

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, July 24, 2016 10th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 23 rd	3:30pm + Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol
Sunday, July 24 th	10:30am God's Blessings & Health of Samuel Litwak
Tuesday, July 26 th	8:00am +Olga Kurrilla by Anna & Mark
Wednesday, July 27 th	8:00am + Jane McSweeney by Christina Bankes & Family 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, July 29 th	NO DIVINE LITURGY
Saturday, July 30 th	3:30pm +Rev Joseph Szupa by the Parishioners of St. Michael's
Sunday, July 31st	8:30am God's Blessings on His People <i>11:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Seminary Day</i>

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 23 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Brellick Family by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, July 24 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, July 25 th	8:00am +Ann Wildey by Husband, Howard
Thursday, July 28 th	8:00am +Steve Mistysyn by Theresa Panchison
Saturday, July 30 th	8:00AM NO DIVINE LITURGY 5:30pm +Rev Joseph Szupa by the Parishioners of St. Nicholas
Sunday, July 31st	<i>11:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Seminary Day</i>

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 23 rd	1 Cor 4:9-16	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 24 th	1 Cor 4:9-16	Charles Calise
Saturday, July 30 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 31 st	1 Cor 9:2-12	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 23 rd	1 Cor 4:9-16	Mike Prokop
Sunday, July 24 th	1 Cor 4:9-16	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, July 30 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, July 31 st	1 Cor 9:2-12	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 8/7, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

You can help- and it'll just cost \$1.00. We are trying to put together a lottery board to raffle off in the next month. To do this we are asking that people please donate a ticket or a few to help us cover the board. The more we have – the more we'll raise. And for those who don't want to buy the tickets, we'll be happy to do it for you. Just see Steffy or Father for details or to drop off tickets. Thanks for your help with this fundraiser.

Fundraising Committee- We will have a brief meeting on Sunday July 24th after Divine Liturgy. We need to confirm the dates of the bingo's and talk about Heritage Day. Everyone is invited.

Seminary Day: The times St. Michael's is being asked to help at Seminary Day is 5:00pm to Close. If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated.

St. Nicholas:

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

Sick Calls will be Thursday July 28th.

Seminary Day: The times St. Nicholas is being asked to help at Seminary Day is 11:00am to 2:00pm. If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated.

Memorial- Stanley and Margaret Wapinsky have donated in memory of +Jeanette Stock.

Both Churches:

Seminary Day:

Baskets Each parish is being asked to donate 4 to 5 baskets. If you are able to donate a basket, or new, unused items or gift cards that can be used in baskets, please leave them in the back of the church, or contact the rectory. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets are available at the back of the church. Please return ticket stubs and money in the envelope provided. Each envelope contains one book of tickets. Take as many as you like. Your help in selling these tickets is appreciated.

Baked Goods- are needed for Seminary Day- You may drop them off at the fairgrounds Sunday morning July 31st. Or arrange to bring them by the rectory- and we will make sure they get there.

Help Needed - Help will be needed to Set up & Clean –up the Seminary Day Picnic Grounds. Set up will be Saturday, July 30th beginning at 9:00am and Clean- up will be Monday, August 1st beginning at 9:00 am. Your help is appreciated.

Work Schedules- Each year every parish is asked to help at Seminary Day. Please set aside some time on July 31st to help. Times are listed above.

Food: Each parish will be responsible for providing food for the event. Help will be needed to prepare these dishes. As soon as we know when we will prepare these dishes we will let you know.

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

Condolences – Our Brother in Christ, Fr. Joseph Szupa was born to eternal life on July 10th, 2016. We express our deepest sympathies to his family, and we commend his soul to your prayers. Fr. Joseph was a priest for 24 years. He served as parochial vicar of the Cathedral in Philadelphia and Chancellor for the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia. In blessed sleep, may the Lord grant eternal rest to His ever-to-be-remembered servant, Fr. Joseph , and make his memory everlasting. Veechnaya pamyat'!

