

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, January 17th 2015 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16 th	3:30pm +Ed Kalavage by Daughter-in-Law, Carol
Sunday, January 17 th	10:30am +Edward Sion by Ty & Mary Ellen Krigbaum
Tuesday, January 19 th	5:00pm God's Blessings on the Birthday of Helen O'Connell by Charlie
Wednesday, January 20 th	6:30pm Prayer Group
Thursday, January 21 st	8:00am God's Blessings and Good Health for Leo Pierre by Charles Calise and Helen O'Connell
Friday, January 22nd	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 23 rd	3:30pm +Anna Smetana by Mr & Mrs Edward Mohutsky
Sunday, January 24 th	10:30am +Olga Hatchell by Mr & Mrs James Flynn

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm Birthday Remembrance +Walter Salak by his Children
Sunday, January 17 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, January 18 th	8:00am +Theodore Stock by Theresa Panchison
Wednesday, January 20 th	8:00am +Kathryn Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon & Family
Saturday, January 23 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm 4 th Anniversary for+ Robert Corby by Wife, Helen & Family
Sunday, January 24 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 16 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 17 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Paul Caputo
Saturday, January 23 rd	1 Cor 6:12-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, January 24 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Charles Calise

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 16 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Christine Romanko
Sunday, January 17 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, January 23 rd	1 Cor 6:12-20	Michael Prokop
Sunday, January 24 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Theresa Panchison

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Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

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

Pierogie Sale. Our next sale will be Monday, February 8th , and we are already sold out.

Home Blessings – Home blessings will begin on Sunday, January 17th for Shenandoah.

Memorial Fund: We received a donation in memory of +Joseph Lesko from Genevieve Kelly.

Lenten Confessions will be Wednesday, March 15th at St. Michael's.

Pysanky Classes here at St. Michael's see the ad in this bulletin!

St. Nicholas:

Easter - Lent begins on Monday February 8th

Home Blessings – Home blessings will be done by Fr. Roman in the St. Clair Area on Sunday, January 24th weather permitting. Please contact the rectory to request a home blessing.

Lenten Confessions will be Thursday, March 17th at St. Nicholas

Divine Liturgy cancelation- If there is a two hour delay or cancelation of the St. Clair schools due to bad weather , we will not have Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas. Instead the Liturgy will be said at St. Michael's. Any questions please see Msgr. Myron.

Both Churches:

Msgr. Myron will be away from January 23rd to January 27th at a conference. Fr Roman Sverdan will be covering for Msgr. while he is away, and the rectory will be open for normal business hours.

Food for the poor- Our cupboards are almost bare . Please, help by donating to our food pantry. Non- expired, Non-perishable foods are needed. Personal hygiene products, toilet paper and paper towels, laundry detergent etc.. Diapers and wipes are also welcome. Thank you for your giving spirit.

SAVE-THE-DATE Trinity Academy 10-year Anniversary Gala Saturday, April 23, 2016 5 p.m. at the Fountain Springs Country Inn, Fountain Springs, PA details forthcoming

50/50 Spectacular Trinity Academy is excited to have the 50/50 Spectacular again this year! Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased in the school office. The drawing will be held Friday, June 10, 2016! Contact the school at 570-462-3927 for information.

PYSANKY CLASSES: Classes in the traditional art of decorating Easter Eggs...pysanky...will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, West Avenue and Beech Sts., Mt. Carmel, every Thursday evening from 6:00PM until 7:30PM during the lenten season. Classes will begin on February 11th and continue each week through March 17th. These classes are for all levels of expertise from beginner to expert. We are fortunate to again have Rose Demsko of Ranshaw, a renowned expert and accomplished artist, teach these classes. The pysanky classes are free of charge and open to everyone in our community and to all age groups. However, children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Attendees are required to bring along at least two uncooked eggs. All other supplies will be provided by Rose. For more information or to register, please call Ss. Peter and Paul Church Office at 570-339-0650.

TODAY IS THE SUNDAY of the Pharisee and the Publican.



