

**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 31, 2016 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ----Seminary Day**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Rev Joseph Szupa by the Parishioners of St. Michael's
<b>Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People <b>11:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Seminary Day</b>
Tuesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am +Adalet Sensoy by Betty Ann Bugden & Family
Wednesday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am + God's Blessings and Good Health for Chuck & Dolores 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary &amp; Blessing of Fruit</b>
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

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00AM NO DIVINE LITURGY</b> 5:30pm +Rev Joseph Szupa by the Parishioners of St. Nicholas
<b>Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Seminary Day</b>
Monday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am +Helen Seamon by Ethel Seamon
Thursday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Russell M Seasock by John & Joan Seasock
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	
<b>Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00pm God's Blessings on His People &amp; Blessings of Fruit</b>
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

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

Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Alice Breznik
Saturday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Michael Fufila

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Susan Miller
Saturday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Andrew Skrincoosky
Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 15:1-11	Lauralee Sadusky

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**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.

**Thank you!!!!** Thank you to everyone who donated tickets or money to purchase tickets for our scratch- off raffle. Thanks to you generosity we met and exceeded our goal! We collected over \$300.00 in tickets ! Tickets for this raffle will be available in August! Thanks again for all your help !

**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:*

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

**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** – A donation was received from Mr. & Mrs. William Umbenhauer in memory of+ Mary Powanda.

### *Both Churches:*

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#### **Seminary Day:**

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

**Help Needed** - Help will be needed to Clean –up the Seminary Day Picnic Grounds. Clean- up will be Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> to help. Times are listed above.

**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

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**God is priceless!**

**God is free!**

**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](mailto: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:** 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)

**Annual Picnic-** Our Lady of Mercy Church- Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 11pm and Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 6:pm to 11pm Live Music by Kartune on Friday and The 60's Boys on Saturday. 304 Slabtown Rd Catawissa PA 17820. For more information call 570-799-5642. Food, Games and Dancing. No Coolers or Pets permitted.

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Courageous women Tuesday, 31 May 2016*

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

There are two attitudes that are unequivocal signs of being a Christian: “joyful service” and “reaching out to others”. In the Mass he celebrated on Tuesday in the Chapel of Santa Marta, Pope Francis offered advice for Christians who “believe they are sufficient” but in fact “are not entirely so”. He invited us to follow the example of “courageous women” like Mary, who are able to face difficulties and obstacles in order to serve others.

Looking at today’s liturgy, so “full of the joy that fills our hearts”, the Pope first reflected on a few passages from the first reading of the Prophet Zephaniah (3:14-18): “Rejoice and exult with all your heart! The Lord is in your midst, you shall fear disaster no more”; and again: “God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory, he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love”. That is to say, the Pope explained, “it is God who rejoices with us”, who “renews us”. This passage expresses “a great joy, a joy that fills our hearts and our lives”. Then Pope Francis turned to the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56): “Mary’s encounter with her cousin”, he said, exudes the “same atmosphere of joy: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God’”. Even Jesus rejoices and leaps in his mother’s womb: “everything there is joy, everything”.

The Pope said “this is the fresh air that the liturgy brings to us today: the message of joy”. He commented that it is an “awful thing” when Christians have “an unhappy face”. Indeed, sad Christians are an “awful, awful thing”. In fact, “they believe” that they are Christians “but they are not entirely so”.

In this joyful atmosphere, “that today’s liturgy gives us as a gift”, the Pope emphasized two aspects: “an attitude” and “a fact”.

The attitude to be taken from the Gospel passage is that of “service”. Mary indeed “goes to serve”. Pope Francis highlighted “the two verbs that introduce this story in Luke’s Gospel”, namely: “Mary stood up”, that is to say, she decided: “I am going to do something”, and then “she went with haste”. What is “astonishing”, the Pope said, is precisely that this girl of 16 or 17, but no older, quickly went on this journey, where there would surely be robbers, but she was brave. She stood up and went”. Mary did not use excuses like: “No, I’m pregnant”, or even: “I am the queen of the world, because the king comes to me”. She simply “arose and went” showing all of her “womanly courage”.

In this respect, the Pope took a moment to call to mind “the courageous women who are in the Church” and who “are like Our Lady”: women who “carry the family forward” and “the children’s education”, capable of confronting “many hardships and so much pain”, women “who care for the sick.... Courageously: they get up and serve, they serve”. In them we recognize the “Christian sign” of service. And, remembering that “he who does not live to serve, does not live”, Pope Francis repeatedly stressed the importance of an attitude of “joyful service”. It is a joy that also requires “mortification”, that is,

choosing not only what we like. Mary, for example, “arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah”. She went “far away” and “certainly did so alone. She was brave”.

