

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, October 4th, 2015 19th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3 rd	3:30pm +Anna Smetana by Robert & Lois Patrick
Sunday, October 4 th	10:30am +Georgette Moyer by John & Dolores Sion
Tuesday, October 6 th	5:00pm 40 th Day +Fr. Andriy Manko CSSR
Wednesday, October 7 th	5:00pm +Charles &+Mary Lazusky by William & Irene McAndrew 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, October 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3 rd	5:30pm +Kristin Prokop by Catherine Kalyan & Zepka Family
Sunday, October 4 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, October 5 th	8:00 Funeral +Joseph Lutzkanin
Thursday, October 8 th	8:00am +Saranckak Family - Legacy Liturgy
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

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 3 rd	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, October 4 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Charlie Calise
Saturday, October 10 th	Gal 1:11-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 11 th	Gal 1:11-19	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday October 3 rd	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	David Toth
Sunday, October 4 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, October 10 th	Gal 1:11-19	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, October 11 th	Gal 1:11-19	Theresa Panchison

When God calls you, does he get a busy signal ?

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.

St. Nicholas:

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

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

Memorial- A Donation was received from Edmund & Carole Quirin and The 193rd Special Operations Unit in Memory of Frank Homa Jr.

Both Churches:

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

“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

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 Concert at a place yet to be announced will be held in the afternoon.

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.

Public Square Crusade- The 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held on Saturday October 10th at the Miner's Monument in Shenandoah. Registration starts at 11:30am Rosary to begin at 12:00 noon. Please join us in lifting our voices to the Lord and the Blessed Mother as we pray for wisdom for the community & national leaders of this country. For more information please contact Charlie Calise at 570-612-9205.

Bosco's Fundraiser – Donate \$5.00 and receive a coupon good for 25% off at any Bosco'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 .

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 a® 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, PA For info call 570-462-0809. ***Tickets will be available next week after Liturgy or contact the Stephanie Rarick or the rectory.***



American Girl Doll®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 will be available next week after liturgy or call the rectory at 570-462-0809***



A true story from the pages of the Manchester, NH Evening News:

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly." The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years." [SS]

Stewardship and Tithing

Gracious and loving God, we know that it is from your hand that we receive all that we have and all that we are. We believe that you call us to be the stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us. Help us to respond to your generosity, by our generosity to all in need; to respond to your forgiveness, by our willingness to forgive others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Lost ? Try GPS: God's Plan of Salvation

POPE FRANCIS

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

In the little things Tuesday, 8 September 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 37, 11 September 2015)

“It’s all there in the ‘littleness’”. In the Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday morning, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, Pope Francis focused on the manner of God, who acts in small ways but opens vast horizons for us.

Referring to the text of the Collect recited moments before, which asked the Lord for “the grace of unity and peace”, the Pontiff focused on two verbs considered in his homilies of the previous few days: to reconcile and to make peace. God, he said, “reconciles: he reconciles the world to himself through Christ”. Jesus, brought to us by Mary, makes peace, “gives peace to two peoples, and of two peoples he makes one: Hebrews and Gentiles. One people. He makes peace. Peace in their hearts”. But, asked the Pope, “how does God reconcile?”. In what “manner” does he do this? Does he perhaps “make a great assembly? Does everyone come to an agreement? Do they sign a document?”. No, he answered. “God uses a specific method to make peace: he reconciles and makes peace in the little things and on the journey”.

Francis’ reflection thus began from the concept of “littleness”, the “littleness” which was spoken of in the First Reading (Mic 5:1-4): “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little...”. In other words, the Pope explained: you are “so little: but you will be great, because your ruler will be born from you and he will be peace. He himself will be peace”, because from that littleness “comes peace”. This is the manner of God, who chooses “little things, humble things, to do great works”. The Lord, explained the Pope, “is the Great One” and we “are the little ones”, but the Lord “advises us to make ourselves little like children to be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven”, whereas “the great ones, the powerful, the arrogant, the proud cannot enter”. God, however, “reconciles and makes peace in littleness”.