It marks the beginning of the preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Ukrainian Catholic Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the church begins to use the liturgical prayers of the Lenten Triodion, prayers that are gently calling us to repentance. The long Journey of Lent begins on the evening of Sunday, February 7. As spiritual athletes we need to prepare ourselves, so that we can cross the goal line. Let us begin now to turn our hearts and minds to the Lord and to plan prayerfully for our Lenten commitment. *There is no fasting or abstinence during this week.*

Prayers from the Lenten Triodion:

When the Pharisee went up to the temple in his vainglory and the Publican bowed in his repentance, they both stood before You, O Master! The one lost his reward through boasting, while the other won Your blessing through his sighs. Because I too am sighing in Your presence, strengthen me, Christ God, for You are the Lover of Mankind. (*From the sitchera of Vespers*)

Every good deed can be made void through foolish pride, while every sin can be cleansed by humility. Let us then embrace humility in faith while we completely turn away for the paths of pride. (*From Matins, ode 6*)

Let us shun the boastful words of the Pharisee and learn from the Publican humility with sighing; let us cry out to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, You who alone are merciful!" (*From Compline*)

Pysanky Classes

Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Cost \$45.00 including supplies

To register call Paul at 570-668-5789 or email nicolec3@ptd.net

Class size is limited so register today. Classes being taught by Paul Corinchock



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POPE FRANCIS

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

A father's caress- Thursday, 10 December 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 51, 18 December 2015)

A father or a mother says to their child: “Do not be afraid, I am here” and pampers the child with caresses. This is the privileged condition of humanity: small, weak, but reassured, supported and forgiven by a God who loves them. At the beginning of the Jubilee, Pope Francis took the opportunity to return to the theme of the Father’s mercy while reflecting on the daily Liturgy in the Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning. The Cardinal Advisors also participated in the Mass.

The reflection was inspired by the Responsorial Psalm, which repeated: “The Lord is merciful and great in love”. The Pope called it “a confession of faith” in which the Christian recognizes that God “is mercy, and he is great, but great in love”. This statement is simple only in appearance, because “understanding the mercy of God is a mystery, it is a journey that must be made throughout life”.

In order to help to better enter into this mystery, the Pope referred to the Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (41:13-20), which is God’s monologue to his people. It tells of how God “told his people that he had chosen them not because they were great or powerful”, but “because they were the smallest of all, the poorest of all”. Pope Francis explained that God is truly “in love with this poverty”, with this “littleness”.

It is a text from which this love clearly emerges: “a tender love, a love like that of a father or mother” speaking to their child “who wakes up during the night frightened by a dream”. God speaks with the same concern to his people and says: “I will hold your right hand, rest assured, fear not”. Using imagery to describe the condition of littleness, he continues: “You worm of Jacob, you men of Israel, I will help you, your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, fear not”.

Do not be afraid. With regard to these words, the Pope returned to the example of family life: “We all know the caresses of a mother and father, when children are restless with fear”. Parents too say: “Don’t be afraid, I am here”. The Lord reminds each one of us, tenderly: “I am in love with your littleness, with your nothingness”, and he tells us: “Do not be afraid of your sins, I love you so much, I am here to forgive you”. This, in essence, the Pope explained, “is God’s mercy”.

Continuing his reflection, Pope Francis gave the example of a saint (“I think it was St Jerome, but I am not sure”, he confided), recalling how the saint was said to have been very penitent in his life, offering sacrifices and prayers, and that God always asked more of him. The saint continued to ask: “Lord what can I give you?”, until he said, “But Lord, I have nothing more to give you, I have given you everything”. And the answer he received was: “No, one thing is missing” — “What is missing Lord?” — “Give me your sins”. With this story, the Pope sought to emphasize that “the Lord wants to take our weaknesses, our sins and our weariness, upon himself”. It is an approach that we also find in the Gospels, in Jesus, who said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and tired and I will give you rest”. Francis said that God repeats it over and over again: “I am the Lord your God who will hold your right hand, fear not little one, do not be afraid. I will give you strength. Give me everything and I will forgive you, I will give you peace”. These, the Pope added, are “God’s caresses”, the caresses “of our Father, when he expresses himself with his mercy”.

We men, the Pontiff continued, “are so nervous” and “when something does not go well, we shout and we are impatient”. While God instead comforts us: “Do not worry, you’ve made a big mistake, yes, but do not worry; don’t be afraid, I forgive you”. In this way he welcomes us entirely, even with our mistakes and our sins. This is precisely what is repeated in the Psalm: “The Lord is merciful and great in love”. Thus, the Pope said in conclusion, “we are small. He has given us everything. He asks us only for our miseries, our littleness and our sins, to embrace and caress us”.

