

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 12th, 2016: 4th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 11 th	3:30pm +Paul & +Margaret Sawka by Family
Sunday, June 12 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, June 13 th	6:45am +Olga Kurilla
Tuesday, June 14 th	5:00pm +John Evans by Anne Evans
Wednesday, June 15 th	6:45am +Christopher Brokenshire by Mother, Sonja & Son ,Tiegan 6:30pm Prayer Group
Thursday, June 16 th	6:45am God's Blessings on Bohdan & Boris
Friday, June 17 th	6:45am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 18 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Michael's
Sunday, June 19 th	10:30am In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Michael's

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 11 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary, +Rose, & +Katherine Porchik by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, June 12 th	8:30am Walter & Mary Mistishen for their 64 th Wedding Anniversary by Children & Grandchildren
Monday, June 13 th	No Divine Liturgy
Thursday, June 16 th	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 18 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Nicholas
Sunday, June 19 th	8:30am God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Nicholas

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 11 th	Rom 6:18-23	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, June 12 th	Rom 6:18-23	Paul Caputo
Saturday, June 18 th	Rom 10:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 19 th	Rom 10:1-10	Charles Calise

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 11 th	Rom 6:18-23	Mike Prokop
Sunday, June 12 th	Rom 6:18-23	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, June 18 th	Rom 10:1-10	David Toth
Sunday, June 19 th	Rom 10:1-10	Theresa Panchison

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 6/26, 7/3, 8/7, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Parish Meeting- A parish meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12th after Divine Liturgy. On the agenda is the 2015 financial review. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this meeting.

Lottery Tickets- We are trying to do a Scratch Off Lottery Ticket Board for our next raffle. We would appreciate if everyone could bring in a scratcher or two to add to the board. If everyone donates a couple bucks – we should have a great board to raffle off. Please bring in your tickets as soon as possible and give them to Fr., Steffy Rarick or Nancy Sawka. You can also drop them in the collection basket or at the rectory.

St. Nicholas:

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

Divine Liturgies - Please note there will be no Divine Liturgies on Monday or Thursday at St. Nicholas. Fr. Myron is covering for Msgr. Bocian this week , and the nuns will be attending Liturgy at 6:45 am. Please see Fr. Myron with any concerns.

Both Churches:

Seminary Day Ads & Sponsors- Ad & Sponsor forms are at the back of the church. Please help by selling or purchasing an ad or sponsorship. Your support of Seminary Day helps each parish as well as the Seminary. Money raised is credited towards the monthly seminary remittance. Due to your support we have not had to send a remittance for the seminary in over 6 years. Your help is vital in continuing this trend. **ADS AND SPONSORS ARE DUE THIS WEEK**

Baskets are needed for Seminary Day, 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.

Seminary Day 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. Money raised is credited towards the monthly seminary remittance. Due to your support we have not had to send a remittance for the seminary in over 6 years. Your help is vital in continuing this trend.

UKRAINIAN DAY MEETING: The first planning meeting for the upcoming 82nd Annual Ukrainian Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 14th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM**. This is a very important meeting as we begin to lay the groundwork for this year's event. The faithful from all the parishes of our deanery are cordially invited to attend, to offer input and suggestions and to convey information back to each parish. Please feel free to bring your children along as there will be supervised activities for them during the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, get to know each other and support a very important cause---our seminary. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. We hope to see you there!

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

Musical Event - Friday July 1st – At St. Nicholas Hall in Minersville Inside the hall, the band “The Kurious” will perform at 8:00pm Admission \$10.00. Info....mmahal 570-640-5111 or 570-544-4581 . This is a kick off for their picnic weekend.

Peter's Pence Collection- In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection

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 weeks of June 5 and June 12-----St. Michael, Frackville and St. John, Maizeville
The weeks of June 19 and June 26----Patronage of the BVM, McAdoo and St. Michael, Hazelton
The weeks of July 3 and July 10-----St. Michael, Shenandoah and St. Nicholas, St. Clair
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

Shenandoah/ Mahanoy Walking Challenge- Join in this healthy challenge – more info in the back of the Church.

Church Picnic-Holy Ghost Church, 315 4th St. in West Easton is sponsoring its church festival with Ukrainian foods, homemade baked goods, music, dancing, tricky tray, children's games and fun! The event will be held on Sunday June 26th from 12pm -7pm. Please join us for an old fashioned church picnic. Hope to see you there!

