

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 31st 2016 Sunday of Meat Fare

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, January 31 st	10:30am God's Blessings & Good Health of Bohdan & Boris
Monday, February 1 st	8:00am +Olga Kurilla
<i>Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna</i>	
Tuesday, February 2 nd	5:00pm God's Blessings on His People & <i>Blessing of Candles</i>
Wednesday, February 3 rd	8:00am +Ann Wildey by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
	6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, February 5 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, February 6 th	3:30pm +Helen Mellon & +Ann Mellon by Joe Sawka & Family
Sunday, February 7 th	10:30am +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by Irene & Bill McAndrew

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm 40th day +Barbara Kull
Sunday, January 31 st	8:30am God's Blessings on Metro & Helen Tarris by Son, Leonard & Rita
<i>Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna</i>	
Tuesday, February 2 nd	9:00am +Helen Yourshaw by Helen Kupika & <i>Blessing of Candles</i>
Thursday, February 4 th	8:00am +Anna Zucal by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Greenback
Saturday, February 6 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Walter Salak by Mark Fox & Family
Sunday, February 7 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 30 th	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 31 st	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Alice Breznik
Saturday, February 6 th	Rom 13:11-14:4	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, February 7 th	Rom 13:11-14:4	Michael Fufla

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 30 th	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	David Toth
Sunday, January 31 st	1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, February 6 th	Rom 13:11-14:4	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, February 7 th	Rom 13:11-14:4	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Candles for the 2016 are available, the signup sheet for the Sanctuary Light (donation \$15.00) is 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 . **Dates Available This Month !**

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

Home Blessings – Msgr. will try to bless homes this month. His availability will depend on the weather and Sunday, Stations of the Cross. He will do his best to get to everyone as soon as he is able.

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

Fundraising Committee Meeting- Sunday, January 31st. after Divine Liturgy. Weather Permitting

Religion Classes for Children . There will be no class on Sunday , January 31st. Classes will resume on Sunday February 7th. Any questions please call Alice at 570-889-3960.

St. Nicholas:

Easter - Lent begins on Monday February 8th

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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.

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates- 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/13 & 3/27.

Both Churches:

Fast: There will be a fast on Monday February 8th for the beginning of Lent . The fast is to include meat, egg and dairy for those ages 14 to 59.

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.

Rectory Hours If there is a two hour delay or a cancelation of the local schools the rectory hours may be altered. Please call on these days before coming down to the rectory to avoid an unnecessary trip .

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 info or to register, please call Ss. Peter and Paul Church Office at 570-339-0650.

Women as Caregivers- Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington D.C. or April 24th 2016 at St. Vladimir Ukr. Catholic Church at 430-Noth Seventh Ave, Scranton Pa. Come join the women of the Archeparchy as our speakers address, within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the tenets of Eastern Christian Spirituality, the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special need and of suggestions for caregivers on how to care for themselves spiritually, pastorally & practically. Both sessions begin at 10:30. to register please pick up a form at the rectory or the back of the church.

Cinders- Cinders are available at the rectory. If anyone is interested in cinders for your walks, please bring a container to the rectory during business hours . If you need to come at a different time, please contact the rectory to arrange it.

Attending Liturgy on Snow Days: There is no obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy if weather and/or road conditions are unsafe or make travel dangerous or difficult, or, if one is unable to get out of their driveway or parked space. If there is a snow emergency in place by the state or local authorities, traveling on the public roads to attend the Divine Liturgy is illegal, imprudent and immoral, as it risks your life as well as the lives of others, and becomes a danger to those trying to clear the roadways for future safe travel; thus, the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy would not be possible to fulfill. Sunday however, remains the Lord's Day even when an individual cannot attend the Divine Liturgy. Those persons who are unable to attend the Divine Liturgy this weekend should devote some time to private or family prayer in order to sanctify the Lord's Day.

Special Collection- Next week, we will take up a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Catholic Schools week- For more information on Catholic Schools week at Trinity Academy , February 1 to February 5th , please see the flyer in the back of the Church.

