

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, October 16th, 2016 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 15 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, October 16 th	10:30am God's Blessings on Leonard & Dolores Kozlosky by Charles Calise and Helen O'Connell
Tuesday, October 18 th	8:00am + Charles & +Mary Lazusky by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family
Wednesday, October 19 th	No Divine Liturgy
Friday, October 21 st	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 22 nd	3:30pm +William &+ Stella Malhulsky by Anna Seroka
Sunday, October 23 rd	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 15 th	9:00am +Lydia Huerta by Halupa Family 5:30pm +Peter, +Anna,& +Demetrius Porchick by Anna & Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, October 16 th	8:30am +Anna Yankosky by the Bender Family
Monday, October 17 th	8:00am Roman Misstishin by Mary & Harold Albion & Family
Thursday, October 20 th	Health & God's Blessings for Michael Covach for his 94 th Birthday by his Family- to be said in Rome
Saturday, October 22 nd	5:30pm +Theodore & +Mary Stock by Stock & Kubiaka Family
Sunday, October 23 rd	8:30am +Mary Toth by Gene & Peggy Ebling

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 15 th	Gal 6:11-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 16 th	Gal 6:11-18	Charles Calise
Saturday, October 22 nd	Eph 2:4-10	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, October 23 rd	Eph 2:4-10	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 15 th	Gal 6:11-18	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, October 16 th	Gal 6:11-18	Lauralee Sadusky
Saturday, October 22 nd	Eph 2:4-10	Christine Romanko
Sunday, October 23 rd	Eph 2:4-10	Theresa Panchison

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 11/20 & 12/18. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Christmas Bingo DATE CHANGE! Sunday , November 6th . Doors open at 12 noon Early Bird at 1:15pm Bingo starts at 1:30pm Admission \$25.00 *All Players must purchase an admission ticket *Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for a Christmas Item . * Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item For Tickets call 570-462-0809

Christmas Bingo- Help is needed for Christmas Bingo. Any time you can offer would be appreciated. Your helping with cooking, set-up or the day of the event would be amazing. We also need desserts for the day of the event. It would be wonderful if desserts had a Christmas theme, such a Christmas cookies or cupcakes . If you can help in any way please let Steffy Rarick know, or contact the rectory.



Lottery Raffle –LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS _ DRAWING ON SUNDAY Please see Stephanie Rarick . Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There are \$376.00 in Scratch- Offs in the basket- Good Luck !

American Girl Doll Basket Raffle – Tickets for our American Girl Doll Basket Raffle are now available. Please see Stephanie Rarick or the rectory for Tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The basket includes: Lea Clark- the Girl of the Year Doll, Lea's Hiking outfit, Lea's Hike Accessories, Lea's Accessories, Softball Set, Summer Hoodie Set, & Chocolate Glasses. Good Luck !



Catechism classes- for those receiving Solemn Communion and First Penance they will be Wednesday Evenings at 6:00pm instructed by Sister Zenovia All other students will meet on Thursdays at 6:00pm will be instructed by Theresa Krajcirik. Classes Have begun, if you were unable to make the first class, please join us this week .

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light : Available Dates- 10/30

St Nicholas Banquet- The traditional St Nicholas Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 4th, 2016. The dinner will be served at noon by the wait staff of the TNT Deli. The dinner will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, cole slaw and bread with butter. Dessert will be cake and coffee and soda are included. Donation is \$12.00 Children under 12 are free.

Both Churches:

Food Bank – As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need, this outreach is run solely on donations. 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.

As a reminder the rectory hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm , Monday – Thursdays. Phone messages are checked multiple times a day, and will be responded to according to urgency. If you have an emergency, please leave a message so that we will be able to address your needs as soon as possible. Fr. George Worschak will be celebrating Divine Liturgies on October 22nd & 23rd and October 29th & 30th. Questions should be addressed to Msgr. this weekend.

Roast Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner- Divine Mercy Parish is sponsoring a roast beef or chicken breast dinner on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 11:00am to 1:30 pm in St. Stephen Hall, corner of east oak St. & South Main St. You will have a choice of Roast Beef or Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast. Each dinner will include: Mashed Potato's, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Roll. The Cost of the dinner will be \$8.00 –Take out only. The dinner will be provided by A & C Catering. Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. Shenandoah.

