

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, August 14th, 2016 13th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People <i>Welcoming of the Shroud of Turin Exhibit</i>
Sunday, August 14 th	10:30am +Bishop Walter Paska <i>The Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God</i>
Sunday, August 14th	5:00pm God's Blessings on His People & <i>Blessing of Flowers and Herbs</i>
Tuesday, August 16 th	9:00am +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepack
Wednesday, August 17 th	9:00am +Charles & +Mary Lazusky by Charles & Frances Lazusky & Family
	7:00pm Healing Service
Friday, August 19 th	9:00am 40 th day + Fr. Joseph Szupa
Saturday, August 20 th	9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm +Anna Mellon &+ John Sawka by God Daughter & Daughter Paula Sawka
Sunday, August 21 st	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Steve Mistysyn by Mary Ann Uranium
Sunday, August 14 th	8:30am 3 year Anniversary, + Mr. John Yaroshak by Ronald Krolick <i>The Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God</i>
Monday, August 15th	9:00am +Jeannette Stock by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky & <i>Blessing of Flowers and Herbs</i>
Thursday, August 18 th	8:00 +Alice & +Harry Jr. Chacho by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Saturday, August 20 th	5:30pm 40 th Day +Jeannette Stock by Husband Tom, Son ,Tom, & Daughter, Debra
Sunday, August 21 st	8:30am +Anna Brennan by Harold & Mary Albon & Family

Lector Schedule on next page

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 13 th	1 Cor 16:13-24	Winfred Mohutsky
Sunday August 14 th	1 Cor 16:13-24	Sam Litwak
Sunday, August 14 th 5:00pm Holy Day	Phil 2:5-11	Sam Litwak / Charles Calise
Saturday, August 20 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Winfred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 21 st	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 13 th	1 Cor 16:13-24	Christine Romanko
Sunday August 14 th	1 Cor 16:13-24	Dolores Sadusky
Monday August 15 th	Phil 2:5-11	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 20 th	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Michael Prokop
Sunday, August 21 st	2 Cor 1:21-2:4	Theresa Panchison

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 10/2, 10/9 & 10/16. . If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Save the Date : American Girl Doll Bingo will be Sunday September 18th , and our Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 16th . Tickets for American Girl Doll will be available later this month.

Heritage Day will be Saturday, August 27th . We will be selling food at this event. Food preparation will be on Wednesday Aug. 24, Thursday Aug. 25, Friday Aug 26. Any help you can offer either in preparation or on the day of the event is appreciated. For more information please see Nancy Sawka, Stephanie Rarick or contact the rectory.

Heritage Day- Anyone interested in marching on Heritage Day should see Winnie or Carol K.

Shroud of Turin- We will be hosting the Shroud again from August 14to the 28th . If you would like to help during that time , please contact Msgr. or the rectory.

Pierogies – The next pierogie sale will be Monday, September 12th . We are already sold out, but we would appreciate any help you can give the day of the sale. Thank you . You are the key to our success.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light : Available Dates- 9/4 , 9/18, 10/2 , 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

Both Churches:

Help those in need this summer. - As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. During the summer donations are few and far between and the need is greater, because the children of struggling families are not in school. They are not guaranteed breakfast and lunch , as they are during the school year . We ask that you find it in your heart to help these families . Please donate non- perishable foods or personal hygiene products to help stock our depleted Food Pantry. Just a few items can be the difference between a child going to bed with a full tummy, or going to bed hungry. Thank you for your giving spirit.