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION Visiting Icon: The Vocation Icon will be visiting our Deanery. The Vocation Icon will be traveling throughout our entire Archeparchy with the two-fold purpose of raising awareness of the need for vocations as well as encouraging prayer within each parish for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. A special moleben prayer service and vocation prayer cards were prepared which accompany the icon to each parish. The moleben service is to be prayed while the icon visits a parish and the prayer cards are to be distributed to the faithful that they may continue praying for vocations with the family setting. The weeks of July 31 and August 7---Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel and Assumption BVM, Centralia

Pilgrimage: A CALL TO PRAYER: BESEECHING GOD'S MERCY and PRAYING FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD---During his visit in November 2015, Patriarch and Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Primate of the Ukrainian Catholic Church world-wide, marveled at the continuing active and vibrant presence of Assumption BVM Church in Centralia. His desire is for all people of faith to come and experience the same holiness and sanctity he discovered during his visit. In his name, Archbishop Stefan Soroka and the Parishioners of Assumption Church, invite you to pilgrimage to this holy place and to gather in prayer "Beseeching God's Mercy and Praying for the Intercession of the Mother of God" on Sunday, August 28th. All Services and activities will take place in the church and on the grounds of Assumption BVM Parish on the mountainside above the borough of Centralia, PA. Prayer begins at NOON with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy lead by Archbishop Stefan joined by local clergy. The homilist at that liturgy will be Very Reverend Vasyl Kharuk, Spiritual Director at St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, DC and an Extraordinary Minister of Mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There will be a "Living Rosary" recited in the outdoor chapel beginning at 2:30PM. At the conclusion of the rosary, there will be a reflection given by Reverend John Szada, a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg and Chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters in Elysburg, PA. Confessions will be heard throughout the day by clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery.

Concluding ceremonies will begin at 4:00PM with a Candelight Procession from the outdoor chapel to the church. Along the way, the procession will pause at the Grotto for a solemn blessing of water celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, continuing then into the church. Once in church, Archbishop Stefan will lead the singing of the Moleben to the Mother of God as well as delivering the homily. Following the Moleben, oil will be blessed and prayers recited for the healing of body and soul. After which, all are invited to come forward to receive the anointing. There will be light refreshments available and religious items on display for purchase. Any items purchased that day will be blessed at the conclusion of the "living rosary". This is a rain or shine event. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUMMER CAMP--VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The Annual Summer Camp-Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Mt. Carmel and Centralia parishes is scheduled for the week of August 8th - 12th. The Camp is held on the grounds of Assumption BVM Church in Centralia from 10:00AM - 3:00PM each day, rain or shine. The camp is open to ALL youth of our deanery as well as their extended family, friends and neighbors who are between the ages of kindergarten through 8th grade. There is no charge for the camp, but registration/medical forms MUST be filled out by the child's parent or legal guardian prior to camp beginning. Forms can be downloaded from our Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel website or by calling the parish office during business hours at 570-339-0650 or by contacting Camp Director Gene Lapointe at 570-205-7726 or email at gene@thelapointefamily.com. This year's camp is: Egypt....Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. It would be our pleasure and honor to host your child(ren) this year.

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.

Pilgrimage: 62nd Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage- will be Saturday August 13th from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and on Sunday August 14th 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

POPE FRANCIS

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

The navigator and the four woes - Monday, 6 June 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 24, 17 June 2016)

If the Beatitudes are “the navigator for our Christian life”, then there are also “anti-beatitudes” which surely make us go the “wrong way”. Pope Francis warned against attachment to wealth, vanity and pride, indicating that meekness — which should not be confused with “foolishness” — is a beatitude that we ought to reflect upon more. At the Mass he celebrated on Monday morning in the Chapel of Santa Marta, the Pope recommended a re-reading of the Beatitudes as told by the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

