

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, April 10th, 2016 : Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 9 th	3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by Irene & Bill Mc Andrew
Sunday, April 10 th	10:30am +Joseph Lesko by William Snyder Jr.
Tuesday, April 12 th	8:30am +Joseph Lesko by Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson
Wednesday, April 13 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Chuck & Dolores 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, April 15 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, April 16 th	3:30pm +George Minarchick by Kalavage & Mitchell Families
Sunday, April 17 th	10:30am +Mary Ellen Sacco by Leonard & Dolores Kozlosky

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm 40 th Day +Steve Mistystyn by Wife, Margaret & Family
Sunday, April 10 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, April 11th	8:30am +John & +Julia Plasha by Russell & Marie Plasha
Thursday, April 14 th	8:00am +John Tomko Jr by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mitchell
Saturday, April 16 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Robert Corby by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hnatishion
Sunday, April 17 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 9 th	Acts 6:1-7	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday April 10 th	Acts 6:1-7	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, April 16 th	Acts 9:32-42	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, April 17 th	Acts 9:32-42	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 9 th	Acts 6:1-7	David Toth
Sunday April 10 th	Acts 6:1-7	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, April 16 th	Acts 9:32-42	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, April 17 th	Acts 9:32-42	Leeann Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Pierogie Sale- The next sale is April 11th, are we are already sold out. Please come out and help with this worthy fundraiser.

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 4/17, 4/24, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/22, 5/29, 6/12 6/26, 7/3 & 7/10. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Candles Available- Candles are available. Lamps or the Iconostas (\$12) , Tetrapod (\$6), Crucifix(\$6) are all available for may dates in the future. Please contact the rectory if interested.

Fundraising Committee Meeting – There will be a Fundraising Committee Meeting on Sunday, April 10th following Divine Liturgy.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates- 5/15, 5/29, 6/19, 7/3, & 7/17.

Divine Liturgies- We have a backlog of Divine Liturgies that have not been able to be scheduled. We would like to send some of these requests to other priests so that prayers and intentions for your loved ones be addressed as quickly as possible. Msgr. will approach some of you about this issue, or you may contact the rectory if we may forward your requests. Thank you.

Both Churches:

Food for the poor- WE NEED YOUR HELP - 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.

Graduates- If you have someone graduating from Kindergarten, 6th Grade, 8th Grade, High school, College, Vocational School or Advanced Educational Programs, please let us know. We would like to have a Divine Liturgy in their honor in June and would like to recognize them. Please contact the rectory and include a list of their accomplishments, where the plan to attend or work etc. If you have any questions please contact the rectory.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE. To be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. This year Dr. Scott Hahn, Msgr. Charles Pope, and Michael McGlynn will be the speakers. The Bishop of Scranton (Bishop Joseph Bambera) will celebrate the closing mass for the day. For on-line information and to register go to: www.BeAManConference.com or, for other questions, go to: Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 or contact Mike Kilmer (570) 746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com

Polka Spring Fling: The Boys from Baltimore at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Rd. Hamburg on Sunday April 17th. Music 1-5 pm. Doors & kitchen open at 12pm. Tickets \$25.00 includes hot buffet. Cash bar available. For tickets or more information call 610-562-7657 or www.rc.net/allentown/stmaryhanb

Catholic Home Missions Appeal- Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home**.

Please pray for the souls of +Rev Deacon Charles Schultz & Rev. Maxim Kobasuk who fell asleep in the Lord this week. May God grant his servants rest in the bosom of Abraham, numbering them among the saints and may their memory be eternal. Christ is Risen!

UKRAINIAN DAY MEETING: The first planning meeting for the upcoming 82nd Annual Ukrainian Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM. This is a very important meeting as we begin to lay the groundwork for this year's event. The faithful from all the parishes of our deanery are cordially invited to attend, to offer input and suggestions and to convey information back to each parish. Please feel free to bring your children along as there will be supervised activities for them during the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, get to know each other and support a very important cause---our seminary. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. We hope to see you there!

CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER Sunday, April 17th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose includes...chicken, halupki, mashed potatoes, filling, green beans & roll \$10.00/platter....EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT sponsored by St. Nicholas Church

Fraud Warning: Please be aware that there are groups making possible fraudulent attempts purportedly to raise ransom funds for religious prisoners in the Middle East. If you receive calls or letters related to this "fund" please be wary of their validity. If you need help in determining if it is a valid group, ask for a phone number to call them back to give a donation at a later time and get the complete name of their group. Then check online to see if this group has been reported as a scam. If you need help, please contact the rectory and we will help check into the group. Please do not give donations to these types of groups without checking them out.