All Are Called to Prayer during a Holy Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 28, Metropolitan Soroka to Lead Pilgrims at Assumption Church, Centralia, Pa. All are invited to join Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy on a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia, Pa. on Sunday, August 28th. The pilgrimage begins at 12:00 noon with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Stefan as the main celebrant. Homilist at the liturgy will be Father Vasyl Kharuk, Spiritual Director at St. Josaphat Seminary and an Extraordinary Minister of Mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There will be a Living Rosary prayed at 2:30 PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Father John Szada will provide a reflection at the conclusion of the rosary. At 4:00 PM all will gather at the outdoor chapel for a candlelight procession to the church for the celebration of a Moleben to the Mother of God. Archbishop Stefan will again be the main celebrant as well as homilist during the Moleben. Prior to entering the church, the Blessing of Water for the Jubilee Year will take place at the Grotto of the Holy Cross. The newly blessed Jubilee Water will then be distributed to all pilgrims. At the conclusion of the Moleben, prayers for healing and the anointing for the healing of soul and body will take place, as well as the opportunity to venerate the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Confessions will be available throughout the day at various locations on the church grounds. There will be religious goods for sale, which will be blessed at the conclusion of the Living Rosary in the outdoor chapel. Food service will be provided from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This is a Rain or Shine event. Handicap parking will be provided on the church grounds. Off-site parking and shuttle van service will be provided from specially designated areas near the church. For more information please feel free to contact the church rectory at 570-339-0650. During his historic visit in November 2015, His Beatitude Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Primate of the world-wide Ukrainian Catholic Church, marveled at the continuing presence of the church in Centralia, where an underground mine-fire resulted in the abandonment of the town, the demolition of almost all buildings and the relocation of all but less than ten residents. Patriarch Sviatoslav felt a sense of true holiness which pervades the entire church property. His desire is for all people of faith to come and experience this holiness, sanctity and serenity as pilgrims to this holy place on the mountain. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the church has also been designated a Holy Door of Mercy and all pilgrims are invited to walk through the Holy Door for special blessings.

PILGRIMAGE PREPARATIONS: A call for "all hands on deck" help to prepare the parish church and grounds at Assumption BVM Church in Centralia for the "Pilgrimage: A Call to Prayer." We invite members of all parishes in our deanery to meet on Friday, August 26th at 6:00PM and again on Saturday, August 27th at 9:00AM to help set-up the church grounds for the pilgrimage. Chairs and tables have to be set in place, the outdoor chapel prepared, pop-up tents set-up, the church basement prepared for food service, direction signs erected, etc. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Please consider lending a hand on either or both of those days. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers with be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszszak, author, "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America", to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of 'Treasury of Faith' Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone's anticipated assistance and participation

All Invited to Attend Philadelphia City Hall Ceremonies to Celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day, Wednesday, August 24 at 12:45 p.m. Philadelphia, Pa.—The Ukrainian-American community of the Greater Philadelphia area will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's independence on Wednesday, August 24, beginning at 12:45 PM, in an outdoor ceremony on the North Broad Street area of Philadelphia City Hall. The Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will present the closing address, praying for Ukraine and all who lost their lives defending Ukrainian independence and sovereignty. All are welcome and invited to attend the outdoor program. Wear your best vyshyvanka or your national dress, bring your children with you, and celebrate Ukrainian Independence at City Hall in Philadelphia.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Making our way Tuesday, 3 May 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 19, 13 May 2016)

For Christians Jesus is the way, and the journey of life is part cross and part resurrection. But on the way there are those who freeze like “spiritual mummies”, who are stubborn and go astray, who spend their life spinning their wheels, mesmerized by worldly beauty. During Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday, the Pope warned against these attitudes and expressly invited an examination of conscience in order to verify our personal experience of faith.

The day’s passage from the Gospel of John (14:5-14), Francis explained, “is part of Jesus’ lengthy discourse at the Last Supper, his farewell speech: he is bidding farewell before going to his passion”. He tells the Apostles: “I will not leave you orphans; I will not leave you alone; I will go to prepare a place for you”. Moreover, the Pope pointed out, in the “two verses before this passage that we have listened to”, we read: “you know the way where I am going”, and Thomas responds: “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”. This is where the day’s passage begins, with Jesus saying to Thomas: “I am the way”. This is “the response to the anguish, the sorrow, the sadness of the disciples over Jesus’ farewell: they do not understand very well, and thus they are sad”. This is why Jesus says to Thomas: “I am the way”.

Jesus’ expression, Francis stated, “makes us think about Christian life”, which “is a journey: with Baptism we begin to walk, and walk and walk”. One might say that Christian life “is a journey, and the correct way is Jesus”. Thus he said precisely, “I am the way”. Therefore, “in order to walk correctly in Christian life, Jesus is the way”.