“We can imagine”, Pope Francis said, the context in which Jesus delivered his sermon on the Beatitudes, as Matthew relates in his Gospel (5:1-12). Jesus, the crowds and the disciples were on the mountain, and “Jesus began to speak and taught the new law, which does not erase the old one, because he himself said that every last iota of the old law must be accomplished”. In fact, Jesus “perfects the old law, the door to its fullness”, and “this is the new law, that which we call the Beatitudes”. The Pope explained that they are indeed “the Lord’s new law for us”, that the Beatitudes are, in fact, “the guide for the journey, the itinerary; they are the navigators of the Christian life: it is precisely here, on this road, according to the indications of this navigator, that we can move forward in our Christian life”.

Within the Beatitudes, Pope Francis noted, “are so many beautiful things: we could reflect on each one of them until 10 o’clock in the morning”. However “I would like to focus on the way the evangelist Luke explains this”. Compared to the passage from Matthew in today’s liturgy, the Pope said, in Chapter 6 of Luke’s Gospel “he says the same, but in the end he adds something that Jesus said: the four woes”. Therefore it is here that Luke lists the “blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed are everyone”, but he then adds “woe, woe, woe, woe”.

There are precisely “four woes”. That is to say: “Woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets”. The Pope explained that these woes “illuminate the essence of this page, this guide for the Christian journey”.

The first “woe” concerns the wealthy. “I have said many times”, the Pope recalled, that “riches are good” and that “what is bad, what is wrong, is the attachment to riches, woe!”. Wealth, in fact, “is idolatry: when I am attached, then I am idolatrous”. It is certainly no coincidence that “most idols are made of gold”. In this way there are “those who feel happy, they are not lacking anything”, and they have “a satisfied heart, a closed heart, with no horizons: they laugh, they are satiated, and they have no appetite for anything”. Then there are “those who like the incense: they like that everyone speaks well of them and in this way they are calm”. But “woe to you”, says the Lord: this is the anti-law, it is the wrong navigator”.

It is important to note, the Pope said, that “these are the three steps that lead to perdition, whereas the beatitudes are the steps that bring you forward in life”. The first of the “three steps that lead to perdition” is, in fact, “attachment to riches”, feeling that there is “nothing that you need”. The second is

“vanity”, desiring “that everyone says nice things about me, that everyone speaks well: I feel important, too much incense”, and in the end “I believe that I am right, unlike others”, said Pope Francis. He suggested that we think about “the parable of the Pharisee and the publican: ‘I thank you that I am not like that’”. When we are consumed by vanity we even end up saying — and this happens every day — “thank you, Lord, because I am such a good Catholic, unlike my neighbor, that neighbor”.

The third woe is “the pride that is satiety”, which is “laughter that closes the heart”. “These three steps lead us to perdition”, the Pope explained, because “they are the anti-beatitudes: attachment to riches, vanity and pride”.

“The Beatitudes, on the contrary, are the guide for the journey that leads us to the kingdom of God”, said the Pope. Among all of them, however, “there is one that, though I would not say it is the key, it does make us think a lot: “Blessed are the meek””; precisely “meekness”. Jesus “speaks of himself, saying: Learn from me for I am meek of heart, I am humble and meek of heart”. Therefore “meekness is a way of being that brings us very close to Jesus”; whereas “the opposite attitude always procures enmity, war and many horrible things”. Pope Francis also warned against confusing “meekness of heart” with “foolishness. No, it is another thing; meekness is depth in understanding the greatness of God, and adoration”.

Before concluding his homily, the Pope invited the faithful to think about the “Beatitudes, which are the ticket, the guide sheet for our life, so as to avoid getting lost and losing ourselves”. He said that “it will be good for us to read them today: there are not many, it takes five minutes, Chapter 5 of Matthew”. Yes, he said, “read them a bit, at home, for five minutes, it will be good for us”, because the Beatitudes are “the way, the guide”. He said we should also think about the “four anti-beatitudes” as told by the Evangelist Luke, those four woes “that make me take a wrong turn and end up badly”.