10-year Anniversary Commemorative Program Book This year marks Trinity Academy's 10th Anniversary. We will be holding a Dinner/Dance (Gala) to celebrate this milestone event on April 23, 2016. To further celebrate this milestone, a commemorative book will be made featuring the history of our school and our legacy schools. All attending the gala will receive a copy. Others unable to attend will have the opportunity to purchase one. You are cordially invited to take part in this book by sending your well wishes to Trinity by placing an ad. All the forms can be found on our website at www.trinitymatters.com.. All ads will be in full color. We would love for you to include any special memories you may have or perhaps a photo from years gone by. Please join us as we celebrate the past, present and future of Trinity Academy! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kate Sternik at MSternik@trinitymatters.com Contact the rectory for an order form.

Lenten Dinners - Divine Mercy Parish is sponsoring three Lenten Dinners which will be held at St. Stephen Church Hall 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. All dinners will be take out only. The choices will be a fish platter, a devil crab platter or chicken finger platter. Cost of each platter: \$ 8.00. All dinners will be catered by A & C Catering, Mahanoy City You may contact the rectory for an order form .

Lenten Dinners- St. John's in Pottsville will be sponsoring their annual Lenten Dinners, Fridays during Lent from 4 to 7pm in the Russell Building at 9th & Schuylkill Ave. Dinners include NE Clam Chowder, Salad, Choice of Mac. & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Dessert, Beverage. Adult meals are \$13.00 for Baked Haddock/Salmon/Crab Cake or \$16.00 for 2 Crab Cakes or Adult Special of Crab Cake & Choice of Fish. \$8.00 Children (under 12) Baked Fish / Salmon / Crab Cake

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
St. Michael's Hall 300 W Oak St Shenandoah, Pa 17976 570-462-0809



POPE FRANCIS

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

Saint and sinner Tuesday, 19 January 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 3, 22 January 2016)

Despite their sins, every man and woman has been chosen to be a saint. This message of comfort and hope was offered by Pope Francis on Tuesday morning during Mass at Santa Marta. His homily was inspired by passages from the Book of Samuel regarding the events in the life of King David, the “holy King David”, the central character of the day’s liturgy.

In the First Reading, after seeing that the Lord had “rejected Saul because he had a closed heart”, and had considered another king because of the people’s failure to obey him, the First Book of Samuel (16:1-13) presents the account of how King David “was chosen”. God says to Samuel: “How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him? Let us go and seek another. Fill your horn with oil, and go”. The Prophet tries to resist his fear of Saul’s vengeance, but the Lord encourages him to be “astute” and to feign a simple act of worship, a sacrifice. The Lord says to him: “take a heifer and go”.

Here begins the story, the Pontiff explained, of the “first step in the life of King David: his selection”. Scripture then tells of Jesse who “presents his sons” and of Samuel who, looking on the first says: “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him”. Indeed, he saw before him, Francis underlined, “a capable man”. But the Lord says to Samuel: “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart”. Here then is the first lesson: “We are so often slaves to appearances, slaves to the appearance of things, and we allow ourselves to be led by these things: ‘This seems...’. But the Lord knows the truth”.

The narrative continues: “Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and the Lord chose none of them”. Then, Samuel asks Jesse if he has presented all his sons. Jesse reveals that, in reality, “there is one, the youngest, who hasn’t been counted, who is now tending the flock”. Again the contrast between truth and appearance, the Pontiff noted: “in the man’s eyes, this boy didn’t count”. Then, after Samuel sends for the boy, the Lord says to Samuel: “Arise, anoint him”. Even though he was “the youngest, the one who didn’t count in his father’s eyes”, it was “not because the father didn’t love him”, but because he thought: “Why would God choose this boy?”. He did not consider that “man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart”. Thus, “Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward”. David’s whole life “was the life of a man anointed by the Lord, chosen by the Lord”.

One could ask: “So, did the Lord make him a saint?”. Francis responded sharply, “No. King David is the holy King David, this is true, but holy after a long life”. In fact he reaches a venerable age, but his life was “marked by many sins”. David was “a saint and a sinner”. He was “a man who was able to unite the kingdom, to bring forward the people of Israel” but was also a man who “had his temptations” and who committed sins. Actually, David “was also an assassin” who, “in order to cover up his lust, the sin of adultery”, ordered a man killed. David himself did this. So one would ask: “The holy King David killed?”. It’s true, but it’s also true that when God sent the prophet Nathan to “show this reality” to

David who “was unaware of the violence he had ordered”, David “acknowledged, ‘I have sinned’, and asked forgiveness”.