But, the Pope warned, “there are many ways to journey”. There is “first of all that of not walking. A Christian who doesn’t walk, who doesn’t make his way, is an ‘unChristian’ Christian, so to speak: he is a somewhat pagan Christian, standing there, standing still, immobile, he does not go forward in Christian life. He does not bring the Beatitudes to fruition in his life. He does not do works of mercy. He stands still”. Moreover, Francis added, “pardon the word, but it is as if he were a ‘mummy’, there, a ‘spiritual mummy’”. Indeed, “there are Christians who are ‘spiritual mummies’”, standing still, “they don’t do anything bad, but they don’t do anything good”. However, this way of being “does not bear fruit: they are not fruitful Christians because they do not walk”.

Then, the Pope continued, there are some who “walk and go astray”, as “we too, often go astray”. It is “the Lord himself who comes and helps us. It is not a tragedy to go astray”. In fact, “the tragedy is being stubborn and saying: ‘this is the way’, and not letting the Lord’s voice tell us: ‘This is not the way, turn around and go the right way’”. It is important to go back to the right path “when we realize our errors, the mistakes we make” and “not to be stubborn and always go astray, because this distances us from Jesus, because he is the way”, but “not the path astray”.

Yet, Francis explained, “there are others who walk but don’t know where they are going: they are misguided in Christian life, wanderers”. Their life amounts to “roaming, here and there, thus losing the beauty of drawing near to Jesus in life”. In short, “they lose their way because they roam and so often

this roaming”, this “misguided wandering, leads them to a life with no way out: too much wandering transforms life into a labyrinth and then they don’t know how to get out”. Thus, in the end, “they have missed Jesus’ call, they have no compass to find the way out and they wander, they roam, they search”.

Then, the Pope continued, “there are others on the journey who are seduced by beauty, by something, and they stop midway, mesmerized by what they see, by that idea, by that proposal, by that landscape, and they stop”. But “Christian life is not charm, it is truth. It is Jesus Christ”. And “St Teresa of Avila said, speaking about this journey: ‘We are walking in order to arrive at the encounter with Jesus’”. In other words, just “as a person walking to get somewhere doesn’t stop because he likes a hotel, because he likes the landscape, but he goes onward, onward, onward”. However, “in Christian life” it is okay “to pause, to look at the things I like, things of beauty — there are beautiful things and we must look at them, because God made them — but without stopping”. Indeed, “Christian life must continue”. It is important to ensure “that something beautiful, something peaceful, a peaceful life does not mesmerize me so as to stop me”. Thus, the Pope affirmed, there are “many ways not to take the right path”, because “the righteous journey, the right way is Jesus”.

In this regard, the Pontiff recommended an examination of conscience through a series of direct questions: “We can ask ourselves today, each one of us: how is my Christian journey, which I began in Baptism? Am I standing still? Have I gone astray? Am I constantly wandering, not knowing where to go spiritually? Do I stop at things that I like: worldliness, vanity — so many things, no? — or do I always go forward, making the Beatitudes and the works of mercy tangible?”. And, he added, “it is good to ask ourselves this: it is a true examination of conscience!”. Essentially, “How am I walking? Am I following Jesus?”.

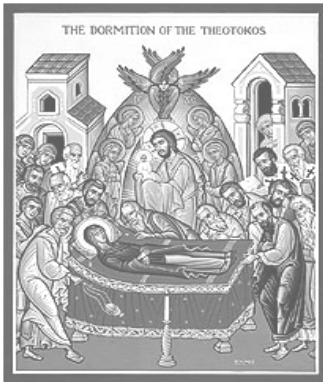
Paul told us, the Pope explained, “how to follow Jesus” in the First Reading: “I delivered to you what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve”. But “this is life” and “when Jesus tells Thomas: ‘I am the way’, he is telling him this”. Therefore, the Pontiff continued, “this is the journey, and it is the Christian path: the way of Jesus is so full of comfort, of glory, also of the cross, but always with peace in the heart”.

