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**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Blessing of Fruit**

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill Mc Andrew

Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +John Donchak by Daughter, Susan

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am + Peter & Johnny Lefchick by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family

6:30pm Prayer Group

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People

***Welcoming of the Shroud of Turin Exhibit***

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30am +Bishop Walter Paska

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm +Fred & +Cecilia Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings & Good Health for Metro & Helen Tarris by Son, Leonard & Rita

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +John Zubar – Legacy Liturgy

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +Mary Toth by Tony & Barbara DiCello

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary

5:30pm +Steve Mistysyn by Mary Ann Uranium

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30am 3 year Anniversary, + Mr. John Yaroshak by Ronald Krolick

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Michael Fufla
Saturday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday August 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Lauralee Sadusky
Saturday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Christine Romanko
Sunday August 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Dolores Sadusky

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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

**Seminary Day**: Thank you to everyone who helped with Seminary Day. To those who donated baskets, sold tickets, & ads, made food, and to those who worked at the event – THANK YOU!! We would like to thank a few people whose help stood out ( if we miss anyone we are sorry) Winnie, Carol K, Sam L, Toni, Mellissa, David, Joe, Carol Z. , Ann S, Ann K, Paul, Charlie, Helen, Diane , Alice & Stephanie. Thank you we couldn't have done it without you!

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

**Heritage Day** will be Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> . 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 14 to the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help during that time , please contact Msgr. or the rectory.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**Sanctuary Light** : Available Dates- 9/4 , 9/18, 10/2 & 10/30

**Heartfelt thanks** to all who helped make halupki for this year's Seminary Day - Elaine and Ted Naradko, Judy and Charlie Naradko, Mike and Janet Buchinsky, Dottie Homa, Theresa Panchison, Lucy O'Connor, and Michelle Stephenson. Thank you to everyone who worked on Seminary Day , sold tickets & ads & supported this event ! Thanks !

### *Both Churches:*

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**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.

**MANY, MANY THANKS!** As Protospresbyter and Dean, please allow me to extend my heartfelt thanks to the clergy and faithful of the parishes of the South Anthracite Deanery for all your hard work and sacrifice in support of the 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day. By all measure, this day was a success in every way. From our very first planning meeting in May through Ukrainian Seminary Day itself, you met every challenge and overcame every obstacle in order to provide a memorable experience for our guests along with substantial support of our St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, DC. Congratulations to each and every one of you for demonstrating once again all that can be accomplished when we work together as One. Remember, we have a wrap-up meeting scheduled for September 6th at 7:00PM at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville. Hope to see you there! Once again, thank you and God Bless You!

**Seminary Day Raffle Winners :** 1st Prize---\$1,000.00 Christine Bogner, Kulpmont 2nd Prize--\$200.00 Casey Brophy, Minersville 3rd Prize--\$100.00 Ronald Kiselewsky, Shenandoah 4th Prize--\$100.00 Juliann Smith, Pottsville Seller Prize---\$100.00 George Mall, Natalie

**A CALL TO PRAYER:** " Beseeching God's Mercy, Praying for the Intercessions of the Mother of God." All are invited to join Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Deanery Clergy in a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia on Sunday, August 28th. The pilgrimage begins at 12:00Noon with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Stefan as the main celebrant. Homilist at the liturgy will be Fr. 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 2:30PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. Fr. John Szada will provide a reflection at the conclusion of the rosary. At 4:00PM 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. That 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 1:00PM until 4:00PM. 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 and the sense of true holiness which pervades the entire 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 all pilgrims are invited to walk through the Holy Door of Mercy for special blessings.