Roast Beef or Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast Dinner on Sunday, May 1st from 11:00am to 1:30 pm in St. Stephen Church Hall, corner of East Oak St. & South Main St. You will have a choice of Roast Beef or Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast. Each dinner will include: Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Roll. The cost of the dinner will be \$ 8.00 - take out only. The dinner will be provided by A & C Catering. Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St., Shenandoah, PA. Any questions, please call the office at 570-462-1968

Theme Basket Auction Trinity Academy's 10th Annual Theme Basket Auction will be held Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Annunciation BVM Hall in Frackville. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Over 100 large themed baskets, class baskets, four 1-day Disney Hopper Passes and so much more!!! Shop and drop Friday, April 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. and April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Great food available night of the auction. For more information contact the school at (570) 462-3927 . Cash and credit cards accepted. Benefits Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Ciszek Education Center, Shenandoah.

10th year Anniversary Gala You are cordially invited to attend Trinity Academy's 10 year Anniversary Gala, April 23, 2016 at the Fountain Springs Country Inn, Ashland. Cocktails and Hors-D'oeuvres 5 p.m. ~Dinner 6 p.m. ~Cash Bar~Entertainment provided by "Another Side"~Semi Formal Attire~ 21 and over. Tickets are \$45 per person, \$85 per couple or \$340 per table of 8. Dinner includes your choice of stuffed chicken breast, broiled haddock or beef. Seating is limited. RSVP by April 6, 2016. For more information please contact the school at 570-462-3927 or visit our website at www.trinitymatters.com for RSVP card.

Women's Day of Prayer: The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, will sponsor the Women's Day of Prayer at the following location: St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania on Sunday, April 24, 2016 The Day begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. The program, Women as Caregivers: Spiritual, Pastoral and Practical Matters, begins after lunch and focuses upon the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special physical, mental or emotional needs. The presentations are structured within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the values and ideals of Eastern Christian Spirituality. Additionally, suggestions as to how caregivers may provide spiritual, pastoral and practical "self-care" will be offered. To register, please use the flyers at the back of the church.

"Pray for Ukraine" Commemorative Concert and Religious Service "Pray for Ukraine" will be the focus of a commemorative religious service and concert on Sunday, April 17, 2016, beginning at 3 p.m. in the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. "Pray for Ukraine" will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chornobyl, Ukraine and will be a day of prayer for an end to the war in eastern Ukraine. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this solemn event of prayer, music, reflections and hope for peace in Ukraine.

POPE FRANCIS

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

I don't understand but I trust in you : Monday, 14 March 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 11, 18 March 2016)

A homeless man who died of exposure in Rome, four sisters of Mother Teresa's congregation killed in Yemen, the rising incidence of illness in "Terra dei Fuochi" — an area in southern Italy plagued with toxic waste — and refugees abandoned in the cold. These recent tragedies echoed in Francis' prayers during Mass at Santa Marta on Monday. "Lord, I don't understand, I don't know why this happens, but I trust in you", he said. It is a beautiful prayer, the only one possible, the Pope explained, and it is also the prayer of parents of disabled children afflicted with rare diseases. Facing the many "dark valleys" of our time, the only possible response is to trust in God who, Scripture reminds us, "never forsakes his people".

In fact, Pope Francis noted, referring to the Book of Daniel, "the Lord tries to make his people understand that they are close to him, that they walk with him" (13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62). He explained it in these terms: "Tell me, have you ever seen a people whose gods are as close to them as I am to you? Listen, I have accompanied you, I have walked beside you from the beginning, I taught you to walk, like a father with his child".

Indeed, the Pope stated, "God's closeness to his people is the message that he, Father, wants to give us; but the people do not manage to really understand him". Thus, "when they do understand him, they have the experience that we heard, the experience of Psalm 23[22]: 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul'". It is the experience of the "Lord who loves me and who is always beside me". But someone could object: "Father, this seems like a soap opera, because there are so many bad things in life!". Instead, the Psalmist continues: "He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me". Even when we are in a "dark valley", Francis emphasized, "the Lord is with us in these moments".

Thus, he continued, "the message that the liturgy offers us today with the story of Susanna, a righteous woman who is soiled by the wicked desire, the lust of these judges". Indeed, "in the story, the judges run the risk of deciding on the basis of interests: it is a difficult profession". We read in Scripture that "this woman is slandered by two elder judges" who are "tempted by lust". Susanna "has no way out: either she sins by doing what the judges want, or she is subject to the vengeance of these men".

In this situation Susanna prays to the Lord: "O eternal God, who dost discern what is secret, who art aware of all things before they come to be, thou knowest that these men have borne false witness against me. And now I am to die! Yet I have done none of the things that they have wickedly invented against me!" (v. 32). Thus, "even if I go through a dark valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me: this is Susanna's experience". The woman "was to go on the dark path that would lead to her death, but the Lord was with her, the Lord was close to her, walking with her as he had walked with the people, always, like a father, like a mother".

We too have the same experience today. We see "so many dark valleys, so many disasters, so many people dying of hunger, from wars, so many disabled children, so many". And if "you ask their parents:

“What disease does he have?””, their answer is: “Nobody knows: they say it is a ‘rare disease’”. And, Francis affirmed, “that is what we do with our issues: ‘let us consider cancer in ‘Terra dei Fuochi’”. Indeed, he said, “when you see all of this”, the question spontaneously arises: “Where is the Lord? Where are you? Are you walking with me?”. This is precisely “Susanna’s feeling, and today it is ours as well”.

