

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, September 27th, 2015 18th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th 3:30pm +George Horas by Edward A. & Mary Bickowski

Sunday, September 27th 10:30am God's Blessings on His People

Tuesday, September 29th 5:00pm +George Klemy by Wife, Carla

Protection of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 30th 5:00pm God's Blessings on His People

Friday, October 2nd NO Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3rd 3:30pm +Anna Smetana by Robert & Lois Patrick

Sunday, October 4th 10:30am +Georgette Moyer by John & Dolores Sion

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th 5:30pm +Mary Naradko by Ted Naradko

Sunday, September 27th 8:30am+ 30th Anniversary +Mrs. Helen Krolick & 2nd Anniversary
Stepfather, + John Yaroshak by Ronald Krolick

Monday, September 28th 10:15am Funeral & Divine Liturgy +Walter Salak

Wednesday, September 30th 8:00am +Elmer Gulas by Wife

Protection of the Theotokos

Thursday, October 1st 8:00am +Msgr. Peter Skrincosky by Bernadette Bremer

Saturday, October 3rd 5:30pm +Kristin Prokop by Catherine Kalyan & Zepka Family

Sunday, October 4th 8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 26 th	2 Cor 9:6-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 27 th	2 Cor 9:6-11	Paul Caputo
Wednesday, September 30 th	Heb, 9:1-7	Charlie Calise/Sam Litwak
Saturday, October 3 rd	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, October 4 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Charlie Calise

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 26 th	2 Cor 9:6-11	Michael Prokop
Sunday, September 27 th	2 Cor 9:6-11	Lauralee Sadusky
Thursday, October 1 st	Heb 9:1-7	Theresa Panchison
Saturday October 3 rd	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	David Toth
Sunday, October 4 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Dolores Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Construction update: 9/24/15 The workers are finishing up on the domes. They will be removing some of the exterior scaffolding and begin to remove the old singles this week. Scaffolding will begin to be erected in the interior of the Church next 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.

Pierogie Sale Thank You – A Huge thank you to all who came out to help with our pierogie sale. Our profit for this sale is \$1,077.82. Thank you again for all your hard work to make this fundraiser a success.

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 10/4 & 11/1

Condolences – Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of +Walter Salak, 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 +Walter be eternal. Vichnaya pamyat!

Sick Calls will be Wednesday September 30th .

Memorial – A donation was received In Memory Of+ Frank Homa from the following friends/family.... Kathleen Kanish, Norman & Kathleen Aggon, Barbara & Dean Padfield, Charles & Judy Naradko, William & Midge Umbenhauer, Kathleen & Marie Casey, Joyce Uggy, Mary Ferenchick, Earl & Val Davis, Maryann & Joseph Stencovage, Dorothy Ann Fink, Michael Kovich, Helen Corby, Elizabeth Jansson, Fran & Joseph Quirk, Betty Greenback, Helen Grossman, Joseph & Maryann Zurat

Both Churches:

We welcome ,Fr. John Wysochansky who will be celebrating Divine Liturgy at both Churches this Saturday.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY . Last Sunday catechists were blessed and dedicated to their religious studies and education in a classroom setting. We continue to pray for their growth in the Grace of God.

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.

Pope's Visit – Ribbons have been included on the artwork arch created for the Papal visit later this month for the intentions of St. Michael's & St. Nicholas Parishes. If you would like more information please see Msgr.

Harvest Fest- St Mary's Church -94 Walnut Rd, Hamburg Friday October 2nd & Saturday October 3rd. Food , Fun & Activities for all ages. Friday oldies band, Saturday Golden Tones Polka Band, 4:30 Polka Mass. Rain or Shine. For info call 610-562-7657 or www.rc.net/allentown/stmaryhamburg

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

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 .

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 tickets or info call 570-462-0809.



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**



84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Reflection of God's Love." The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparchial Bishop at St. Josaphat in Parma. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto. For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters' website at www.stbasils.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA/280623061977867?fref=ts.

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale St. John's R.C. Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on ... Friday, October 2nd from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 3rd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Books, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Holiday Decorations, Appliances, Linens, Video/DVD's, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section ... Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and much, much more. Food items also available ... Hot Dogs, BBQ, Burgers, Pierogies, Baked Goods, Refreshments.

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.

The Cross is a plus sign for a negative world

A thought from Deacon Michael.

"The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester."

"No matter how much you push the envelope it'll still be stationary."

POPE FRANCIS

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

How peace is made - Thursday, 10 September 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 38, 18 September 2015)

“Words, words, words”, Mina sang in a well-known song. The Pope even repeated the chorus to evoke essential nature of the “Christian way”. It needs no lengthy description but rather, it revolves around the words “peace and mercy” and therefore, around forgiveness and the ability to forbear one another. In Thursday morning’s Mass at Santa Marta, Francis also recalled the great wars that are fought, the shameless weapons trade, and the smaller conflicts that tear apart families, workplaces and even Christian communities.