**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 will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, 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

**Pilgrimage:** 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage- will be Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3:00pm . Pontifical Divine Liturgy will be Sunday at 10:30am. Specifics on the schedule of the day and the special events can be reviewed on the posters in the back of the church. If you are in need of additional information you may contact the rectory or Sister Kathleen at 845-753-2840 of [ssminy@aol.com](mailto:ssminy@aol.com)

**If your knees are knocking, kneel on them .**

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *The desire to climb Tuesday, 17 May 2016*

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 21, 27 May 2016)

The temptation to “division”: the “thirst for worldly power”, envy and the desire “to climb higher”. Pope Francis remarked on this temptation during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday morning. This temptation, he explained, is a response to worldly thinking, while Jesus, on the other hand, speaks of service and humiliation.

Turning to the day’s Gospel passage taken from Mark (9:30-37), the Pontiff’s entire meditation grew from the juxtaposition between these “two modes of speaking”. Indeed, Scripture presents Jesus who was “teaching his disciples” and telling them “the truth about a proper life” — about his own life, Francis explained, but “also about the life of Christians, the ‘true’ truth”. He revealed that “the Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise”.

Confronted with this truth — “I have come for this task, to fulfil this mission: to give my life for the salvation of all” — the disciples did not understand. Indeed, “they did not want to understand” and as they were “afraid to ask”, they decided to let it go, as if to say: “things will take care of themselves”. The Pope explained that “fear closed their heart, it closed their heart to the truth that Jesus was teaching them”.

The Gospel narrative continues and we read that they “went along the way, but not in silence”. The disciples “continued to talk”. When they arrived in Capernaum, Jesus asked: “What were you discussing on the way?”. There was no answer. Indeed, they “were ashamed to tell Jesus what they were discussing. Along the way, in fact, they were discussing who among them was the greatest”.

Here then, is the juxtaposition: “Jesus speaks a language of humiliation, of death, of redemption, and they speak a language of climbers: who will climb the highest in terms of power?”. This, Francis said, is a temptation that they had — “they were tempted by a worldly way of thinking” — but they were not the only ones. The mother of James and John too, the Pontiff recalled, went to Jesus — the episode can be found in the pages of Matthew (20:20-21) — “to ask that one of her sons be on the right and the other on the left, when He arrived in the Kingdom”. As if she were to ask today “that one be prime minister and the other the minister of the economy”, so as to share “all the power”. For this very reason, “it is worldly thinking: who is the greatest?”. Therefore Jesus takes care to tell them: “If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all”.

Jesus’ words to the disciples is a lesson for everyone: “On the path that Jesus points out to us in order to go forward”, Francis said, “service is the rule. The one who is greatest is the one who serves most, who is most at the service of others, not the one who boasts, who seeks power, money vanity, pride”. The lesson is important, the Pope noted, because “it is a story that happens every day in the Church, in every community” where it is often asked: “Who is the greatest among us? Who is in charge?”. Thus, “ambitions” emerge, along with the “desire to climb, to have power”.

The argument is also addressed in the first reading, taken from The Letter of James (4:1-10), in which the Apostle writes: my brothers, “what causes wars, and what causes fightings among you?”. He continues: “Is it not your passions”, or rather the “passion for power, to command, to dominate”? James accuses them: “You are full of desires”, alluding to their envy and jealousy. He then adds: “You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly”.

At this point the Pontiff invited a careful evaluation of the passage that follows, “so as to consider how we pray wrongly”. The Apostle explains to his interlocutors: “you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions”. He continues: “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?”. This is precisely the “core of this passage” and of the message addressed to the Church today.

The synthesis is in the juxtaposition previously mentioned: “Jesus speaks a language of service, of humiliation; moreover, he says: ‘I have not come ... to be served, but to serve’”. On the other hand, “the language of the world is: ‘who has more power to command?’. This worldly language is enmity with God”. When there is vanity, Francis continued, and the “worldly desire to have power, not to serve, but to be served”, all means are used. Thus, for example, there is “gossip”, and the “sullyng of others”. It is something “we all know”, he added: “envy and jealousy take this path and destroy”.