Ukrainian Heritage Festival – Yonkers Ukrainian Heritage Festival will be held on the grounds of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church North Broadway & Shonnard Place - Yonkers NY. Friday, June 17th 6-10pm, Saturday, June 18th 1-10pm, & Sunday, June 19th 1-7pm. There will be Vocal Groups, Dancers, Traditional Arts & Crafts, Traditional Ukrainian Food ~ Varenyky ~ Holubtsi ~ Kobasy, Rides & Games. Free Admission ~ \$25 ride bracelet Saturday 1-4. Visit our website www.yonkersukrainianfestival.org

Food for the poor- WE NEED YOUR HELP- OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE- It is especially important during the summer months when the children of struggling families are not in school and able to participate in school provided breakfasts and lunches. Please, help by donating to our food pantry. Non- expired, Non-perishable foods are needed. Personal hygiene products, toilet paper and paper towels, laundry detergent etc.. Diapers and wipes are also welcome. Thank you for your giving spirit



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

POPE FRANCIS

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

St Philip and the chicken Thursday, 12 May 2016

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

We should bite our tongue when tempted to speak ill of others, because a “gossip monger” is a Christian counter witness, and even causes divisions in the Church. Francis warned against this behavior, which is unfortunately widespread in Church settings, during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning.

“Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed”. In the day’s reading from the Gospel of John (17:20-26), Francis noted, “Jesus prayed for everyone, not only for the disciples who were at the table with him, but for everyone”. In fact, John writes: “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word”. That is to say, the Pontiff affirmed, that Christ “prays for us: he prays for me, for you, for you, for you, for each one of us”. He never stops praying: “Jesus continues to do so in heaven, as our intercessor”. It is important to understand “what Jesus is asking of the Father at this moment: ‘so that they may all be one, as you, Father are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us’. Indeed, Jesus “believes and prays for unity, the unity of believers, as Christian communities”. He conceives of “unity as that which he has with the Father and the Father with him: a perfect unity”. His prayer, according to the Gospel of John, ends like this: “that the world may know that you sent me”. Therefore, “the unity of Christian communities” and “of Christian families” is the “witness to the fact that Jesus was sent by the Father”.

Francis is aware that “one of the most difficult things is perhaps reaching unity in a Christian community, a parish, a bishopric, a Christian institution, a Christian family”. Unfortunately, he continued, “our history, the history of the Church, often makes us feel ashamed: we have waged war against our Christian brothers, let’s consider the 30-year war”. Jesus instead “says something else: ‘If Christians wage war among themselves it is because the Father did not send Jesus, there is no witness’. For our part, the Pontiff said, “we must ask the Lord for a great deal of forgiveness for this history; a history so often of divisions and not only in the past but also today, also today”. The world, he said, “sees that we are divided and says: ‘they have reached an agreement, but we’ll see. How is it that Jesus is risen and lives, but his disciples cannot agree?’”.

Indeed, “we are not even united at Easter!”, Francis exclaimed. “Once, a Catholic Christian asked an Eastern Christian, who was also Catholic: ‘My Christ is risen the day after tomorrow, when is yours risen?’”. And in the end “the world does not believe”.

At this point the Pope asked how do “the divisions of the Church” come about? The answer is to forget for the moment “this great division between the Christian Churches” and to go, for example, directly to “our parishes”. The problem, Francis pointed out, is that “the devil came into the world through envy, the Bible says. It was the devil’s envy that brought sin into the world”. Thus “there is selfishness, because I want to be more than another and often times — I would say that it is almost routine in our communities, parishes, institutions, bishoprics — we find ourselves with deep divisions that actually begin with jealousy, with envy, and this leads us to speak ill of one another, we often badmouth”.

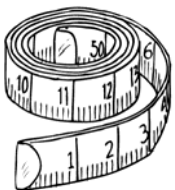
Referring to an occurrence heard of often in parishes, “in my land it is very common”, the Pope shared, “I once heard it said in a neighborhood: ‘I don’t go to Church because look at this one, she goes to Mass every morning, receives communion and then goes from house to house speaking ill of others: I prefer not to go than to be this type of Christian, like this gossip monger’. He continued, “In my land these people are called ‘gossip mongers’: they spread gossip, divide and there, the divisions begin with the tongue through envy, jealousy and even closure”. This “closure” leads us to pass judgment: “No, the doctrine is this, and this and so on”.

The Pope recalled that the Apostle James, in the third chapter of his letter, says: “We are able to put a bit into a horse’s mouth! Even a ship with a small rudder can be guided. Can we not control our tongue?”. Because the tongue, James writes, “is a little member and boasts of great things”. It’s true, Francis confirmed: the tongue “can destroy a family, a community, a society; by sowing hatred, war and envy”. He returned to the words of Jesus’ prayer: “Father I pray for those who will believe in me, so that all may be one, as you and I”. But there is “so much distance” between the prayer of Jesus and the life of “a Christian community that is accustomed to speaking ill of others”. This is why “Jesus prays for us to the Father”.