Gospel [Mk 10:17-30](#)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother."

He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

IN THE LETTING GO

In this Gospel, the rich man could not let go of his many possessions, even if he got eternal life in exchange for them. How hard it is to let go! Harder than a camel squeezing through a needle's eye.

Jesus knew firsthand the difficulty and pain of letting go. He let go of His family and village friends in order to take up the life of a wandering preacher. After becoming attached to His cousin, John the Baptist, and his zeal for the Kingdom, Jesus had to let go of that friendship, and even had to preach a different Kingdom than the one His friend envisioned. When He offered people His body and He had to let many of his followers walk away. He sadly let Judas go after that hypocritical kiss; He finally released His Spirit in death.

But in this process of letting go, Jesus also learned the great value of traveling light, unbound by baggage, free to follow the Spirit. That is why He never flinched from demanding the same from other people. To the rich man, He said, "Riches are not bad in themselves, but they are a problem when they cut you off from other people."

To another man, Jesus said, "Burying your father is a noble but you have to forgo it in order to follow Me." To another would-be follower, he said, "Your family is the basis of community it gives you a secure place in society-but you must let go of your family in order to become a member of My family".

To shepherds, Jesus advised, "Let go of the ninety-nine sheep safely in the fold and look for the lonely stray The obedient, contented and docile sheep are not going anywhere. It is the frisky, adventurous, freedom loving sheep that will produce the stronger flock."

At supper on the night before He died, when He warned His friends that He would soon leave them, they were heartbroken. They could not imagine letting Him go out of their lives. But He told them, "If you loved me, you would be happy for Me that I am going home. Besides, if I don't leave you, I cannot send you my Holy Spirit."

One of the most poignant scenes in the Bible is when Jesus takes leave of Mary Magdalene in the garden. She desperately clings to Him, but He insists, "You have to let Me go. It has been wonderful knowing you in the flesh, but now I have a new mode of being. If you to continue our friendship you must meet Me in that dimension."

The process of letting go involves mixed emotions. Poet Cecil Day Lewis summarized the feeling in his poem "Walking Away," where he describes watching his son leave for on the first day. He is hopeful and proud of his child's emerging selfhood, but sad and fearful of the future. In its concluding couplet, he writes: "Selfhood begins by walking away-and love is proved in the letting go."

July 24: Jesus the Rule-breaker



We are accustomed to the gentle Jesus, the humble carpenter who taught us to “turn the other cheek.” But there is another side to him—the bold breaker of rules when those rules do not serve justice, love and mercy.

The gospel of Luke (6:1-5), for instance, tells of the Sabbath day when the disciples of Jesus picked and ate grain from a field as they were passing by. The Pharisees, of course, were quick to condemn them for “working” on the Sabbath.

Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions." Then he told them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

The lesson for us is that God’s mercy transcends rules and regulations. Any hour of the day is a good time to do good. Any day of the week is a good time to ask for God’s mercy. Any time at all is a good time to show mercy to a neighbor.

This is why Pope Francis urges us not to be afraid of making mistakes in our efforts to do good.

Our prayer for today: *Dear Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath and Lord of Mercy, strengthen us as we seek to serve justice, love and mercy.*

82nd Annual
UKRAINIAN DAY
Sunday 
July 31, 2016
11 AM to 8 PM
St. Nicholas Picnic Grove
Rt. 901 in Primrose,
Schuylkill Co., PA,
One Mile from Minersville



11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12 PM-8 PM: View the Shroud of Turin Replica and Icons
11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast
1:00 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
4 PM-8 PM: John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band

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 - \$ 714.20 Cemetery \$1,915.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 728.00 Cemetery \$ 230.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Mary Kritak by the Cuono Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Walter Blaschak by Blaschak & Wolfe Families

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

Sonya Elchishak
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