“Several days ago”, the Pope began, “the Liturgy spoke of the work that was done by Jesus Christ, the Lord: the work of making peace and reconciling”. And, he added, “the other day, on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, we asked for this grace of peace and reconciliation”.

“Peace and reconciliation”, therefore, is what “Jesus did: he made peace”, and “this is why he is called the Prince of Peace”. The Prophet Micah says in this regard that “he shall be peace” and “that he brings peace, that he makes peace”. Even “in our hearts, in our souls”, Francis explained. So, he asked, “how did he make peace? By giving his life as an offering, a prayer for the forgiveness of all”.

“I wonder”, the Pope continued, “if we are really thankful for this gift of peace that we received in Jesus”. Because “peace was made, but it wasn’t accepted”. And thus, he noted, “still, every day on the news, in the papers, we see that there are wars, destruction, hatred, enmity, and that enmity that the Lord spoke of to the serpent after the sin, it’s there!”.

After all, he recalled, “there are also men and women who have worked so much — they work a lot! — to produce weapons to kill, arms that in the end become bathed in the blood of so many innocent people, so many people”. There are “wars and there is the wickedness of preparing for war, of making arms against the other, to kill”. The terms of the issue are clear: “Peace saves, peace lets you live, peace lets you grow; war destroys you, it brings you down”. People often say, “Father, it’s awful that this has happened there!”. But certain situations, Francis said, do not only happen in faraway places: “War even exists in our Christian communities, among ourselves”. And to address this, the Pope returned to “the advice that today’s Liturgy offers us: ‘Make peace among yourselves’”, referring to the passage from the Letter to the Colossians (3:12-17).

So, he said, “there are two key words”. The first “is forgiveness: if we do not learn to forgive one another, we will always be at war”. Thus came the Pope’s exhortation: “As the Lord has forgiven you, so should you do”. But “if you do not know how to forgive, you are not a Christian”, he said, “because you do not do as the Lord did”. Moreover, “if you don’t forgive, you cannot receive the Lord’s peace, the Lord’s forgiveness”.

The Pontiff recalled that “each day, when we pray the *Our Father*, we say: ‘forgive us, as we forgive’”. And this, he explained, is in the “‘conditional’: we are trying to convince God to be good, as we are good in forgiving: in reverse”. In this regard the Pope commented: “Words, no? Like she sings in that beautiful song: ‘Words, words, words’, no? I think the singer is Mina.... Words!”.

This is the right path: “Forgive one another! As the Lord has forgiven you, so should you do! Forgive one another! And some good advice for forgiving each other: forbear one another at home, in your neighborhood, at work.... Bear with each other”, without resorting to whispering: “He did that...”. It’s important “to forbear, because he too bears with me”. In short, it takes “Christian patience”.

Francis then commented: “How many heroic women there are among our people who, for the good of their family, of their children, forbear so much brutality, so much injustice: they forbear and go forward with their family”. And “how many heroic men there are among our Christian people who forbear getting up early in the morning and going to work — often unfair, poorly paid work — to return late in the evening, in order to provide for their wife and children”. These people “are the just ones”.

However, the Pope stated, “how many others there are who, instead of doing what they should, wag their tongue and create conflict”. Indeed, he said, “the same damage that a bomb creates in a town, the tongue creates in a family, in a neighborhood, in a workplace”. Because “the tongue destroys, it creates war”. And “I’m not saying this”, the Pope said, “the Apostle James says it”. Here then is the practical advice of St Paul: “As the Lord has forgiven you, so should you do: forbear one another and forgive one another”.

Then, the Pontiff explained, “there is another word that Jesus says in the Gospel, because it repeats the same topic: mercy”. In the passage of Luke (6:27-38), the Lord says: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”. It is an invitation to “understand others, not to condemn them: the Lord, the Father, is so merciful, he always forgives, he always wants to make peace with us”. But, Francis asked, “if you are not merciful, how can the Lord be merciful with you, since we will be judged by the same standard by which we judge others?”.

For this reason, he said, “if you are a priest and don’t feel you are merciful, tell your bishop so you can be given administrative work, but don’t go down to the confessional, please!”. Because “a priest who isn’t merciful does so much harm in the confessional: he lambastes people!”. Perhaps one could justify it, saying: “No, father, I am merciful, but I’m a little upset...”. This is the Pope’s response: “Before entering the confessional, go to the doctor who can give a pill for your nerves! But be merciful!”.

One must be “merciful even among ourselves”. Instead of complaining — “he did this...” — we should ask ourselves: “what have I done?”. After all, who can say that “he is a worse sinner than I am? None of us can say this. Only the Lord can”. All of us, the Pope said, “can say, ‘I am a sinner and I need mercy and I need forgiveness. And this is why I forbear others, I forgive others and I am merciful with others’”. For “when the soul is like this, the Christian way is what Paul teaches to his own in the Letter to the Colossians: ‘Put on compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience’”.

