St. Nicholas School Sunday, November 8th St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose Doors open 10:00 AM; auction begins 1:00 PM "Browse & Bid" ...Saturday, November 7th...4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Fabulous prizes...unique theme baskets! Homemade foods and much more! Donation \$ 5.00

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.

Ekumen Chorale- Sunday November 1st, at 3:00pm. Experience this magnificent sacred music. Concert to be held at SS. Peter & Paul UKR. Church 20 Nottingham St. Plymouth, PA.

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!

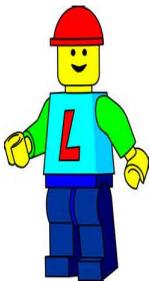
SPAGHETTI DINNER: Assumption BVM Parish in Centralia is sponsoring its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 15th from 11:00AM until 3:00PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Church Hall in Mt. Carmel. A donation of \$8.50 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children under 12 is requested. Walk-Ins are welcome.

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

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.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav to Bless New Mosaics Sun., Nov. 15 during 2:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy Honoring Consecrated Life at Philadelphia Ukrainian Cathedral All parishioners are invited to join with His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Spiritual Father of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, Metropolitan Stefan and the clergy of our Archeparchy as we honor consecrated life during a hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Sunday, November 15, 2015 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia. During the Divine Liturgy, men and women religious will renew their vows, the mosaics of Blessed Josaphata, SSMI and Venerable Andrew Sheptytsky, OSBM will be blessed. After the Divine Liturgy, the bell tower with the bell from the original cathedral will also be blessed in an outdoor ceremony that will also include a prayer vigil for Ukraine. Following the services, everyone is welcome to enjoy a reception in the Cathedral Social Hall.

Lego[®] Bingo- TODAY !!!!



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 at the door!

Are you too busy *acting* like a Christian to *be* one?

POPE FRANCIS

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

The well-mannered evil one Friday, 9 October 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 42, 16 October 2015)

In his homily during the Mass on Friday morning in the Chapel of Santa Marta Pope Francis recommended discernment and vigilance in order to avoid the risk of “anaesthetizing one’s conscience”.

He referred to the passage in Luke (11:15-26), in which the Evangelist “combines several things that Jesus likely said” at various times, and then “describes Jesus’ response to those who accused him of casting out demons through the power of the prince of demons”. Describing the context in which the scene takes place, the Pope recalled that “Jesus was among the people, doing good, preaching and the people listened to him and said that he spoke with authority”. But, the Pope noted, there was also “another group of people, people who did not like him and always tried to interpret” his words and his behaviour in a different way, in a false manner against him. What were their reasons? The Pope listed several: “for some it was out of envy, for others it was due to strict doctrine, and for others it was out of fear that the Romans would come and massacre them”.

In short they had “many reasons” for trying “to undermine Jesus’ authority over the people”, and they even used “slander, as in this specific case”. The Pope repeated their words from today’s Gospel: “He casts out demons by Beelzebub. He is possessed. He works magic and is a sorcerer. They continually put him to the test”. Essentially, “they set a snare before him, to see if he would fall”.

Here the Pope made reference to the first of the two topics: discernment. By modernizing the story, as customary, Francis shed light upon how much “the evil spirit does” even “with us”. That is: “he always tries to deceive, to lead us and make us choose the wrong path”. And that is why “discernment is necessary”. Moreover, “if the evil spirit did these things to Jesus, what would he not do to us?”, the Pope asked. From here, he drew the call to “know how to discern situations: this is of God and this is not of God; this comes from the Holy Spirit, and this comes from the evil one”.

For Pope Francis “the main message derived from this Gospel passage is that of discernment. A Christian cannot be calm, assuming that everything is fine. He must discern things and really look at where they come from, what their root is”, continuously asking himself: “Where does this come from? What is the origin of this opinion, these phenomena”, where do these things come from?

Furthermore, Jesus seems to give some “advice, and this is the second topic: vigilance”. Once again, the Pope repeated part of the passage from Luke’s Gospel. “When a strong, fully armed man guards his own palace, his goods are in peace; but when one stronger than he assails him and overcomes him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted, and divides his spoil”. Therefore, Pope Francis said “vigilance is necessary, because the enemy may come”. He then added that “this enemy is not so dangerous, because one can discover him immediately and defend oneself. But the other, the other is very dangerous”. In fact, Jesus continues: “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man” — when he is driven out — “he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’”. Francis stressed that “temptations will always return”, and

that “the evil spirit never tires. He was cast out, but patiently waits to return. When he returns he is pleased to find the house swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits, more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first”.

“Why is it worse?” asked the Pope. Because, he said, “first he is aware of the evil spirit that is inside, that it is the devil who torments and commands him... Instead, the Pope observed, “in the second case the evil one is hidden, he comes with his very polite friends, knocks on the door, asks permission, enters and lives with that man, in his daily life, and little by little gives him instructions”. In this way “the man ends up destroyed by the well-mannered method the devil uses, by the way the devil convinces him to do things, with relativism: ‘But it is not ... but it is not much ... no, relax, be calm...’”.