Monthly Caregivers Support Group- Wednesday October 19th – Dementia and Alzheimer's Wednesday: November 16th – Cancer & Chronic Illness Support.: Wednesday December 21st – Stages of Grief and Loss during the Holidays. RSVP at 570-621-7200 or Melissa.E.Clark@consulatehc.com Luther Ridge at Seiders Hill 160 Red Horse Road , Pottsville PA

Meatball and Sausage Hoagie (with peppers & onions) sale sponsored by Divine Mercy Parish to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Stephen Hall, corner of East Oak St. & South Main Streets. The cost of each hoagie is \$ 5.00 take out only. Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St., Shenandoah, PA 17976. DEADLINE FOR RETURN: Sunday, November 27th



All Faithful Invited to Prayer Services in Honor of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in the U.S., to be held Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 pm in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Ukrainian Catholic bishop, 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. Moleben to the Mother of God will be celebrated by the Ukrainian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic and Roman Catholic bishops with a homily 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 Panakhyda. After the services, all are invited for refreshments in the Cathedral Social Hall. We encourage all the faithful and religious to come together with their clergy in prayer as we honor his contribution and pray

for the soul of our first hierarch, Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM.

Craft Sale –Saturday, November 5th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be available along with a variety of food made our way & bake goods. SS. Cyril & Methodius Church 706 Warren St & First Ave in Berwick. For information call Janina Everett at 570-759-2824.

Homemade Soups and Baked Goods, along with Christmas Country Craft Items. Saturday October 29th from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the St. Nicholas Hall Parking Area, Minersville .

In order to understand God, you must stand under God.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Osteoporosis of the soul -Thursday, 22 September 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 39, 30 September 2016)

Vanity, along with greed and pride, is one of the “roots of all evil” in the heart of every person. The frantic pursuit, so typical of our times, “to pretend and appear” to be a certain way, does not lead to anything, “it does not bring us any true gain” and leaves the soul restless.

The *vanitas vanitatum* from the Book of Ecclesiastes (1:2-11), proposed in the liturgy of the day, was the focus of Pope Francis’ homily in the Mass he celebrated at Santa Marta on Thursday morning, 22 September. The first point he focused on, however, was the anxiety experienced by King Herod, described in the Gospel of Luke (9:7-9). Indeed, the sovereign “was troubled” because this Jesus whom everyone was speaking of, “was a threat to him”. Some thought it was John, but the king repeated: “John I beheaded; so who is this about whom I hear such things?”. He was restless, the Pope noted, recalling that Herod’s father, Herod the Great, had also been “seized with fright” when the wise men came to worship Jesus.

In our soul, the Pope explained, “it’s possible to experience two types of restlessness: the good one, which is the restlessness of the Holy Spirit, which the Holy Spirit gives us, and unsettles the soul in order to do good things, to move forward; and there is also the bad type of restlessness, the one that is born of a guilty conscience”. The latter is what characterized the two contemporary rulers of Jesus’ time: “they had a guilty conscience, and that is why they were restless, because they had done bad things and did not have peace, and every event seemed to threaten them”. Moreover, their way of solving problems was to kill people, and they advanced this way, by stepping “over people’s corpses”.

Those who, like them, said Francis, “do harm”, have “a guilty conscience and cannot live in peace”: the restlessness torments them and they live “with a constant itch, a rash that does not leave them at peace”. The Pope centred his reflection on this interior situation: “these people have done evil, but evil, any evil, always has the same root: greed, vanity and pride”. All three, he added, “leave you without peace of conscience”, all three prevent you from entering “the *healthy restlessness* of the Holy Spirit”, and “cause you to live with restlessness, with fear”.

At this point, prompted by the First Reading, the Pope focused on vanity: “Vanity of vanities ... vanity of vanities! All is vanity”. The expression from the Book of Ecclesiastes, he noted, might appear “a bit pessimistic”, even if in reality “not everything is like this: there are good people”. However, Francis explained, “the text is meant to underline this temptation”, which “was also the first” experienced by “our forefathers: to be like God”. Vanity “makes us bloat us”, but “it does not last long, as it is like a bubble”, and never brings “any true gain”. Yet, man “is anxious to appear” a certain way, “to pretend, and to resemble”. To put it simply: “Vanity is putting makeup on one’s life. And this renders the soul sick, because one puts makeup on his life in order to appear and to seem” a certain way, “and all of the things that he does are to pretend, out of vanity, and in the end what does he gain?”.

To better understand this interior reality, the Pope used a few concrete images: “vanity is like ‘osteoporosis’ of the soul: the bones look good from the outside, but on the inside they are ruined”. Furthermore: “Vanity leads us to fraud; as con artists mark cards in order to gain. This victory is false, it is not real. This is vanity: living to pretend, living to resemble, living to appear. And this unsettles the soul”.

