

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, May 15th, 2016: Pentecost Sunday

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14 th <i>Pentecost</i>	3:30pm +Dorothy Minarchick by the Kalavage & Mitchell Family
Sunday, May 15 th	10:30am +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family <i>First Communion & First Penance</i> <i>Celebrating the Children of the Parish & Vocations</i>
Tuesday, May 17 th	8:00am Special Intentions for Chris & Tiegan Brokenshire by Sonja Elchishak
Wednesday, May 18 th	8:00am + Thomas Bolistriero by Charles Calise & Helen O' Connell 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, May 20 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 21 st	3:30pm +Nicholas Bereschak by Daughters, Mary & Helen
Sunday, May 22 nd	10:30am God's Blessings on Our Graduates

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 14 th <i>Pentecost</i>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka
Sunday, May 15 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People <i>Celebrating the Children of the Parish & Vocations</i>
Monday, May 16 th	8:00am + Robert Corby by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Thursday, May 19 th	8:00am + Helen Seamon by Donna Freeman
Saturday, May 21 st	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm + Paul Naradko by Ted Naradko
Sunday, May 22 nd	8:30am 10:30am God's Blessings on Our Graduates

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 14 th	Acts 2:1-11	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 15 th	Acts 2:1-11	Sam Litwak
Saturday, May 21 st	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 22 nd	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 14 th	Acts 2:1-11	David Toth
Sunday, May 15 th	Acts 2:1-11	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, May 21 st	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, May 22 nd	Heb 11:32-12:2a	LeeAnn Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 5/22, 5/29, 6/12 6/26, 7/3 & 8/7 If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Candles Available- Candles are available. Lamps or the Iconostas (\$12) , Tetrapod (\$6), Crucifix(\$6) are all available for may dates in the future. Please contact the rectory if interested.

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.

Kieibasi Fest- We will have a table at this year's Kielbasi Fest, May 21st. Help is needed to prepare food and on the day of the event. Please see Nancy Sawka or contact the rectory if you are able to help.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates- 7/3, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 & 8/28.

Both Churches:

Graduates- The Divine Liturgy in Honor of our Graduates at both Churches on Sunday May 22nd. – IF YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE INFORMATION ON YOUR GRADUATE – PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY ON MONDAY – Thank you!

Seminary Day Ads & Sponsors- Ad & Sponsor forms are at the back of the church. Please help by selling or purchasing 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.

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Deanery Youth Day will be Sunday July 10th at 11:00am at Knoebels Amusement Resort. All teens from 6th Grade to College are invited. Please contact the rectory for more information.

Food for the poor- WE NEED YOUR HELP 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.

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN EVERY PARISH DURING MAY We are celebrating this Liturgy on May 15th in both parishes. During the recent conference of clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, our clergy favorably embraced the proposal of each priest offering a homily directed at children in every parish at least once during the month of May, 2016. The priest is to offer the homily regardless of the number of children which might be present. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to ensure the presence of their children, who will gather around the priest as he speaks with them offering his reflection and teaching. We are hopeful that such children's liturgies would become a regular occurrence within all of our parishes. Please assist and support your pastor in this endeavor. This is to occur in every parish. We are grateful for the willingness of our pastors to reach out to the youngest amidst us. + Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka

Pentecost Sunday has been designated as a Day for Vocations for all parishes and institutions in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the twelve Apostles and granted them the grace to spread the joyful news of the Gospel of Christ to the world, we ask that the Holy Spirit come upon us and grant our young men and women the grace to respond to His call to be faithful stewards of His Holy Church. Please be sure to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life on this day. If there is someone in your family, or you have a friend (or even yourself!), whom you think God might be calling to a challenging, but extremely rewarding and fulfilling, life as a Ukrainian Catholic priest, deacon, or religious monk or nun, be sure to pray for them. Have your priest talk with them and pray with them over their call. For more information, be sure to check out our new vocations website at <http://www.ukrainiancatholicvocations.com/>.

PENTECOST SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MISSIONS "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations" (Mt. 28:19) Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is responding to Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations".(Mt28:19) Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Bishops of our Church endeavor to provide ministry to people residing in developing missions in eastern Ukraine, in Europe, in areas of the Middle East and Africa, and North America. Your generous assistance is needed to support clergy and religious to serve these missions and to aid in the development of these new missions. The annual collection for this purpose will be taken up at all Divine Liturgies on Pentecost Sunday weekend May 14-15 in all of our parishes. You may also send your gift to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts will be issued. Please be generous in your offerings and may God bless you for caring for the spiritual needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ!

