

**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, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016: Sunday of All Saints**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:30pm +Nicholas Bereschak by Daughters, Mary & Helen
Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am God's Blessings on Our Graduates
Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am In Honor of The Blessed Mother
Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am God's Blessings on the 49 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Priesthood of Bishop Richard Seminack & Msgr. Ronald Popivchak 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00pm Memorial Day Blessings- St. Nicholas Cemetery, Mahanoy City</b> 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, May 29 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am +Annette Sawka by Josephine & Jim Connelly
Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am God's Blessings on Howard Wildey & Family <b>10:00am Memorial Day Blessings- St Michael's Cemetery, Shenandoah</b>

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm + Paul Naradko by Ted Naradko
Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on Our Graduates
Monday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am + William Covach Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skrincosky
Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Dr. Peter Skrincosky - Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Dr. Peter Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am +Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Panchison Family <b>1:30pm Memorial Day Blessings- St Nicholas &amp; Holy Trinity Cemeteries, St. Clair</b>

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

Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 2:10-16	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 2:10-16	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 11:32-12:2a	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 2:10-16	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 2:10-16	Susan Miller

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### ***St. Michael:***

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**Sanctuary Light**- Available Dates 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 many dates in the future. Please contact the rectory if interested.

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

### ***St. Nicholas:***

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

### ***Both Churches:***

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**Seminary Day Ads & Sponsors**- Ad & Sponsor forms are at the back of the church. Please help by selling or purchasing and 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. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Knoebels Amusement Resort. All teens from 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Worry ends where faith begins*

**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!

### **Visiting Icon:**

The Vocation Icon will be visiting our Deanery. More information to come . The schedule is as follows:

The weeks of May 22 and May 29-----St. Nicholas Church, Minersville and Nativity BVM, Middleport

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

**Interested in the priesthood?** Check out these video's :

<https://youtu.be/kNhsW6CCR6c>

<https://youtu.be/OYDhQLGMBYs>

**Celebration of Service** – On Sunday, June 5th at 1pm at Original Family Pizza in Frackville we are having a dinner for Sister Zenovia, who is celebrating 50 years and Sister Natalya, who is celebrating 25 years in service of Our Lord. The cost of this dinner is \$20.00 per person. This includes your entree, soup & salad, drink (coffee, tea, soda or ice tea), dessert and gratuity. The dinner choices are Chicken Parmigiana with pasta, Eggplant Parmigiana with pasta, Pasta with meatballs or sausage or Ravioli, either meat or cheese. Seating is limited, so please reserve your place ASAP. For Reservations call Charlie at 570-612-9205 or the rectory at 570-462-0809. You may also email [barneysdad@ptd.net](mailto:barneysdad@ptd.net) Please help us honoring these devoted women of God.



“We go with joy because He accompanies us, He is with us...even in our personal lives, and He accompanies us with the sacraments. The sacraments.. are an encounter with Jesus Christ; we encounter the Lord- it is He who is beside us and accompanies us.”

Pope Francis, Homily September 24, 2013

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *For nobles causes* Tuesday, 10 May 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 19, 13 May 2016)

May life be lived for noble causes. Pope Francis recommended this to today's youth who, immersed in a "culture of consumerism" and of "narcissism" are often dissatisfied and rarely happy. In the Mass celebrated at Santa Marta on Tuesday morning, the Pope focused his reflection on the witness of missionaries — "the glory of our Church" — which he proposed as a model for young people.

The Pontiff's homily was inspired by the first reading of the day, taken from The Acts of the Apostles (20:17-27), in which we read what "we might call 'an Apostle's farewell'", the Pope said. It is the passage in which "Paul calls the priests of Ephesus to Miletus and tells them that he will not see them again, because he must leave, because the Spirit has bound him to go to Jerusalem".

Analyzing this text, we see that, first of all, the Apostle performs "an examination of conscience: 'You know how I lived among you all this time'". It is a close examination in which Paul "recounts how he has behaved" and, at first, he also seems "to boast a little". In reality "it is not so", and he adds that it was simply "the Spirit who led me to this". Paul then continues: "I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit. The Spirit sent me here to proclaim Jesus and the Spirit now calls me to go to Jerusalem". After the examination of conscience another element emerges: "docility" to the Holy Spirit. It is a farewell in which Paul expresses both "nostalgia in looking back at what the Lord had done with him", and "a feeling of gratitude to the Lord".

This passage of Scripture, Francis noted, brings to mind "the beautiful literary passage of the Spaniard Pemán" in which we read "the description of St Francis Saverio's farewell" on the shores of China. He too made an examination of conscience: alone, before God".

The next part of the reading is also meaningful, because we might ask ourselves: "What awaits Paul?". Indeed, the Apostle writes that "I am going to Jerusalem 'not knowing what shall befall me there'". Likewise, a missionary departs "not knowing what awaits him". Only one thing is certain: "I know only that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me". Missionaries too, the Pontiff commented, "know that life will not be easy, but they carry on".