The Pontiff then addressed the second concept, according to which the Lord also reconciles “on the journey: walking”. He then explained: “The Lord does not want to make peace and reconcile with a magic wand: today — boom! — all done! No. He journeys with his people”. An example of this action of God is found in the day’s Gospel (Mt 1:1-16, 18-23). The passage regarding Jesus’ lineage may seem somewhat repetitious: “This one begot that one, that one begot this one, this one begot that one.... It’s a list”, Francis noted. Yet, he explained, “it is God’s journey: God’s journey among men, good and bad, because on this list there are saints and there are sinful criminals”.

Thus, it is a list which even contains “much sin”. However, “God is not afraid: he journeys. He walks with his people. And on this journey he makes hope grow in his people, hope in the Messiah”. This is the “closeness” of God. Moses said it to his own: “Think about it: what nation has a God as close as ours?”. Thus, “this journeying in littleness, with his people, this walking with the good and bad gives us our way of life”. In order “to walk as Christians”, in order to “make peace” and “reconcile” as Jesus did, we have the path: “With the Beatitudes and with the protocol by which we will all be judged. Matthew, 25: ‘Do likewise: little things’”. This means “in littleness and by journeying”.

The Pope then added a third element. The people of Israel “dream of being set free”, they have “this dream because it was promised to them”. Even Joseph dreams and his dream “is somewhat like a

summary of the entire history of God’s journey with his people”. However, Francis added, “not only does Joseph have dreams: God dreams. God our Father has dreams, and he dreams beautiful things for his people, for each of us, because he is Father and as Father he thinks and dreams of the best for his children”.

In conclusion, “this great and almighty God teaches us to do great works of peacemaking and of reconciliation in littleness, by walking, and by not losing hope, with the capacity” to dream “great dreams”, to have “vast horizons”.

For this reason the Pontiff invited everyone — in this commemoration of the beginning of a crucial phase of salvation history, the birth of Our Lady — to seek “the grace that we asked for in prayer, that of unity, of reconciliation, and of peace”. To be “always on the path, close to others” and “with great dreams”. With the manner of ‘littleness’, the littleness, he recalled, which is found in the Eucharistic celebration: “a little piece of bread, a little bit of wine...”. In “this ‘littleness’ there is everything. God’s dream is there, his love is there, his peace is there, his reconciliation is there, Jesus is there”.

Labels

British author Frances Trollope observed in her book *Domestic Manners of the Americans* that the greatest difference between the English and American populations is “want of refinement.” Americans of the nineteenth century were incensed. But by the end of that century the label of the “The Ugly American,” vulgar and loud, was born.

In the days of King Darius, a Babylonian pagan ruler, the King formed impressions of the Jewish God, the Lord, based on observing his servant Daniel. “*He is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.*” (Daniel 6:26-27)

Today, don’t worry about what people say about your faith. Emulate Daniel, living humbly and openly, letting God take care of the rest. Likewise, pray for the men and women of faith walking among America’s leaders to be Daniel-like examples – and that many may see past Christian stereotypes to the knowledge of a compassionate Almighty God. Recommended Reading: Micah 6:1, 6-9

Laugh With The Pastor

- A student complained to his teacher, “I don’t think I deserve a zero on this research paper.” “I agree,” the teacher replied, “but it’s the lowest mark I can give.”
- A priest was fond of pure horseradish and kept a bottle of it on his table. He offered some to a guest, who unwittingly took a big spoonful. When the guest could speak again, he gasped, “A lot of priests preach hellfire, but you’re the first one I’ve come across handing out samples!”



SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved, I adjusted my tie. I got there, venerated the icons and sat in a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer, as I closed my eyes I saw the shoe of the man next to me..... Touching my own. I sighed. With plenty of room on either side I thought, 'Why must our shoes touch?' It bothered me, his shoe touching mine... But it didn't bother him much.

The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man... For tears fell from his eyes.

It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out..... What the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft 'clink'. As when silver hits tin.

The prayer began: 'Our Father'..... I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!' 'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet 'Amen.'