The Gospel also proposes a “fact”, that is, “the encounter” between Mary and Elizabeth. “These two women”, the Pope said, “come together and meet with joy, as do women who care for each other: they hug, they kiss...”. It was an encounter that was, in short, characterized by “celebration”. Therefore, “encounter is another Christian sign”. In fact, the Pope explained, “a person who claims to be Christian but is not able to reach out to others, to encounter others, is not totally Christian”. The Pope added that “both service and encounter demand” that we “go out of ourselves; that we go out to serve and go out to encounter, to embrace another person”.

It is precisely with this kind of service and encounter, that in Mary — who just one week before “was working, unaware that her cousin was pregnant”; then, adding to the “great joy of motherhood” are “the joy of serving and the joy of encounter” — the promise of the Lord is renewed and carried out “in the present”.

In this regard, the Pope commented: “If we could learn this — service and reaching out to others, not refusing encounter — if we could learn this, the world would change”. He concluded by reiterating: “Two things only, to serve and to encounter, and we will experience joy, this joy of God’s presence among us”.

## **Saturday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord**



Among the miraculous manifestations of the Lord’s omnipotence, the Transfiguration holds an exceptional place in the series of progressive preparations by which Christ introduced His redeeming mission to His disciples. For the three Apostles, the representatives of the new humanity, it is a particular Theophany, a personal demonstration of Christ’s absolute supremacy that presents itself between Moses and Elijah, the two great witnesses of the Law and the Promise. It affirms Christ’s eternal reign over all time, over the beginning and the end. The Transfiguration announces the Savior’s Resurrection and His return in glory at the end of time. The Apostles did not understand Him on that very day. “For he (Peter) did not know what to say, for they were struck with fear” (Mark 9:5). The image of the event remained

engraved in their hearts, with the Father’s words: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear Him” (Matthew 17:5)

*Blessing of Fruit during Holy Day Divine Liturgy .*

*Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Nicholas and*

*Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at St. Michaels*

## FAST BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION



According to tradition, our Blessed Mother, in preparation for her death, prayed and fasted. In imitation of her and for proper spiritual preparation for the glorious Feast of her Dormition, the Church recommends a fasting period of two weeks beginning on the first of August, and ending at Great Vespers on the evening of August 14.

Days of fasting play an important part in the liturgical year. Fasting is one of the classic forms of penance, one of the great means of making atonement. It is an abstinence we voluntarily impose on ourselves as a penance for our sins. The Holy Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are filled with praises of the holy practice of fasting. St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory make the remarks that the commandment put upon Adam and Eve in the garden of paradise was one of abstinence, and because they had not exercised this virtue, they brought every kind of evil upon themselves and upon their children. The life of denial, self-control, and of fasting was the clearest example of the law of penance imposed by god on the rebelliousness of mankind.

In the early days of the Church, fasting was obligatory on nearly half of the days of the year. The manner also in which the fasting was to be performed was very strict. Today the practice of fasting is not so strict and demanding. Since fasting is not only preparation for a worthy celebration of certain great feasts, but also a way to show sorrow and sadness, we make a distinction between the kinds of fast. There are yearly fasts, weekly fasts, and daily fasts. The fast that comes before the Feast of the Dormition is one of the yearly Fasts. It comes each year from August 1st until August 15th. **This fast, according to the new liturgical laws, is no longer binding upon us.** However, it is recommended as a good way to prepare for this, the greatest Feast of the Holy Mother of God. What a wonderful way to show our love for the Mother of God.



All people smile in the same language.  
Seven days without prayer makes one weak!

## July 31: Mercy of the Heart



While all the other apostles hid in fear during the period of Christ's condemnation and crucifixion, St. John stood silently on Calvary gazing at his suffering savior. In turn, Christ looked down from the cross at his "beloved disciple" and placed his mother into John's care.

St. John's action in simply being present to Jesus on the cross is a model for us today.

He reminds us that the practice of mercy begins in the heart. We have no rival for God's love, so we can simply remain still and silent and let the mercy of the Father wash over us. We ourselves can be merciful toward others not only outwardly, but in our hearts—in the way we think of them, without judgment but with love. "And your Father who sees

what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6:6)

Padre Pio, the sainted Capuchin friar, offered us this advice: "Go to your room and close the door and place yourself in God's presence. He will see you and will appreciate your presence and your silence. Then he will take you by the hand . . ."

Our prayer today: *Merciful Jesus, help us remember to be always present to you, especially within the quiet of our hearts.*

**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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 1069.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$ 813.00 Cemetery \$ 545.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** Special Intentions Requested by the C. Naradko Family

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** God's Blessings & Good Health for Sam Litwak from Toni Poppert Huntzinger

**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  
Eva Koch  
Dolores Kozié  
Martha Hysock  
Sandy Bankes\*  
Shannon's Mom\*

Helen O'Connell  
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

### **St. Nicholas**

Helen Salak  
Margaret Skrincosky  
Mary Mistishen  
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo  
Jeanette Stock  
Mary Kadingo  
Metro & Helen Tarris

Laura Seasock  
Anna Skrincosky  
Catherine Washuta  
Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak  
Jim Rehnert  
Walter Mistishen  
Andrew Skrincosky

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