

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, May 1st, 2016: Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council & Mother's Day

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on the Living Mothers of St Michael's
Sunday, May 8 th	10:30am In Memory of the Deceased Mothers of St Michael's
Tuesday, May 10 th	8:00am +Mary Lazusky by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family
Wednesday, May 11 th	8:00am For All the Souls in Purgatory
	6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, May 13 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 14 th	3:30pm +Dorothy Minarchick by the Kalavage & Mitchell Family
<i>Pentecost</i>	
Sunday, May 15 th	10:30am +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 7 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm God's Blessings on the Living Mothers of St Nicholas
Sunday, May 8 th	8:30am In Memory of the Deceased Mothers of St Nicholas
Monday, May 9 th	8:00am + Mary Butcavage- Legacy Liturgy
Thursday, May 12 th	8:00am Special Intentions for Tom & Jeanette Stock
Saturday, May 14 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka
<i>Pentecost</i>	
Sunday, May 15 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 7 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 8 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Michael Fufila
Saturday, May 14 th	Acts 2:1-11	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 15 th	Acts 2:1-11	Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 7 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Michael Prokop
Sunday, May 8 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, May 14 th	Acts 2:1-11	David Toth
Sunday, May 15 th	Acts 2:1-11	Theresa Panchison

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.

First Penance- We will be celebrating First Penance on Sunday, May 15th.

Kieibasi Fest- We will have a table at this year's Kielbasi Fest. 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.

Sick Calls will be Friday May, 13th .

St. Nicholas:

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

Sick Calls will be Thursday, May 12th.

Both Churches:

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 – OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE ☹ 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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal- Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Home Missions. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions

Graduates- The Divine Liturgy in Honor of our Graduates at both Churches on Sunday May 22nd. If you have someone graduating from Kindergarten, 6th Grade, 8th Grade, High school, College, Vocational School or Advanced Educational Programs, please let us know so that we might recognize their accomplishments. Please contact the rectory and include a list of their accomplishments, where they plan to attend or work etc. If you have any questions please contact the rectory. **PLEASE SUBMITT THIS INFORMATION BY MAY 8TH**

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.

**The best thing a man can do for his kids is to
love their mother (and vice versa)**



A CHILDREN’S LITURGY IN EVERY PARISH DURING MAY

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

We are celebrating this Liturgy on May 15th in both parishes.

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!

UKRAINIAN DAY MEETING: The first planning meeting for the upcoming 82nd Annual Ukrainian Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th 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!

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!

Trinity Academy's tenth annual May Procession will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM (gathering time 6:15) at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City. All are welcome.

Memorial Day Memorials



In Memory of (deceased)

Please note which cemetery:

Given By

Please submit by Tuesday, May 24th

POPE FRANCIS

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

Three-dimensional Christians- Friday, 22 April 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 17, 29 April 2016)

A Christian is a person of hope, who knows and witnesses that Jesus lives, that he is among us, that he prays to the Father for each of us and that he will come again. This is how Pope Francis summed up the relationship between every Christian and the Risen Jesus, during Mass at Santa Marta on Friday morning.

From the liturgy of the day, the Pontiff brought out three fundamental words for Christian life: message, intercession and hope.

First of all, the message. In the day's reading from The Acts of the Apostles (13:26-33), the message is essentially "the Apostles' testimony to the resurrection of Jesus". Thus Paul affirms in the synagogue: "when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people". Indeed, the Pontiff summarized, "the message is: Jesus died and rose for us, for our salvation. Jesus lives!". This is what the first disciples conveyed "to the Jews and the pagans of their time", and they "also bore witness with their lives, with their blood".