I tried to focus on the liturgy, but my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door? 'Well, this certainly isn't it, I thought, glancing toward the floor.

When Communion was over..... And the thanksgiving litany began. The shoe man was certainly loud..... Sounding proud as he sang. LORD HAVE MERCY! His voice lifted the rafters..... His hands were raised in the ancient Apostolic position of prayer. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.

At the end of the service as is the custom here, we venerate the icons and wait until we have left the church to greet new visitors, and show them all good cheer. But I felt moved somehow that I wanted to meet the shoe man. So after the dismissal prayer and the Holy Doors were closed, I reached over and shook his hand. He was old and his skin was dark.... And his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming..... For being our guest.

He said, 'My names' Charlie..... I'm glad to meet you, my friend.' There were tears in his eyes..... But he had a large, wide grin. 'Let me explain,' he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes. 'I've been coming to this parish for months.... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'" 'I know that my appearance.....'Is not like all the rest. 'But I really do try.....'To always look my best.' 'I always clean and polish my shoes 'before my very long walk. 'But by the time I get here.....'They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'

My heart filled with pain..... And I swallowed to hide my tears, as he continued to apologize..... For daring to sit so near He said, 'When I get here 'I know I must look a sight. 'But I thought if I could touch you...'Then maybe our souls might unite.'

I was silent for a moment..... Knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison so I spoke from my heart, not my head. 'Oh, you've touched me,' I said.....'And taught me,' in part; 'That the best of any man.....'Is what is found in his heart.'

The rest, I thought,..... This shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

Remember, everyone needs a friend. Someday you might feel like you have no friends at all. Just remember someone out there cares about you....And always will. Live each day as your last, it could be!

ANNOINTING WITH HOLY OIL [Mirovanije]

On solemn Holy Days and the Sundays after, the faithful of the Ukrainian Church are anointed with holy oil and receive a piece of bread, blessed for this purpose at the vespers of the feast. This venerable custom among the Ukrainians is known as “Mirovanije.” When it does occur, it is part of the service and not an option. You should not avoid this sacramental in that it is your personal participation in the feast and a source of grace.

This anointing portion of the Divine Liturgy is the remnant of two distinct practices of ancient times, the all-night vigils held in the church and the lighting of the oil lamps in front of the icon of the feast and the icons at the icon screen. In order to better understand this relatively simple ceremony of the anointing, an explanation of the “all night vigil with Litja” and that of the lighting of the lamp before the icons is necessary.

St. Basil the Great (d. 379) writes in his Epistle 207 that the faithful prepared themselves for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday with an all-night vigil which served as an “expression of their repentance.” In Jerusalem, the all-night vigils for the festive days were interrupted by candlelight processions to the various Holy Places consecrated by the suffering and death of our Savior. The remnants of those processions to the Holy Places are the prescribed processions around the church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday etc.

St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) introduced similar processions throughout the streets of the city in Constantinople (cf. Sozomen, Eccl. History, VIII, 8). They continued to be held especially on the occasion of public calamities such as earthquakes, pestilence, war, etc. to implore God’s help and protection. Throughout the procession, the celebrant invoked the intercession of the Mother of God and the various saints to which the people responded “Lord have mercy.” This public prayer was of a penitential character.

In the Ukrainian Church a special ritual combining these two candlelight processions, the festive of Jerusalem and the penitential of Constantinople, has developed into “Litja,” the name taken from the Greek “lite” meaning an earnest prayer or supplication. Originally, on the more solemn holy days the people from the various churches of the city assembled in the public square for prayer and singing hymns. Litja was served late in the evening after the vesper service. Following this, the faithful returned in procession to their respective churches and continued with the celebration of the morning service, i.e. the Matins.

General Greeting at “Mirovanije”

Priest: “Christ is among us!”



“WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.” (PSALM 27:14)

“THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.” (ISAIAH 40:31)

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 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$392.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- God's Blessings on Pope Francis

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +John (Jack) Poppert by Toni Poppert Huntzinger

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
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Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.