

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, July 3rd 2016: 7th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 2 nd	3:30pm God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, July 3 rd	10:30am +Evelyn & +David Evans by Sandy Schlemmer
Tuesday, July 5 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Church & Dolores
Wednesday, July 6 th	8:00am +Debbie Loftus by Charles Calise Jr & Helen O'Connell No Prayer Group – Please Join us at St. Nicholas for 4:00pm prayer service.
Friday, July 8 th	NO DIVINE LITURGY
Saturday, July 9 th	3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by Bill & Irene McAndrew Vocation Icon at St. Michael's
Sunday, July 10 th	10:30am +Joseph Lesko by Wife, Mary & Family

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 2 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Walter, +Helen & +Walter Jr Kocur by Jeanette & Thomas Stock Vocation Icon at St. Nicholas
Sunday, July 3 rd	8:30am + Bishop John Stock
Monday, July 4 th	8:00am +Clement & +Mary Zubar Lutchka- Legacy Liturgy
Wednesday, July 6th	4:00pm Prayer & Healing Service – Vocation Icon
Thursday, July 7 th	8:00am + William Covach Sr. by the Laguna & Corby Families
Saturday, July 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Bishop John Stock by Stock & Kubeika Families
Sunday, July 10 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 2 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, July 3 rd	Rom 15:1-7	Michael Fufia
Saturday, July 9 th	1Cor 1:10-18	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 10 th	1Cor 1:10-18	Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 2 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, July 3 rd	Rom 15:1-7	Susan Miller
Saturday, July 9 th	1Cor 1:10-18	Christine Romanko
Sunday, July 10 th	1Cor 1:10-18	Lauralee Sadusky

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.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates- 7/17, 7/31, 9/4 & 9/18.

Parish Meeting- Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend a copy of the 2015 parish report will be passed out after Divine Liturgy.

Email: St Nicholas has a new email address- stnicholasc@verizon.net

Both Churches:

UKRAINIAN DAY MEETING: The first planning meeting for the upcoming 82nd Annual Ukrainian Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM.** We will review the progress to date, and confirm parish work assignments at that time.

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 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. We will have the confirmed schedule on July 13th. Please set aside some time on July 31st to help.

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.

Parish Picnic – St. Nicholas 81st annual parish picnic is Saturday & Sunday, July 2nd & 3rd at the Picnic Grove, Rt. 901, Primrose. Homemade Ethnic Foods, Live Entertainment, Refreshments, Theme Basket, Bingo, and much more! Free Admission and Parking. For more information please call 570-544-4581.

Artist Sale – Saturday July 16th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm & Sunday July 17th from 9:30am to 1:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall 41 S Market St, Mount Carmel.(Sr. Citizen's Center) Featured Artist- Award Winning Mark Sassani. For More information call – 570-339-1031

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 schedule is as follows:**

The week July 3 at St. Nicholas, St. Clair and week of July 10 at St

Michael's, Shenandoah . The weeks of July 17 and July 24-----Transfiguration, Shamokin and Patronage BVM, Marion Heights The weeks of July 31 and August 7---Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel and Assumption BVM, Centralia



DEANERY YOUTH GATHERING: Join us for the Third Annual Deanery Youth Gathering on Sunday, July 10th at Knoebel's Amusement

Resort. We had a great time last year and hope that you and your family can join us this year! Everyone from 6th grade through College are invited. Bring your friends, and don't forget your family to this fun filled event. Your day will begin at 11:00am at "Pavilion C". Lunch will be

at 12 noon and we are excited about our speakers at 1:00pm. Speakers to be announced soon. The day will conclude at 5:00pm with a prayer service & discussion. Blocks of time have been set aside for you & your friends to enjoy the park. Teens that participate will receive lunch & free ride tickets for the park. Ride tickets are available for families to purchase at a discounted price. The whole family is invited to join us for lunch, we're having hotdogs, hamburgers, barbeque, drinks and chips . We ask that each family please bring a dish to share with the group. Please , reserve your spot with your pastor by July 5th so we have an accurate head count for lunch. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation. For more information please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southanthraciteyouth>. or call 570-462-0809 / 570-339-0650 Follow us on twitter @deaneryouthorg . See you at the Knoebel's – **Register by TUESDAY.**

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.

Festival- St. John's Church in Pottsville will host its MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th from 5 to 9:30 p.m. each night on the parish grounds at 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave. in Pottsville. We welcome you to join us for great food, varied Games of Chance, Children and Teen Games, Pot Luck Stand, Theme Baskets, and featuring again this year "Splash the Clown", balloon making, face painting, and much much more. Music each night ... Friday, Dave Derbes; Saturday, Nick Michels and his Parrot Band. Shaded seating under the tent. Come join the fun!