Drawing his reflection to a close, the Pope reaffirmed that “by not completely following Jesus, that Christian is standing still. One who has gone astray, one who is mesmerized and seduced by beauty or by things that interest him, stops there to look and delays the journey”.

Before returning to the celebration, Francis again called for an examination of conscience — at least “five short minutes” to ask ourselves: “How am I doing on this Christian journey? Standing still, gone astray, wandering around, stopping at the things I like?”. Or do I correspond to what Jesus says: “I am the way”? And, Pope Francis said, “let us ask the Holy Spirit to teach us to walk correctly, always, and when we get tired” let us take a short rest and go on. “Let us ask the Lord for this grace”.



Can't Sleep?
Try counting your blessings



August 15- Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God

The Feast of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God commemorates the death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ's mother.

By promulgating the Bull Munificentissimus Deus, 1 November, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.

As with the Nativity of the Virgin (September 8) and the feast of her Entrance to the Temple (November 21), the Feast of the Assumption also comes from the Tradition of the Church. There we learn that Mary died as all people die because she had a mortal human nature affected by the corruption of this world. The Church proclaims that Mary needed to be saved by Christ just as all of us are saved from trials, sufferings, and death of this world. Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the "Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27-28) Finally, we celebrate the fact that what happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.

It is important to remember that there are no relics of the Mother of God. Their existence has never been mentioned throughout history. At one time in Constantinople there was a center of pilgrimage where the belt and veil of the Virgin were venerated.

From the Tradition of the Church

Following the day of Pentecost, the Mother of God remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. When a Jewish man tried to interrupt their solemn procession, an angel of the Lord came and punished him by cutting off his hands, which were later healed.

The Apostle Thomas arrived on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb. Church tradition relates that the Mother of God was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.

The Icon of the Dormition

The Mother of God is depicted upon the funeral bier. Christ, standing behind the Mother of God, is her Son, Who has come to receive His Mother's soul into heaven; He holds in His left arm an infant in white, symbolizing the soul of the Mother of God reborn in her glory in heaven; Christ also is robed in white and appears in an aureole (elongated halo) depicting the Light of His Divinity. This imagery is the reversal of the imagery of Mary holding the infant Jesus in her arms in swaddling clothes at His nativity.

The Apostles are depicted on either side of the bier stand the Apostles; the group on the left is led by St. Peter who stands at the head of the bier; the group on the right is led by St. Paul who stands at the foot of the bier. Below the bier is a figure of Antonius the Jew, who tried to disrupt the procession, was punished, but later repented of his sins and embraced Christianity through Baptism.

Aug 14: Earth On Fire



Many people blame religion for bringing strife into the world. They point to the Crusades, the Inquisition, the enslavement of Africans.

But what's closer to the truth is that religion is not to blame. The blame falls on those who call themselves Christians but fail to live according to Christ's commandments of love and mercy.

This is what G. K. Chesterton meant when he said, "Christianity has not failed; it has not even been tried."

Christianity should be thought of as

not so much a religion as a spiritual pathway towards union with God. In fact, "The Way" was a name adopted by the earliest Christians.

Paul, before his conversion on the road to Damascus, was obsessed with finding "any men or women who belonged to the Way," so he could haul them away in chains [Acts 9:2].

Hear what Catherine of Siena urges us: "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." Her words echo Christ's, as recorded in Luke 12:49: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Want to help Jesus set the earth ablaze? Simply be who God meant you to be.

Our prayer today: *Jesus, Lord of love and mercy, strengthen us as we follow the path you have set for us.*

St Michael & St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Host

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

(Authentic Vatican Replica)

Sunday, August 14 to Sunday, August 28

Shroud Exhibit Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm and 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday 11:30am – 9:00pm

Divine Mercy Daily at 3:00pm Rosary Daily at 5:00pm

DVD presentations, Confessions & Healing Prayers Daily

Healing Service: Wednesdays August 17 & August 24th

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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 - \$ 1,055.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 1,077.00 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Harry Jr. & +Alice Chacho by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Anna Mellon & +John Sawka by Niece and Daughter, Paula Sawka

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings and Good Health on My Family and Friends.

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

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