This, then, “is the Christian way: it is not arrogance, it is not condemnation, it is not speaking ill of others”. The Christian way is “compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience”. Ultimately, it is “the way of Jesus, the way by which Jesus made peace and reconciliation, until the end”. Indeed, “at the end, in the final yearnings of life, he managed to hear something that the thief said: ‘Yes, yes, yes, come with me, dear one, come to Paradise’”.

Francis concluded his meditation by praying “that the Lord give each of us the grace to forbear others, to forgive, to be merciful, as the Lord is merciful with us; and to have this Christian way of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience”.

The Patronage of the Mother of God - October 1

Lk. 10, 38-42; 11, 27-28

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the Mother who gave You birth and nursed You." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Feast of the Patronage in Ukraine

In her services the Eastern Church fondly emphasizes the three most beautiful privileges of the Mother of God; the Divine Maternity, Perpetual Virginity and Her Intercession for us before God. The latter privilege, above all, won the hearts of our people. Our princes, kings, armies, our Kozaks and Hetmans gladly chose the Most Pure Mother of God as their Protectress and Guardian. Here we shall mention some examples.

Prince Jaroslav Mudry (The Wise,) in 1036, defeated the nomadic Pechenegs and out of gratitude to God and His Most Holy Mother, he built the beautiful Cathedral of St. Sophia in Kiev and erected the Church of the Annunciation of our Blessed Mother on the Golden Gates.

In 1037, in the Church of the Annunciation, he placed the whole nation under the protection or patronage of the Mother of God. Thus, by the will of our monarch, the Most Holy Mother of God was proclaimed officially the Patroness, Defender, and Queen of our nation.

In hard times, our princes and their armies would hasten to Her for assistance. The Grand Prince Mstyslaw who ruled in Tmutorokan, at a battle with the Cherkases promised to build a church in honor of the Mother of God, if She assisted him in defeating the enemy. He defeated the enemy and gladly kept his promise.

The Grand Prince Volodymyr Monomakh, in his memoirs, claimed that he owed his victory over the Polovtsians to God and the Most Pure Virgin Mary. He even composed a special prayer in Her honor. Our princes and their armies, when marching against the Polovtsians in 1103, turned to God and to the Blessed Virgin for assistance, and utterly defeated the Polovtsians. Prince Ihor Sviatoslavych, the hero of the epic "Song of Ihor's Campaign." After his escape from captivity, he went to pay homage to the miraculous icon of the Mother of God in Pyrohoscha and to thank Her for Her assistance in his escape. The Galician King Danylo, after a successful campaign against Bohemia, placed expensive gifts at Her feet. Some of our princes used icons of the Mother of God or prayers in Her honor on the seals. In recent times in Ukraine very ancient gold, bronze and copper necklaces of icons were discovered, called "enkolpions" in Greek (round or oval medallions suspended from the neck, bearing a representation of our Lord or our Blessed Mother). One such enkolpion has the Greek inscription: "O Mother of God, be my Protection and Defense, Amen."

Theater Seating for Seniors

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The old man didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?" "Fred," the old man moaned.

"Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer. With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied;

"The balcony"

THE BEATITUDE: PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE: By +Fr. Thomas Hopko

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake." (Mathew 5:10-11)

In saying these words, Christ promised that those who would follow Him would certainly be persecuted. This is the central prediction of the Gospel and an essential condition of those who accept it.

True Christians will always be persecuted for Christ's sake. They will be persecuted with Christ and like Christ, for the truth that they speak and the good that they do. The persecutions may not always be physical, but they will always be spiritual and psychological. They will always be mindless, unjust, violent and :"**without cause**" (Psalm 69:4 and John 15:25).

They will always be painful and the cause of much suffering.

The suffering of Christians must be accepted gladly, with mercy and love to those who inflict it. Here once again is the Lord's own example, as well as that of His prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints. As Christ said , "**Father forgive them...**" (Luke 23:34), while hanging on the cross; and the first martyr, Stephen prayed, "**Lord, do not hold this sin against them.**" (Acts 7:60), while being stoned, so all those who follow God's righteousness must forgive their offenders "**from their hearts.**" (cf. Mathew 18:35).

The generous and loving forgiveness of the persecuted for the persecutors is an essential condition of the spiritual life. Without it, all suffering "for righteousness' sake" is in vain, and does not lead to the Kingdom of Heaven. [From St. Nicholas Church Bulletin – Erie, PA]

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 - \$ 533.05 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$1,310.00 Cemetery \$45.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Walter Buchinsky by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Nicholas Mazer by Wife Mary & Daughter Susanne

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-

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
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Tom Prete
Susan Chernesky
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& Rosemary (Mother)
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Something you can give and still keep: your word