In this regard, the Pope said, St Bernard addressed those who are vain with a word “all too strong”: “But think about what you will become. You will be food for worms”. As if to say: “putting makeup on your life

is a lie, because the worms will devour you and you will be nothing". However, "where does the power of vanity lie?", Francis asked. "Driven by pride, toward evil", man does not want "his mistake to be seen", and tends to "cover everything". It is true that there are many "holy people"; but it is equally true that there are people about whom you think: "What a good person! He goes to Mass every Sunday. He gives large offerings to the Church", while being unaware of the "osteoporosis", of the "corruption he has within". Moreover, "vanity is this: it makes you look as though you have a saintly face, while the truth about you within is quite different".

Faced with this, the Pope concluded, "where is our strength, our security and refuge?". The answer is also offered in the liturgy. In the Responsorial Psalm of the day, in fact, we hear: "Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation". In the Gospel acclamation we recall Jesus' words: "I am the way, the truth and the life". This "is the truth", Francis said, "not the makeup of vanity".

Therefore it is important to pray "that the Lord will deliver us from these three roots of all evil: greed, vanity and pride. But especially from vanity, which does us so much harm".

ON THE SUNDAY BETWEEN OCTOBER 11-17, THE CHURCH remembers the holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council gathered under the supervision of the holy Patriarch Tarasios (February 25). The letters of the Pope in Rome to the empress and to the patriarch prove superabundantly that the Holy See of Rome approved the convocation of this Council. Pope Hadrian I (+795) of the Church in Rome afterwards wrote to "Charles the Great -Charlemagne" (+814); "Et sic synodum istam, secundum nostram ordinationem, fecerunt" (Thus they have held the synod in accordance with our directions). This is important because on a personal level, Charlemagne exhibited a great bias against anything Byzantine or Hellenic. He advocated the use of statues instead of icons, so much that the use of icons in the West was almost completely suppressed, even though Pope Hadrian I tried valiantly to put a stop to this. Charlemagne also advocated the insertion of the "filioque" clause into the Creed (Symbol of Faith), which most Popes of Rome, especially Saint Leo III (+816), resisted, but finally in 1014, there was a weak Pope in Rome who capitulated in this matter under great political pressure from Henry II, a successor of Charlemagne on the throne of the anti-Byzantine Western "Holy Roman Empire". In any case, the Council of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

The council was attended by bishops as well as representatives of bishops but we do not know exactly how many of them were there since ancient historians vary between the numbers 330 and 367. The Acts of the Council which we still possess show not fewer than 308 bishops or representatives of bishops as signatories. To these may be added a certain number of monks, archimandrites, imperial secretaries, and clerics of Constantinople, who signed the documents but did not have the right to vote.

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church follows the Greek practice, wherein the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. In some other Byzantine Churches, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding, rather than the following, Sunday.

Many thanks to Steve Zinski for providing the following reflections for us:

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICAEA, OR SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Today, on the Sunday following October 11, we commemorate the 350 Fathers who attended the Seventh Ecumenical Council held at Nicaea in the year 787, in which the question of Iconoclasm was settled. Emperor Leo the Isaurian (717-741) tried to eliminate the misuse of icons and carried out religious reforms, issuing two proclamations against icons. In the first made in 726 he ordered that the icons be raised higher. In the second made in 730 he ordered all representations of Christ and His saints to be torn from the walls of churches and burned, and all bronze, silver and gold statues to be melted and converted into coins that would bear his effigy.

A monk named Stephen presented one of these coins to the Emperor and asked him: "Sire, whose image is this?" "It is mine," answered the Emperor. Whereupon the monk threw the coin on the ground and trampled it.

He was seized by the imperial attendants and condemned to a cruel death. "Alas," cried the holy religious, "if I am punished so severely for dishonoring the image of a mortal monarch, what punishment do they deserve who burn the image of Jesus Christ!"

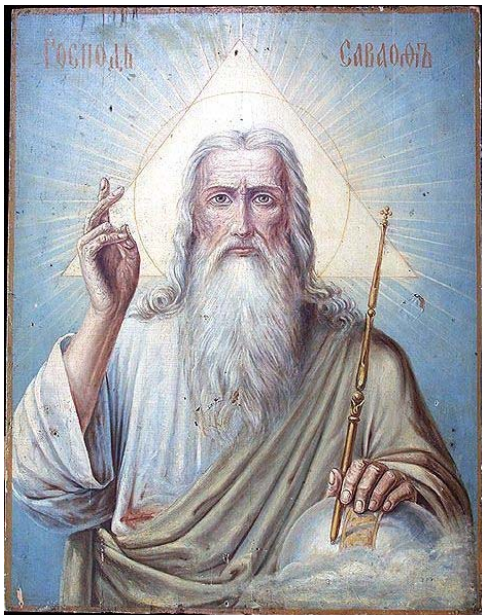
St. John Damascus issued three homilies indicating the right use of icons. [Pope Benedict XVI of Rome preached about this topic on May 6, 2009.] St. John Damascene quoted St. Basil the Great, who, while speaking on the Holy Spirit, referred to icons, that "the honor which is given to the icon passes over to the prototype" that is, to the persons themselves. They help us "to imitate their virtues and to glorify God," St. John added. The icons should serve as a monument of the acts of heroism of the Saints. Nevertheless, in the controversy precious works of art were consigned to the flames, manuscripts with miniature icons were destroyed, blood was shed. The people were divided into icon lovers and icon breakers. The destruction of religious images continued, however, for many years.