This is how King David’s life “played out”, full of light and shadows. He suffered “his son’s betrayal in the flesh, but he never used God to win his own cause”.

As he outlined the figure of the saint and sinner, Francis recalled that in the “very difficult time of war”, when he had to “flee Jerusalem”, David had the strength to send the ark back: “No, Lord, let it stay there; I shall not use the Lord in my defense”. And again, when David encountered the man who called him a “man of blood” he stopped one of his own men who wanted to kill the man who insulted him, saying: “If he curses me it is because the Lord bid him to curse me”. In fact, “in his heart David felt: ‘I deserve it’, because he ordered it. ‘Let him alone. It may be that the Lord will look compassion upon my humiliation and will forgive me of more”. In his life David then knew “victory” and the great “magnanimity” that led him not to kill Saul even though he could. In sum, the Pontiff said, “is this the holy King David? Yes, the saint, chosen by the Lord, chosen by the People of God” was also a “great sinner, but a penitent sinner”. Francis then commented: “This man’s life moves me and makes me think about our own”. In fact, “we were all chosen by the Lord in Baptism, to be among his people, to be saints”. All of us “have been consecrated by the Lord, in this journey of holiness”, yet, the Pope concluded, reading the history of this man — a “journey that he began as a boy and continued until he was an old man” — who did many good things and other things not so good. “I have come to think that in the Christian journey”, in the journey that the Lord calls us to make, “there are no saints without a past, nor sinners without a future”.

Sunday, February 3, 2013 *Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)*



Introduction: The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During this time, the services of the Church have begun to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory.

Biblical Story: The commemoration for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning his Second Coming and the Last Judgment of all, both the living and the dead. In Matthew 25:31-46, Christ speaks about what will happen at this specific point in time when He will “come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him” (v. 31). At His coming, “He will sit on the throne of His glory,” and all of the nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate them “as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats” (v. 32). The sheep will be placed on His right hand, and the goats on the left. To the sheep, He will say “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (vv. 33-34)

This kingdom is offered to the sheep because of their compassion and service to those in need. Jesus says, “...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you

took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” The sheep, who are the righteous chosen for the kingdom, will ask how this could be so. They will ask Jesus when was He hungry or thirsty, a stranger, naked, and in prison. He will answer them by saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to me” (vv. 35-40).

Christ the King, seated on His throne of judgment, will then turn to the goats on His left and say, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (v. 41). He will condemn them because they did not feed Him when He was hungry, give Him drink when He was thirsty, take Him in when He was a stranger, clothe Him when He was naked, visit Him when He was sick or in prison. The goats will ask the Lord, “When did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?” Then He will answer them saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me” (vv. 42-45).

Jesus concludes His words on the Last Judgment by stating that those on the left “will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (v. 46).

On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God’s patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge. Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific people we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ’s love. Thus, we will be judged on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love.

Jan 31: In the Garden with God

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy the Church offers us a general pardon, an indulgence that is open to all, and the possibility to renew our relationship with God and neighbor. It's an opportunity to deepen our faith and to live with a renewed commitment to Christian witness.

In calling the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis focuses the attention of the world on the merciful God who invites all men and women to return to Him.

Ruth Burrows, a Carmelite nun for more than 50 years, reminds us that, "God liked to walk and talk in the Garden in the cool of the day with the man and woman he created."

The initial rite of the Jubilee Year on December 8 was the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This door is opened only during a holy year. It is shut tight during all other years.

This rite of the opening of the Holy Door illustrates the idea that, during the Jubilee Year, the faithful are offered an "extraordinary pathway" to salvation.

When we repent, it's as if the door to the Garden of Eden is open to us once again. And we can walk in the garden with our God.

Our prayer today: *My God, I have wandered far from the path you want me to follow. Thank you for your mercy in allowing me to walk at Your side once again.*

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

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. _____

YOUR NAME: _____

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 - \$ 180.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 222.00 Thank You!

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

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on our Fundraising Efforts.

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

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