In the end Paul adds "another truth, which causes the priests of Ephesus to weep: 'I know that you will no longer see my face. We will never see each other here'". He then "gives some advice. They accompany him to the ship and on the shore they embrace him, weeping.... And thus, he bids farewell" to the community of Ephesus, in the city of Miletus.

The Apostle's aim is the aim of missionaries", the Pope said. "This passage", he explained, evokes "the life of our missionaries: the many young people, young women and men, who have left their homelands, their families and have gone afar, to other continents, to proclaim Jesus Christ". They too "went, 'bound' in the Holy Spirit". It was their "vocation". Today, in those places, when "we go to the cemeteries" and "we see their stones", we realize that "so many died young, under age 40", often because they were not prepared to withstand the local diseases. We understand that these young people

“gave their lives”, their “lives were snuffed out”. Francis reflected: “I think that they, in that final moment, far from their homelands, from their families, from their loved ones, said: ‘It was worth it, to do what I have done!’”.

Remembering these young people, the “heroes of the evangelization of our day”, recalling how Europe filled other continents with missionaries who departed, never to return — and who probably, in their “final moment”, their moment of “farewell”, would have said as Saverio did: “I left everything, but it was worth it!” — the Pope affirmed: “I think it is right that we thank the Lord for their witness”. Some died “anonymously”, others as “martyrs, that is, offering their lives for the Gospel”. These missionaries, Francis said, are “our glory!” They are “the glory of our Church!”.

With regard to those examples, the Pontiff turned his thought “to the young men and women of today”, often ill at ease in the “culture of consumerism, of narcissism”. He said to them: “Look to the horizon! Look there, look to these missionaries of ours!” It is important, he added, “to pray to the Holy Spirit who binds them to go afar”, setting their life aflame. Francis used this powerful expression, then explained: “It is a rather harsh phrase, but life is worth living; but to live it well”, it must be consumed ardently in service, in proclaiming, and in going forth. This is the joy of proclaiming the Gospel”.

Concluding the homily, the Pope exhorted everyone to thank the Lord “for Paul, for his capacity to go to a place and leave that place when the Holy Spirit called him”, but also “for the Church’s many missionaries” who, in the past as still today, have had the courage to go. The Pontiff also invited prayer that the Holy Spirit enter “the hearts of our young people”, where “there is something dissatisfying”, and “bind them to go further, to set their lives aflame for noble causes”. Perhaps only a stone will be left, “with a name, a birth date, a date of death; and after several years no one will remember them”, he said. But they will have “bid farewell to the world in service. And this is a beautiful thing!”. Then came the final invocation: “That the Holy Spirit, who comes now, may sow in the hearts of young people the desire to go and proclaim Jesus Christ, ‘setting their life aflame’”.

### **TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS**

- 1. SPEAK TO PEOPLE.** There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2. SMILE AT PEOPLE.** It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
- 3. CALL PEOPLE BY NAME.** The sweetest music to anyone’s ears is the sound of his own name.
- 4. BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.** If you would have friends, be a friend.
- 5. BE CORDIAL.** Speak and act as if everything you do is genuine pleasure.
- 6. BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE.** You can like almost everybody if you try.
- 7. BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE** – cautious with criticism.
- 8. BE CONSIDERATE WITH THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.** There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow’s, and the right side.
- 9. BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE.** What counts most in life is what we do for others.
- 10. ADD TO THIS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR,** a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many fold."

## *The Feast of All Saints*

*Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost*



All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day

could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

*The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74th homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.*

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 Feast of All Holy Martyrs held. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. *In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.*

## May 22- He Delights in Us

From earliest times, our ancestors have recognized and been awestruck by God's love for us and his mercy in creating and sustaining us.

The Book of Proverbs revels in the idea that the creator "found delight in the human race." [PRV 8:31]

And the Psalmist sings a song of wonder: "What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?" [PS 8:4-5]

Shortly after becoming Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis explained that, "God is not something vague, abstract, but has a name: 'God is love.'"

This love is not sentimental or emotional, "but the love of the Father who is the source of all life, the love of the Son who died on the cross and rose, the love of the Spirit who renews man and the world."

This we know as the Trinity . . . one God in three Persons . . . the central mystery of our faith . . . beyond the power of human reasoning to understand or explain. The Trinity, Pope Francis says, is "the face which God himself revealed."

Our prayer today: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*



## ***Memorial Day Memorials***

***In Memory of (deceased)***

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***Please note which cemetery:***

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***Given By***

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**LAST CHANCE TO SUBMITT NAMES –**

**Please submit by Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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## 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 - \$1,648.50 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$ 638.00 Cemetery \$ 320.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of +Dr. Peter Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** May God Guide Our Graduates in Their Further Education & Ventures.

**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-** God's Blessings on the College Graduates of St. Michael's & St Nicholas

**Lights of the Tetrapod-** God's Blessings on the High School Graduates of St Michael's & St Nicholas

**Lights of the Tabernacle-** God's Blessings on the Grade School Graduates of St Michael's & St Nicholas

**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  
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

### St. Nicholas

Helen Salak  
Margaret Skrincosky  
Mary Mistishen  
Joseph Luckenbill  
Jeanette Stock

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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