Providence Place Summer Concert Series : Thursdays, July 14th – M&J Schuylkill County Big Band & August 18th The Big & Bad Rockabilly Cats. Both concerts at 7:00 pm, Sundaes will be served. RSVP to Yvonne at 570-628-6950, 2200 2200 1st Ave Pottsville Pa . www.providenceplace.com

Three choices in life: give up, give in or give it all you got.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Look in the mirror- Monday, 20 June 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 25, 24 June 2016)

Jesus proposes clear rules to help us avoid falling into hypocrisy: to not judge others so that we, in turn, will not be judged by the same measure; and when the temptation to do so arises, it is best to first look in the mirror, not to hide behind makeup, but to clearly see how we really are. Pointing out that the only true judgment is that of God with his mercy, Pope Francis — in the Mass he celebrated on Monday morning — urged that we not give in to the temptation of taking God's place, of doubting his word.

“Jesus speaks to the people and teaches them many things about prayer, riches, many vain worries, and how his disciples should conduct themselves”, the Pope said. “This passage from the Gospel concerning judgment”, proposed in the Liturgy of the day (Mt 7:1-15), is a passage in which “the Lord is very concrete”. Sometimes “the Lord uses parables to make us understand. He is direct, because judgment is something that only he can do”.

“The fact begins” with a clear word from Jesus: “Judge not, that you be not judged”. Therefore, “if you do not want to be judged, do not judge others: it is clear”. And the Lord “goes one step further”, precisely indicating the criterion of this measure: “For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get”.

“We all desire that, on the day of judgment, the Lord will look upon us with kindness, that the Lord will forget the many bad things we have done in life”, Pope Francis said. “This is right, because we are children, and a child of the father expects this, always”. However, “if you constantly judge others, you will be judged by the same measure: that is clear”.

“First, the commandment, the fact: Judge not, that you be not judged”, the Pope repeated. “Second, the measure will be the same as that which you use with your brothers”. Then “the third step: look in the mirror, do not put on makeup in order to cover your wrinkles; no, no, no, that is not my advice!”. Rather, Pope Francis suggested, “look in the mirror to see yourself as you are”. Jesus' words are clear: “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, when there is the log in your own eye?”.

“How does the Lord characterize us when we do this?”, the Pope asked. With one word: “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye”. Indeed, it should not surprise us that the Lord “gets angry; he is very strong, and it also seems that he insults us: he says ‘hypocrite’ to those who judge others”.

The reason is that “those who judge put themselves in the place of God”, the Pope said. “They make themselves God and doubt the word of God”. This is precisely “what the serpent persuaded our fathers to do, saying: ‘No, no, God is a liar, if you eat this you will be like Him’. And they wanted to take God's place”.

This is why, the Pope insisted, “judgment is so wrong: judgment is only for God to do, him alone!”. Our responsibility is instead to “love, understand, and pray for others when we see things that are not good”, and if need be, to “even speak to them”, to warn them if something does not seem to be going in the right direction. In every case, “never judge, never”, because “if we judge that is hypocrisy”.

Moreover, Pope Francis said, “when we judge we put ourselves in God’s place. This is true, but our judgment is a poor judgment: it can never, never be a true judgment”, precisely because “true judgment is what God gives”. Why “can’t our judgment be like that of God?”. Is it “because God is omnipotent and we are not? No, because our judgement lacks mercy”. And “when God judges, he judges with mercy”.

In conclusion, the Pope suggested that today we think about “what the Lord says to us: not to judge, so that we will not be judged; the measure by which we judge will be the measure we are judged by. And, thirdly, let us look in the mirror before we judge”. Therefore, when we want to say: “he does this, or she does that”, it is better to look in the mirror before we speak. Otherwise, “I am being a hypocrite because I put myself in God’s place”, Pope Francis repeated, and “my judgment is a poor judgment: it lacks a very important thing that we find in God’s judgment: mercy”. May the Lord “allow us to understand this well”, the Pope said.



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

GOD OVERCOMES VIOLENCE



When we were kids, we used to play cowboys and Indians. We would tear the branch off a sumac tree and tum it into a horse. Then we would take turns being Indians, who were killed by cowboys. And when we got bored with that, we would tum the branch into a rifle and pretend to kill Germans or Japanese soldiers.

It seemed like innocent fun at the time. We had never seen an Indian, never knew how they were decimated by pioneers. We had never seen a German or Japanese person ~ they foreign ideas to us. We had no experience of war, knew nothing about death except for seeing an occasional lifeless bird or squirrel. And most importantly for our consciences, the dead never stayed dead. They had to get up and go home for supper.

But as we grow older, we have sons and brothers killed in war read about citizens being murdered in their beds and cities bombed into oblivion and whole populations wiped out.