All this, the Pontiff noted, “happens today in every institution of the Church: parishes, colleges, other institutions, even in the bishoprics... everyone”. These are the “two ways of speaking”: on the one hand is the “worldly spirit, which is the spirit of wealth, vanity and pride”. On the other hand, Jesus said: “the Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him”. He “came to serve and he taught us the way in Christian life: service, humility”. After all, Francis explained, “when the great saints said they felt they were such sinners, it was because they understood this worldly spirit that was inside them, and they had many worldly temptations”. Indeed, “none of us can say: ‘No, not me, not me... I am a holy, clean person’. We are all tempted by these things, we are tempted to destroy others in order to climb higher”. It is a “worldly temptation” which “divides and destroys the Church”, and it is certainly not “the Spirit of Jesus”.

Concluding his reflection, the Pope said that, observing the Gospel scene, “it will do us good to think about the many times that we have seen this in the Church and the many times we have done this, and ask the Lord to enlighten us, in order to understand that love for the world, that is, for this worldly spirit, is enmity with God”.

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## ***Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ***

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

### ***Scriptural Account***

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became

glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

### *Icon of the Feast*



In the icon of the Feast of the Transfiguration, Christ is the central figure (1.), appearing in a dominant position within a circular mandorla. He is clearly at the visual and theological center of the icon. His right hand is raised in blessing, and his left hand contains a scroll. The mandorla with its brilliant colors of white, gold, and blue represent the divine glory and light. The halo around the head of Christ is inscribed with the Greek words *Ο ΩΝ*, meaning "The One Who is".

Elijah (2.) and Moses (3.) stand at the top of separate mountain peaks to the left and right of Christ. They are bowing toward Christ with their right hands raised in a gesture of intercession towards Him. Saint John Chrysostom explains the presence of these two fathers of the faith from the Old Testament in three ways. He states that they represent the Law and the Prophets (Moses received the Law from

God, and Elijah was a great prophet); they both experienced visions of God (Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Carmel); and they represent the living and the dead (Elijah, the living, because he was taken up into heaven by a chariot of fire, and Moses, the dead, because he did experience death).

Below Christ are the three Apostles, who by their posture in the icon show their response to the transfiguration of Christ (4.). James has fallen over backwards with his hands over his eyes. John in the center has fallen prostrate. Peter is kneeling and raises his right hand toward Christ in a gesture expressing his desire to build the three booths. The garments of the Apostles are in a state of disarray as to indicate the dramatic impact the vision has had on them.

The icon of the feast directs our attention toward the event of the Transfiguration and specifically to the glory of God as revealed in Christ. This event came at a critical point in the ministry of our Lord, just as He was setting out on His journey to Jerusalem. He would soon experience the humiliation, suffering, and death of the Cross. However, the glorious light of the Resurrection was revealed to strengthen His disciples for the trials that they would soon experience. The feast also points to the great and glorious Second Coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with light.

## Aug 7: Love On Hold



Jesus spoke often of our need to be vigilant. For example, he told the story of the five foolish virgins who let the oil in their lamps run out before the arrival of the bridegroom . . . and the story of the faithful steward whom the master left in charge of his servants.

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival,” Jesus promised.

But this is only half the story. Because God displays his great mercy toward us through his own loving vigilance in waiting for us to return to him.

Pope Francis points out that patient waiting is a quality of God. In his book, *The Joy of Discipleship*, Pope Francis writes:

“He is a patient father, always waiting for us! He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love.”

And when we come to God in love and repentance, his heart rejoices. “He is celebrating because he is joy,” Francis says. “God has this joy, when one of us sinners goes to him and asks his forgiveness.”

Our prayer today: *Jesus, we pray for perseverance in faithfully and joyfully awaiting your coming.*

*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*

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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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 601.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$ 607.00 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Gratitude to Our Lord for all Blessings Bestowed on Our Family.

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** With Grateful Hearts to all Those Who Helped with Seminary Day

**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-** In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill Mc Andrew

**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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