Recalling the prayer recited at the beginning of the Mass, “Lord, awaken the faith of your people”, Francis concluded by inviting everyone to ask the Lord “to awaken in all of us, and in all the people, faith in this fatherhood, in this mercy, in his heart”, and to ask that “this faith in his fatherhood and mercy” makes us “a bit more merciful toward others”.

First Sunday of the Lenten Triodion:

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Introduction

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Eastern Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday.

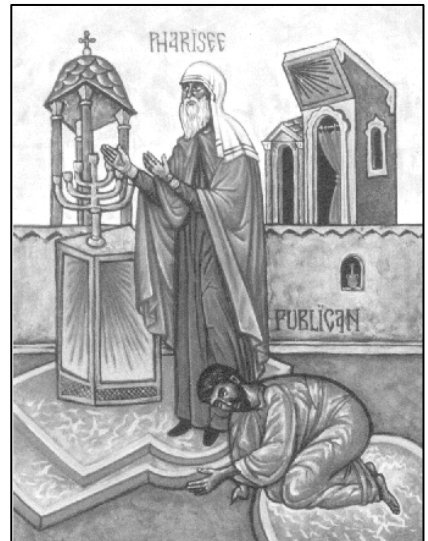
Biblical Story

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess” (v. 12).

In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (v. 13).

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 14).



The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means “change of mind.” To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

THE DAYS OF ALL SOULS (SOROKOUSTY)

We need to update our All Souls Lists 2016.

We will be returning to the traditional listing of only the Family Name of the one making the request and only the first names of the departed.

If you wish your departed loved ones remembered in the Dyptychs on these special days , please fill out the form below and return it in the special offering envelopes marked “Sorokousty” included in your envelope box . Use extra paper if necessary — please print!!!

All Requests must be returned by Sun. January 31st .

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Kindly include the following names of these beloved souls in the DYPTYCHS to be commemorated during the Panahyda on the All Souls Days. If your list has not changed since 2015 simply check here. _____ Remember to complete the form with your own name, so we can contact you with any questions.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

YOUR NAME: _____

Prayer for the Heart of a Child

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
preserve in me the heart of a child,
pure and transparent as a spring.

Obtain for me a simple heart
That does not brood over sorrows;
A heart generous in giving itself,
Quick to feel compassion;
A faithful, generous heart that forgets no favor
and holds no grudge.

Give me a humble, gentle heart
Loving without asking any return;

A great indomitable heart
That no ingratitude can close,
No indifference can weary;
A heart tortured by its desire
for the glory of Jesus Christ:

Pierced by His love
With a wound that will heal
only in heaven.

By Leonce de Grandmaison



Stations of the Cross: *will be held at 3:00pm*

Forgiveness Vespers- Sunday February 7th at Protection of the Mother of God , McAdoo

Stations of the Cross:

Sunday, February 14th at Patronage of the Mother of God, Marion Heights.

Sunday, February 21st at St. Nicholas , St. Clair

Sunday, February 28th at St. John's, Maizeville

Sunday, March 6th at SS Peter & Paul, Mt. Carmel

Sunday, March 13th at St. Michael's , Shenandoah

Sunday, March 20th at St. Nicholas, Minersville

*When you are tempted to lose patience with others,
stop and think how patient God has been with you.*

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 - \$ 1,298.19 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 762.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Regina Skrincosky by Andrew and Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +John Fonslick by Wife, Carmella

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings for & in Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessing on my Family & the People of St. Michael's.

Lamps of the Crucifix

Lights of the Tetrapod-

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*

Helen Beddall

Irene Flaherty

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders

Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Helen Sims

Mary Mazur

Keilbasa Family*

Christine Lenhart*

& Rosemary (Mother)

Bill McAndrew*

Andrea Pytak

Annie Cragen

St. Nicholas

Helen Salak

Margaret Skrincosky

Mary Mistishen

Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo

Jeanette Stock

Mary Kadingo

Metro & Helen Tarris

Laura Seasock

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

Check out our updated website at www.first-ukrainian.com