When John and Peter were forbidden to proclaim Jesus' name or speak of his resurrection, the Pope continued, "they said, with all their courage and in total simplicity: 'we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard'". Indeed, "we Christians, through faith, have within us the Holy Spirit, who lets us see and hear the truth about Jesus, who died for our sins and is risen". This, therefore, "is the message of Christian life: Christ lives! Christ is risen! Christ is among us in the community, he accompanies us on the path". Despite the effort we sometimes make to understand, "one of the dimensions of Christian life" is precisely this: the message. We clearly understand from the passage of Scripture wherein John affirmed: "That which we have seen with our eyes, which we have heard, which we have touched with our hands...", as if to say: "the Risen Christ is a reality and I bear witness to this".

The second key word proposed by the Pontiff is "intercession", this time inspired by the Gospel of John (14:1-6). During the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, in fact, the Apostles were despondent, and Jesus said: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe. In my Father's house are many rooms. I will go and prepare a place for you". Francis paused to reflect on this passage and asked: "What does this mean? How does Jesus prepare a place?". The response: "With his prayer for each of us: Jesus prays for us, and this is the intercession". It is important to know that "Jesus works at this moment with his prayer for us". The Pope explained: just as before the Passion, Jesus said: "Peter I have prayed for you", likewise, "now Jesus is the intercessor between us and the Father".

At this point, though, we must ask ourselves: “How does Jesus pray?”. Francis offered a “personal” response, an answer all his own, and “not a dogma of the Church”, he specified. “I believe that Jesus shows his wounds to the Father, because the wounds went with him after the resurrection. He shows the wounds to the Father and names each of us”. According to the Pontiff, we can imagine Jesus’ prayer in this way. A Christian is enlivened by this awareness: “at this moment Jesus intercedes for us”.

Last, the third dimension: that of hope. Again this word was sparked by the Gospel of the day. Jesus says: “I will go and prepare a place for you”. He then adds: “when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also”. This is a Christian’s hope. Jesus tells us: “I will come!”. The Pope then explained: “Christians are women and men of hope” precisely because “they hope for the Lord to come again”. In this regard, the Pontiff added, it is beautiful to notice “how the Bible begins and ends”. At the beginning it reads: “In the beginning”, in other words, “when things began”. And Revelation ends “with the prayer: ‘Come, Lord Jesus’”. Indeed, all the Church “awaits the coming of Jesus: Jesus will come again”. This, the Pontiff said, “is Christian hope”.

Thus, the Pope concluded, summarizing his meditation, we can ask ourselves: “How is the message in my life? How is my relationship with Jesus who intercedes for me? How is my hope? Do I truly believe that the Lord is risen? Do I believe that he prays to the Father for me?” Moreover, “Do I truly believe that the Lord will come again?”. In other words: “Do I believe in the message? Do I believe in the intercession? Am I a man or woman of hope?”

May 8: Forever Easter



If Jesus forgave and prayed for those who were nailing his hands and feet to the cross, how much more does he love us who turned to him in repentance during Lent? This is a most welcome thought as we journey through this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

As Eastertide draws to an end, we should pay attention to the urging of Saint Leo the Great, who was pope from 440 until his death in 461. In one of his sermons, he said, “What is to happen to our bodies should now take place in our hearts.”

In other words, not only should we keep the reality of Christ’s resurrection alive in spirit, but we should also conduct ourselves as resurrection people who someday will be citizens of heaven. As members of the Body of Christ, we can take comfort in Pope Leo’s promise that, “the body that ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the Father’s glory is ours. “If we walk in the way of his commandments, we, too, will rise to share in the glory of Easter.”

Our prayer today: *Jesus, we thank you today for sharing your*

Resurrection with us and making us forever an Easter people.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OF ADMINISTRATION UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

The Archbishop, members of the Archieparchial Finance Council and the Finance Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia are pleased to share the audited financial report of revenues and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2015. This is the annual presentation of this information to all of parishes and faithful. This information and format is meant to be shared by parish priests with their faithful in parish bulletins and in the E-newsletter. We are committed to transparency of our financial administration. It is required and expected of all parish priests and their finance councils to report yearly parish finances to their parishioners. We are thankful of the generous and thoughtful support received from our faithful for the administration and fulfilling of pastoral and evangelizing requirements of the Archeparchy. Know of our remembrance of you in our prayers and in our Liturgies. God bless you richly for your generous sharing with your Church.