FILM On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, Pa., the documentary film **The Babushkas of Chernobyl** will be shown. Ms. Holly Morris, the director/producer will also be present at the screening. The award winning documentary film tells the beautiful story of three "babushkas" age 80, 72 and 85 who refused to leave their ancestral homes after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. It is considered a masterpiece on the tragedy of the Chernobyl disaster. All are encouraged to attend.

MEATLOAF DINNER: The Altar Rosary Society of Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel is sponsoring a Meatloaf Dinner on Sunday, May 22nd from 11:00AM until 2:00PM in the Church Social Hall. The menu consists of Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, French Cut Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. A donation of \$10.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children 12 and under is requested. This is an eat-in or take-out dinner. Tickets can be reserved by calling the parish office at 570-33-0650 during business hours. The dinner is reservation only....no walk-ins. Thank you for your support!

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale St. John's R.C. Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on ... Friday, May 20th from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21st from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Books, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Holiday Decorations, Appliances, Linens, Video/DVD's, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section ... Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and much, much more. Food items also available ... Hot Dogs, BBQ, Pierogies, Baked Goods, Refreshments.

Trinity Academy Presents "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist" Trinity Academy's first ever musical will be held Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Annunciation Hall in Frackville. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The musical revolves around Stephanie, a young girl, who aspires to be a famous comic book artist, but for now is working as a janitor for the comic book company of DC Wunderman. During her time with Mrs. Wunderman, Stephanie and the staff of Wunderman Comics encounter powerful pens that make their creation come alive. The staff accidentally creates a villain, Dr. Shock Clock, who is slowly taking over the town and has plans to take over the world! It is up to Stephanie and her Fabulous Four to defeat Dr. Shock Clock! Will Stephanie become a comic book artist? Will the Fabulous Four be able to stop Dr. Shock Clock? Will there be fabulous songs and dance numbers? All of these questions and more will be answered! Please join us !

POPE FRANCIS

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

The cost of witness- Monday, 2 May 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 18, 6 May 2016)

There is a “twofold witness” in Christian life: that of the Spirit who “opens the heart”, showing us Jesus, and that of the person who “with the power of the Spirit” proclaims “that the Lord lives”, even at the cost of “paying the price” of persecution.

Once again the Holy Spirit and his action in the heart of every believer was pivotal to Pope Francis’ meditation during Mass at Santa Marta on Monday morning. The liturgy continued to offer passages from The Acts of the Apostles (16:11-15), regarding the first missions of the burgeoning Church and excerpts from Jesus’ discourse during the Last Supper (Jn 15:26-16:4). Specifically in the day’s Gospel we read that Jesus “speaks of the witness to him that the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, will bear and of the witness to him that we too will have to bear”. Francis emphasized that here the “strongest” word is precisely: “witness”.

The witness of the Spirit is also seen in the First Reading where, as it speaks of Lydia, “from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, a worshiper of God”, it says: “The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul”. So who was it that “touched this woman’s heart?”, the Pontiff asked, recalling that Lydia “felt within her” something that made her say: “This is true! I agree with what this man says, this man who bears witness to Jesus Christ”. The answer is: “the Holy Spirit”. It is he “who made this woman feel that Jesus was the Lord; he made this woman hear salvation in Paul’s words; he made this woman hear the witness”.

Thus, the Pope explained, the Spirit “bears witness to Jesus. Each time we feel something in our heart that draws us to Jesus, it is the Spirit working within”. Jesus explained the action of the Spirit to the disciples: “He will teach you things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you”. And the Spirit, Francis added, “continually opens the heart, as he opened the heart of this woman, Lydia”, and he “bears witness” so that we may “hear and remember what Jesus taught us”.

This witness, the Pope explained, “is twofold”. In other words, “the Spirit bears witness to Jesus for us, and with the power of the Spirit we bear witness to the Lord”. Jesus emphasizes this in the Gospel passage: “When the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning”. The Lord, Francis noted, dwells upon the characteristics of this witness — “perhaps the disciples didn’t quite understand”, he observed — adding: “I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away”. Thus, he explains to them “the cost of Christian testimony” in a direct way: “They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”.

Thus, the Pontiff stated, “a Christian, with the power of the Spirit, bears witness that the Lord lives, that the Lord is risen, that the Lord is among us, that the Lord celebrates with us his death, his resurrection, each time we approach the altar”. A Christian does this “in his daily life, with his way of acting”. This, the Pope added, “is a Christian’s unceasing witness”. At the same time, a Christian must be aware that sometimes testimony “provokes attacks, provokes persecution”. The persecution can be

small, such as “gossip” and “criticism”, but it can also be the kind that “fills the history of the Church”, such as what leads “Christians to prison” or “even to giving their life”.