Perhaps we have lost faith in peace talks, we no longer honor treaties, we think that negotiation is just a desperate maneuver for stalling. We have accepted the human reality that the road to peace is never-ending, that peace is just another word tor the temporary cessation of bloodshed.

The ancient Romans knew it before we did. They had a saying: "Men are wolves to other men." Except the wolves do not usually prey on each other, as humans do.

Most of us have. not killed anyone. But just as there are degrees of guilt in murder, so there are lesser of violence against others. All of us have hated, envied, and disparaged others. We have diminished their humanity. We have violated their person.

Whence comes this perversion of human society, this presumed right to resolve differences with violence, this disregard for life? Part of it is the fear that they will get us before we get them. Science has discovered the source of fear. It is an almond-shaped knot of nerves at the base of the brain cells.

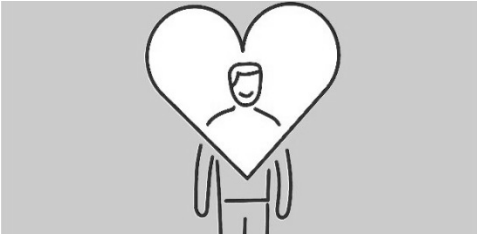
That would be true if violence were biological. But it is not – it is spiritual. Violence is the egotistical belief that nothing and no one should stand in the way of our immediate wishes.

We have lost respect for others. We have turned companions into competitors, friends into enemies, subjects into objects, persons into things. We have finally learned to treat others as we treat ourselves as objects of disdain.

In the helpless, powerless child, the disciples were to find the simplicity that would enable them to see beyond their selfish ambitions and understand the meaning of life in which Jesus was calling them. Don't forget you and I are His disciples

The storm will pass. Meanwhile, dance in the rain!

July 3: Our Right To Be Happy



With the celebration this weekend of Independence Day in the United States, we remember that God’s mercy can be witnessed in the freedom he offers us . . . and because of the way he loves us.

It’s when we buy into the idea that I have a “right to be happy” that we fool ourselves at the cost of failed

marriages, unprofitable ambitions, unhappy lives.

Freedom is a very big deal in the Gospel. However, freedom in the New Testament means something very different from the way we commonly understand that word today.

When Jesus says that, “The truth will make you free” (John 8:36), he does not mean free to pursue personal happiness.

When St. Paul says that, “it is for freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1), he does not mean we now have permission to satisfy our every impulse and whim.

Quite the contrary.

Valuing ourselves only according to our successes and satisfactions is to miss the point of Christ’s message. Paula Huston writes in her book, *A Season of Mystery*, that Jesus is the way to inner happiness. Contentment, she writes, comes by valuing ourselves as our merciful God does—simply for who we are.

Our prayer today: *Lord Jesus, we thank you for loving us just as we are and for teaching us the way to true freedom and true happiness.*

Dear Parents and Youth of our Community,

I take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to you to join us for our Annual Summer Camp scheduled for August 8th to 12th on the grounds of Assumption BVM Church in Centralia, PA. This is our third year sponsoring the gathering of youth and young people from throughout our communities with the hope of enriching their spiritual and social needs while building friendships that will last a lifetime.

The theme of our Camp this year is: EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. We will adventure with the famous Patriarch of the Old Testament, Joseph as he comes to know God's plan for him. Our Camp promises to be filled with excitement, adventure and revelation of how God works in the lives of each one of us.

As always, we welcome your children and friends to register and participate in our Summer Camp free of charge. We are able to offer Summer Camp to everyone through the hard-work and generosity of so many of our parishioners who labor throughout the year to organize and sponsor the Camp without cost.

Events and activities are scheduled for each day of the week. Information and registration packets can be found on our parish website as well as by calling the parish rectory (570-339-0650) or Camp Leaders Gene and Amy Lapointe at (570-205-8530). As always, the highlights of the week are our Annual Knoebel's night scheduled for Wednesday August 10th, and our family picnic on the last day of camp.

We would love to welcome you and your children to EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace this year. It will be a journey your child will remember for the rest of their lives!---- *Fr. Michael Hutsko*

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 - \$ 856.30 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 653.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Frank Homa Jr. by Wife, Dorothy

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on Youth Day Next Week !

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 & William 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
Eva Koch
Dolores Kozié
Martha Hysock
Sandy Bankes*

Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
Tom Prete
Susan Chernesky
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders
Dolores O'Connell Leahy
Helen Bereschak
Helen Sims
Mary Mazur
Keilbasa Family*

Christine Lenhart*
& Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak
Annie Cragen
Irene Yaroma

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Margaret Skrincosky
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill
Jeanette Stock

Peter Kadingo
Jeanette Stock
Mary Kadingo
Metro & Helen Tarris

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Anna Skrincosky
Catherine Washuta
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Andrew Skrincosky

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