Audited Financial Results for 2015
as of December 31, 2015

2015	In Thousands		
	Revenues Gains & Other		
513	Net Eparchial Assessments	18.9%	
12	Cemetery Contributions	.4%	
308	Contributions & Bequest	11.3%	
116	Investment income	4.3%	
794	Service Fee (Clergy Salary, Insurance)	29.2%	
272	Grants	10.0%	
700	Sale of Property	25.8%	
	2,715		Total Revenues
	Expenses		
229	Pastoral Ed. & Ministerial Services	6.9%	
2,118	Supporting Service/Parish subsidy	63.4%	
576	Seminary	17.2%	
352	Cathedral	10.5%	
41	Museum	1.2%	
26	Cemetery	.8%	
	3,342		Total Expenses
	(627)		Archieparchial Gain or (Loss)
	(579)	Net Gain or (Loss) on Assets Held for Investment	
22,981	Net Gain or (Loss) on Land, Building & Equipment		
21,774	Changes in Net Assets		
371,032	Net Assets Beginning of Year		
392,806	Net Assets End of Year		



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Tickets available now! \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. For sale after Divine Liturgy. See Steffy, Nancy or contact the rectory!
Drawing May15th

MOTHER'S DAY



The past several decades have seen great changes in the status of women in our society. What is not known, however, is the impact that Christ made for women during the years of His life, and the continuing impact of His Church for women.

Before the time of Christ, in pagan days, the status of women has been described in these terms: they were unwanted at birth, untaught in childhood, enslaved as wives, accursed as widows, and not mourned for at death. At the time of Our Lord, under Roman law, women were under perpetual guardianship; this means they had no legal authority over their own children, and husbands exercised authority of life and death over them. She was more of a piece of property than a living soul

and child of God. The “rite” of “giving the bride away” by her father at a western style wedding ceremony is the remnant of this kind of thinking. In some parts of the world, even today, the status of women is far from what it should be. Some nations still have child-marriage and child-widowhood. It is said that there are millions of widows in India under the age of 19. A girl can become a widow even if she never sees the man who was married to her by arrangement of her parents. Christ gave women a place of dignity. He accepted women to be disciples, followers of His. Women were among Paul’s workers in spreading the Gospel. We think of the three Marys of the Scriptures: first, the Mother of God, the first among women, the mother of a new creation through Christ; then Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and John, great apostles of the Lord. What a wonderful Christian was Dorcas, who used her sewing skills to clothe the needy of her town; then there was Lyddia, a seller of clothing materials who opened her house to a church for the early Christians; think of Eunice and Lois who taught young Timothy to know and love the Scriptures.

Jesus took the time, even when hungry and thirsty, to talk to the woman of Samaria – of a despised race and a despised life – yet Jesus spoke tenderly to her and taught her great spiritual truths. Think of the women caught in adultery and condemned by the men of her time, but whom Jesus saved by reminding the men of their own sins. Think of the marvelous myrrh bearing women who ministered to Jesus in life and death. It is thanks to the influence of Christ that women have reached their status of today, and it is through the influence of His teaching that this enlightenment will continue in the future.

Even Mother’s Day has a distinct Christian background, for it was a loving Christian daughter, Ann Jarvis, who thought of honoring a loving, kind, and pious Christian mother that led to the establishment of this special day.



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 - \$ 843.35 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 960.00 Cemetery \$ 60.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of + Steve Mistysyn by Wife, Margaret & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on the Mothers of St. Michael's.

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- In Memory of the Deceased Mothers of St. Michael's.

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
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
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Jim Rehnert
Walter Mistishen
Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

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