Therefore, it is the “Holy Spirit who lets us meet Jesus”, who pushes us “to make him known, not merely with words, but with the witness of life”. And, the Pope suggested, “it is good to ask the Holy Spirit, who comes into our heart, to bear witness to Jesus” and to pray to him in this way: “Lord, let me not move away from Jesus. Teach me what Jesus taught. Remind me what Jesus said and did and also help me to bear witness to these things. Do not let worldliness, easy things, the things that come from the father of lies, from the prince of this world, from sin” — do not let these things “distance me from witnessing”. Let me not “fall away, as Jesus says, from being Christian, because someone might avoid me or there may be persecution”.

May 15: **The Sounds of Mercy**



The prophet Elijah sought God in windstorm and earthquake and fire. But he heard God only as a “still, small voice.” [1 Kings 19:12]

In Psalm 46, we are advised to, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

But after more than a week of prayer in the upper room, the Apostles were visited by the Paraclete, who came like a wind that shook the place where they were hiding and poured out tongues of flame.

The Apostles, their souls now on fire, boldly went out into a perilous marketplace to announce the good news of God’s love.

Jesus had fulfilled his promise that “the Spirit of truth” would come to guide them to a new understanding of God’s redeeming mercy.

“Now they would no longer be ashamed to be Christ’s disciples,” Pope Francis said in his Pentecost homily last year. “Filled with the Holy Spirit, they would now understand ‘all the truth,’ that the death of Jesus was not his defeat but the ultimate expression of God’s love.”

**Joy is peace dancing.
Peace is joy resting.**





The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

The festival of Pentecost has its roots in the Old Testament. It began as a harvest feast and later added the giving of the Law of Moses on Mount Sinai as the "harvest" of the Old Covenant. Our Christian Feast of Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. On this feast the Descent of the Holy Spirit effected a New Covenant. It was precisely this Descent of the Spirit, which revealed to the world the knowledge of the mystery of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial, undivided and yet distinct. It was the fulfillment of the revelation concerning the Persons of the one God as three.

The Icon of Pentecost is a marked contrast with the biblical description of the Descent of the Spirit. The Book of Acts of the Apostles (2:2) records that "suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise, like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated." In contrast, the Icon is characterized by serenity and composure. The postures of the Apostles reveal serenity. All of them are seated, some gesturing as if in subdued conversation with one another. The gift of the Holy Spirit remains the inner life of grace. The event of Pentecost forms the Church and is the inauguration of the Kingdom of God.

The twelve Apostles form a semi-circle to express the unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. They are pictured in an inverse perspective--their figures grow larger as they recede into the background. The center place, which is unoccupied, is reserved for Christ, the invisible head of the Church. Some ancient icons symbolize Christ's invisible presence with an altar, the throne of His glory.

The Evangelists are shown holding books; another has a scroll as a sign of having received the gift of teaching. Above the semi-circle, beyond the edge of the panel, there is a symbol of heaven from which rays or tongues of fire descend. This is a sign both of the sanctification of the Apostles and Disciples, and of their baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The world, to which the Apostles would preach, is represented at the bottom of the Icon by one symbolic figure of a king. He is known as "Cosmos" as he represents the whole world enveloped by sin. He sits in a dark place since the whole world had formerly been without the light of faith. He is bent over to show he was made old by the sin of Adam. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the twelve Apostles brought light to the whole world by their teaching.

The Icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit represents the great event of sanctification, which took place in the apostolic community. At the same time, it is an expression of the sanctification of our lives in the Church by the Holy Spirit Who is constantly glorified: "Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life." (*God With Us Icon Series*)

Last Chance- Drawing this weekend!



Treat yourself! Buy a Chance on the INDULGENCE BASKET!

Included : a blue tiffany- style lamp, a small brown dragon fly pattern tiffany-style lamp, pearl pendant necklace, a \$30.00 gift certificate to Hair Waves, A manicure & pedicure gift certificate to Alexandria's, scarves, a candle, a frame and more! Basket is valued at more than \$300.00.

Tickets available now! \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. For sale after Divine Liturgy. See Steffy, Nancy or contact the rectory!
Drawing May 15th

Memorial Day Memorials

In Memory of (deceased)

Please note which cemetery:

Given By

Please submit by Tuesday, May 24th



Trust

You've never ever failed me since first I put my trust
In You, my dear, sweet Jesus to rely on You, I must!

You've always been beside me, companion, oh so dear,
Through days of brightest sunshine. Through days of darkness drear.

But I have never faltered for You have held my hand
And will ever guide and guard me on my sojourn through this land.

Lois Rehder Holmes

*Those who honor Your name trust in You;
You never forsake those who seek You, Lord. Psalm 9:11*

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 - \$ 1,454.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 1,276.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Michael & +Margaret Leschick by Cuono Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – In Honor of the Blessed Mother and all the Mothers 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
Eva Koch
Dolores Kozie
Martha Hysock
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