Therefore the Pope warned against the “grave evil” of “numbing one’s conscience”, of anaesthetizing it. “When the evil spirit is able to anaesthetize the conscience”, the Pope said, “we can say that this is his real victory: he becomes master of that conscience”. The Pope explained that it is of very little help to say as some do: “This happens everywhere! Everyone has problems, we are all sinners!” Because in that ‘everyone’ there is the ‘no one’. Everyone, but not me”. And in this way you end up living out “this worldliness that is the daughter of the evil spirit”.

To practice vigilance, the Pope concluded, “the Church advises us to always use an examination of conscience: What happened in my heart today, and why? Did this well-mannered demon and his friends try to come to my house?”. The same goes for discernment: “Where are these words, lessons and teachings coming from? Who is saying this?”. In short, we must ask the Lord for the twofold grace of discernment and vigilance “in order to prevent the one who deceives, seduces and fascinates, from entering”.

FEAST OF ST DEMETRIUS, THE GREAT MARTYR

October 26, 2015

Jn 15:17-16:2

This is my command: Love one other.

If the world hates you, know that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. But because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, that is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is no greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you. If they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours. They will treat you this way because of My name, for they do not know the One Who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else has done, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated Me without cause.’

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father -the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father - He will testify about Me. And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning. All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are servicing God.

Saint Demetriy (Dmytro)



Saint Demetriy lived in the fourth century in Macedonia, Greece. His parents were good Christians and taught their son to love God and follow God's teachings. At that time, there were not very many Christians in that country. Often Christians had to keep secret their belief in one, true God because the ruler of the country was pagan. A pagan does not believe in one God, but falsely believes in many gods. The pagans would fear that there would be too many Christians and therefore tried to force them to stop believing and loving God and keeping His commandments by punishing, torturing, and killing them.

Saint Demetriy grew up to be a well-groomed, wealthy, educated young man. The ruler, whose name was Maximian, ordered Demetriy to work for him by finding out who were Christians and then kill them. When word reached Maximian that Demetriy was not following his orders and that he himself was a Christian, the ruler became very angry. He had Demetriy put in prison. While Demetriy was in prison, he prayed to God. One day an angel appeared to him. The angel comforted Demetriy and told him not to be afraid. The angel promised that Demetriy would soon be happy with God in heaven. During that time also lived a very strong, giant-like man named Lee. Maximian would force Christians to fight with this giant. He thought surely Lee would kill them. Lee was so strong that he could easily lift a man high up in the air and then fling him down on sharp spikes which had been laid with points up on the ground. In this manner, Lee had killed many a Christian.

Among the Christians of that time was a young man named Nestor. He wanted to defeat Lee, but was not strong enough. Nestor went to prison where Demetriy was jailed. Nestor asked Demetriy to pray to God for him and to bless him. Demetriy did so. Nestor then went to fight Lee. Maximian and the other pagans laughed heartily when they saw Nestor because he appeared to be weak. How amazed they must have been to see Nestor hurl Lee up in the air, falling on pointed spikes and killing him. The people realized that Nestor got his strength from God. Maximian was very angry for he knew that God heard Demetriy's prayer and had given Nestor the power to defeat Lee. The ruler ordered that both Nestor and Demetriy be put to death. This occurred on October 26 in the year 306.

The Christians buried Demetriy, but they kept his coat and ring. Many a sick person was healed by the touching of this coat or ring. God was showing His faithful ones that He was pleased with Demetriy. Years later a church would be built on the very same spot where Demetriy was buried. People would come from afar to pray through the intercession of the saintly Demetriy for God's blessings and help. The People would pray for good health, protection from enemies, and for relief from hunger (famine).

Ukrainian Catholics have honored Saint Demetriy for hundreds of years. Our Church Calendar designates the 26th of October as his feast day. St. Demetriy has give us an example to go and do likewise. His love for God Saint Demetrij (Dmytro) was so great that no one could ever frighten him or turn him away from God. He was certain that God would hear his prayers. Whenever someone tries to frighten us, or make us forget God's commandments, or laugh at us for doing the good God asks of us, let us turn to God, pray, and ask His blessings and help. Just as God heard the prayers of St. Demetriy, God will surely hear ours. *(Adapted from the book, All Saints, MSMG)*

Baptizing an Irishman

An Irish man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, I am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus!" The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again, but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, brother?" The drunk answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus!"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Construction Giggles-

A man applies for a job at a construction site. The boss asks, "Can you roll your hard hat down your arm and pop it back on your head?" The man nods confused.

"Can you play light saber with your wench and another man's screwdriver?" "Oh, yes", says the man.

"Can you bounce your screwdriver off the cement, grab it whirl it around and put it in your belt like a gun?"

"Sir, I've been doing that for years!" says the wanna-be construction worker, thinking he has the job." well in that case", replies the boss, "I can't use you. I have twelve men doing all that already!"

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call the rectory at 570-462-0809



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 - \$ 1,343.41 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 734.00 Cemetery \$20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +George Jansson by the Jansson Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- Special Intentions of Stephen & Becki 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 on St. Michael's & our construction project.

Lamps of the Crucifix- God's Blessings on our Fundraising Efforts

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 Kozié
Martha Hysock
Sandy Bankes*
Edward Sion

Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
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& Rosemary (Mother)
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Can't sleep? Don't count sheep; talk to the Shepherd.