In 787, the Second Council of Nicaea established the doctrine of the Church, confirmed eight hundred years later by the Council of Trent: "Images of Christ, of His Virgin Mother and of other saints should be made and preserved. Due honor and veneration should be given to them, not that any power or virtue is believed to be in them, on account of which they would need to be honored, or that any prayer should be addressed to them as had been done formerly by heathens who placed their hope in idols: but because the honor they receive refers to the subjects they represent, so that by kissing images, uncovering our heads or kneeling before them, we adore Christ and venerate His saints whose likeness they represent." (Session 25.) Thus, the Seventh, Ecumenical Council allows us to use icons and to render them honor. We may ***honor*** and ***venerate*** the saints and icons of saints, using the meaning of the Greek: *doulia* and the Latin: *servitus*. But, in reference to the Creator, we must and do give ***adoration or worship*** (Greek: *latreia* -Latin: *latria*) and this can and does belong to God, One in the Holy Trinity, ALONE. ***Thus, the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council elevated icons above sacred vessels, and placed them on the same level as the Cross of our Lord and the Book of the Holy Gospels.***

Icons should be present in every Christian home because the icons symbolize God's presence. They are a constant reminder of the supernatural life, and appeal to morality and conscience. It is difficult to lie, to cheat, to be brutal in front of an icon.

How many icons do you have in your home? Among our younger families pictures of famous celebrities are to be seen on walls but very few icons. Are we going to allow one of the most precious traditions of our faith, something people were willing to lose their lives for -the icon -to disappear from our homes? If so, what will symbolize God's presence in our home? What will serve as an invitation to prayer?

Greater Than God?



If after almost a year of reading, discussing, meditating and praying about mercy we are still unconvinced, Pope Francis has laid it out in blunt terms, and his message bears repeating: “If God has forgiven me, why shouldn’t I forgive others? Am I greater than God?”

The Pope goes on to underscore the fact that “judging and condemning one’s brother who sins is wrong.” Because, he explains, “to condemn the sinner breaks the bond of fraternity with him and ignores the mercy of God, who does not want to give up on any of his children.”

During a General Audience in last month, Francis focused on a reading from Luke (6:36-38), where Jesus instructs his disciples to stop judging others and be merciful, as God is.

The motto for the Year of Mercy, “Merciful Like the Father,” comes from this admonition.

Also, by showing mercy to others, God will return that measure of mercy after our death. “It is we ourselves who decide how we will be judged,” the Pope said.

Our prayer for today: *Father, we pray that we may grow to be a reflection of you, full of love, compassion and mercy.*

(Image: Russian icon, “Lord of Sabbath,” 19th century)



Christmas Bingo

Sunday, November 6th, 2016 (date change)

Doors open at 12 noon

Early Bird at 1:15pm

Bingo starts at 1:30pm

Admission \$25.00

***All Players must purchase an admission ticket**

***Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for Christmas item .**

*** Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item**

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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.

Weekly Contributions

Parishes Weekly Income: **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 1,162.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$793.00 Cemetery \$60.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas In Memory of +Anna , +Demetrius & +Peter Porchik by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael God's Blessings on Travelers.

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

Eva Koch	Helen O'Connell	Susan Enders	Christine Lenhart*
Dolores Kozie	Helen Beddall	Dolores O'Connell Leahy	& Rosemary (Mother)
Martha Hysock	Irene Flaherty	Helen Bereschak	Bill McAndrew*
Sandy Bankes*	Tom Prete	Helen Sims	Andrea Pytak
Shannon's Mom*	Susan Chernesky	Mary Mazur	Annie Cragen
Matthew Morrisey	Maya Usewicz	Keilbasa Family*	Irene Yaroma

St. Nicholas

Helen Salak	Peter Kadingo	Laura Seasock	Joseph Salak
Margaret Skrincosky		Anna Skrincosky	Jim Rehnert
Mary Mistishen	Mary Kadingo	Catherine Washuta	Walter Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill	Metro & Helen Tarris	Elizabeth Gulas	Andrew Skrincosky

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