Pope Francis then recommended that we “ask the Lord for the grace that he give us strength that these things may not exist in our communities”. However, the Pontiff suggested, “Jesus tells us how we must carry on when we do not agree or when we do not like something about another person: ‘Call him, talk!’”. If your interlocutor “does not understand or does not want to, call a witness” and mediate. Jesus “taught us” this way. But “it is easier to badmouth and destroy the reputation of another”.

To strengthen his mediation, Francis recounted an episode of the life of St Philip Neri. “A woman went to confess, and she confessed of having gossiped”. Then “the saint, who was cheerful, good, also generous, told her: ‘Madam, as penance, before I give you absolution, go home, pick up a chicken, pluck the chicken, then go through the neighborhood and scatter the chicken feathers throughout the neighborhood, and then come back’. The next day, Francis continued, “the lady returned: ‘I did it, Father, will you give me absolution?’”. St Philip Neri responded eloquently: “No, there is something missing, Madam. Go throughout the neighborhood and pick up all the feathers”, because “this is how gossip is: it sullies the other person”. Indeed, the Pope added, “those who gossip, sully, destroy the reputation, destroy the life and often without reason, contrary to the truth”. This is why “Jesus prayed for us, for all of us who are here and for our communities, for our parishes, for our dioceses: ‘that they may be one’”.

In conclusion, Francis prayed that “the Lord grant us the grace”, because “it is very much the strength of the devil, of sin, that pushes us to division, always!”. Thus, “let us ask for the grace of unity for all Christians, for graces great and small, daily graces for our communities, our families”. And also for “the grace to bite our tongue!”.



**When God measures a man ,
He puts the tape around the heart
instead of the head.**



June 12: The Mercy Psalm

The second book of Samuel tells of the great sin King David committed when he had one of his soldiers purposely slain in battle so he could take the man's wife for his own.

Speaking through the prophet Nathan, God told David: "You have done this deed in secret, but I will bring it about in the presence of all Israel, and with the sun looking down." [2 SM 12:12]

David confessed his crime aloud to the prophet Nathan, who answered: "The Lord has forgiven your sin; you shall not die."

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we treasure in a special way the repentant King David's beautiful Psalm 103, which expresses his acceptance and gratitude for God's mercy:

The Lord is compassion and kindness, full of patience, full of mercy.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve; he does not pay us back for our wrongdoing.

As high as the sky above the earth, so great is his kindness to those who revere him.

As far as east is from west, so far he has put our wrongdoing from us.

Our prayer today: *Divine God of Mercy, help us always remember that you care for us as a mother cares for her children, even when we least deserve it.*



Remember the Men in Your Life on Father's Day **Father's Day Intentions & Remembrances**

In Honor of (living)

In Remembrance of (deceased)

Given By

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMITT NAMES -Deadline Tuesday June 14th

CATHOLIC HORSES



The guy was at the races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt. He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track. Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses. Our guy made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next. He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning.

The guy was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on. True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Our guy knew he had another winner and bet every dollar he owned on the old nag. He watched dumbfounded as the old nag came in last. In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was.

Confronting him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'

.The Priest nodded wisely, but with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants; you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



Church Information

Rectory Hours- Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

Baptisms: Please contact the rectory to arrange a date with the pastor.

Confessions: By appointment, before Divine Liturgy or check your bulletin schedule.

Marriages: Those planning marriages must be active members of the parish, and must contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Marriage preparation for couples is required

Emergencies & Pastoral Care: Please call the pastor if a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound and is in need of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.

New Parishioners are urged to register in the rectory office. Moving? Change of address? Please notify the rectory.

Letters of Recommendation: for Sponsors of the sacraments will be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered with the parish, receiving sacraments and supporting the parish.

Mass Cards, Sanctuary Lights, and Other Candles etc.: Contact the rectory during office hours for information.

Questions: Please contact the rectory, or see Msgr. Myron.

Weekly Contributions

Parishes Weekly Income: **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$1,001.99 Cemetery \$1,773.00
St Nicholas MC Cemetery \$50.00 Dome Repair \$10,000.00 Thank You!
St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 842.00 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +John & +Julia Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on Our Fundraising Committee & Their Efforts

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessing's & In Memory of all the Father's That Have Touched my Life

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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