As the Pope continued, he recalled the sisters of Mother Teresa’s congregation killed recently in Yemen: “You see these four sisters slain: they served out of love, and they ended up slain out of hatred!”. Moreover, he said, “when you see that doors are closed to refugees and they are left outside, in the elements, in the cold”, the question returns: “Lord, where are you? How can I trust in you, if I see all these things?”. Then, when “things happen to me, each of us might say: how can I trust in you?”.

The Pontiff explained that “there is only one answer to this question”. He emphasized: “It cannot be explained. I am not capable. Why does a child suffer? I don’t know; it’s a mystery to me. The only thing that gives me some light — not to the mind, to the soul — is Jesus in Gethsemane: ‘Father, not this cup. But your will be done’”. Thus, Jesus “entrusts himself to the Father’s will; Jesus knows that all does not end with death or with anguish, and his last words on the Cross: ‘Father into your hands I entrust myself!’. And thus he dies”.

It is a true act of faith, “entrusting myself to God who walks with me, who walks with my people, who walks with the Church”. So perhaps “I entrust myself” by saying: “I don’t know why this happens, but I entrust myself: You will know why”. And “this is what Jesus taught: those who entrust themselves to the Lord who is shepherd want for nothing. Even should they walk through a dark valley, they know that evil is a temporary evil, but there will be no definitive evil because of the Lord: ‘for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me’”. This, the Pope clarified, “is a grace. We have to ask for it: ‘Lord, teach me to entrust myself to your hands, to entrust myself to your guidance, even in brutal moments, in dark times, at the moment of death, I entrust myself to you for you never disappoint, you are faithful”.

In conclusion, Francis suggested that we “think today about our life, about the problems we have, and ask for the grace to entrust ourselves to God’s hands”. Let us also think, he added, “of the many people who do not even have a last caress at the moment of death: three days ago, a homeless man died here on the street, he died of exposure. In the middle of Rome, a city with every possibility to help”. And thus the question returned: “Why, Lord? Not even a caress! But I entrust myself to you because you do not disappoint; I do not understand”. The words “Lord, I don’t understand”, the Pope said, are “a beautiful prayer”. Thus, even “without understanding, I entrust myself to your hands”.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Joseph of Arimathea

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the

myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph



by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviors' preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of

Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

Thanks Mom

*Celebrate the Women
who have touched your life!
Mother's Day Memorials & Intentions*

In Memory of (deceased)

In Honor of (living)

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PLEASE SUBMIT BY TUESDAY MAY 3rd

April 10: **Thin Places** prepared by Mr. Peter Yaremko



The early Celts used to say that heaven and earth are only three feet apart, and that in the “thin places” the distance is even smaller.

Today, we sometimes stand mute, gazing upon the Milky Way glowing in the night sky or waves dashing themselves upon rocky coasts or mountain summits scraping the sky.

Thin places are not confined to the physical. There are thin places of the mind and of the soul, where the earthly encounters the transcendent.

God’s creation is intense with his divinity. Divinity embraces us and reveals itself if we but recognize it: a friend’s smile, an infant’s finger, a stranger’s kind remark.

Collection for the Ukrainian

Here is a ZENIT translation of the brief address Pope Francis gave this morning at the end of Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday and before praying the midday Regina Caeli with those gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

On this day that is, as it were, the heart of the Holy Year of Mercy, my thoughts go out to all populations that thirst for reconciliation and peace.

I think in particular of the turmoil, here in Europe, of those who suffer the consequences of violence in Ukraine: of all those who remain in lands battered by the hostilities that have resulted already in thousands of deaths, and of all those, more than a million, who have been displaced by the grave situation that is ongoing there. The elderly and children are the ones who are primarily affected. In addition to accompanying them with my constant thoughts and prayers, I have felt the need to promote humanitarian aid for them. ***A special collection for this cause will be taken up in all the Catholic churches of Europe on Sunday, April 24.***

I invite the faithful to unite themselves to this initiative of the Pope with a generous contribution. This gesture of charity, in addition to relieving material suffering, also expresses to Ukraine my own personal closeness and solidarity and that of the whole Church.

I deeply desire that without delay this might help to promote peace and respect for law in that sorely tried land.

Church Information

Rectory Hours- Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

Baptisms: Please contact the rectory to arrange a date with the pastor.

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 - \$806.00 Cemetery \$495.00

St. Nicholas M.C. Cemetery. \$200.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$999.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Father Deacon James Bremer by Wife, Bernadette & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +John "Jake" Litwak by Charlotte Litwak

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings for my Friends and Family

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 those who are shut-ins, those in need, or who are ill or suffering and all those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way to serve others such as those that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak
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Helen Sims
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