

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, October 2nd 2016 20th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1 st	3:30pm God's Blessings on Mett by a Friend
Sunday, October 2 nd	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Tuesday, October 4 th	8:00am Thanksgiving of God's Blessings by Susan
Wednesday, October 5 th	8:00am +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by Irene & Bill Mc Andrew
Friday, October 7 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, October 8 th	3:30pm +Michael & +Anna Kaczmarczyk by Anne Evans
Sunday, October 9 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1 st	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary Naradko by Ted Naradko
Sunday, October 2 nd	8:30am +Frank Homa Jr by Ron & Mary Ann Dunn
Monday, October 3 rd	8:00am +William Covach by Theresa Panchison
Thursday, October 6 th	8:00am +Charles & +Pauline Naradko- Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, October 8 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Jeannette Stock by Mike & Susan Prokop
Sunday, October 9 th	8:30am +Saranckak Family- Legacy Liturgy

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 1 st	Gal 1:11-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 2 nd	Gal 1:11-19	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, October 8 th	Gal 2:16-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, October	Gal 2:16-20	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 1 st	Gal 1:11-19	David Toth
Sunday, October 2 nd	Gal 1:11-19	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, October 8 th	Gal 2:16-20	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, October	Gal 2:16-20	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 10/9, 10/16, 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



Lottery Raffle – Tickets for our Lottery Basket Raffle are now available. Please see Stephanie Rarick or the rectory for Tickets. 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 beginning Wednesday September 28th. All other students will meet on Thursdays at 6:00pm beginning on September 29th and will be instructed by Theresa Krajcirik.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light : Available Dates- 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

Both Churches:

Chinese Auction: Ss. Peter and Paul Altar Rosary Society, Mt. Carmel, is sponsoring a Chinese auction on Sunday, October 9th 2016 in the church hall located at the corner of West Ave. and Beech St. Doors open at 11:30am and the Auction begins at 2:00. There will be a Browse & Bid on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Players need not be present to win. There will be great prizes and great food to eat in or take out. For more information call the rectory office during business hours at 570 339-0650. Hope to see you there!

MEATLOAF DINNER Sponsored by St. Nicholas Women's Sodality on Wednesday, October 12th from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Includes...meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, roll & butter & dessert \$ 10.00/platter...EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

DSI Soups- Thursday, October 13th from 10:00 am till sell out. \$5.00 a quart and \$2.50 a pint. Soups include New England Clam Chowder, Pasta Fagirole, Chicken Noodle, Split Pea, Kielbasi & Beef Vegetable. Sausage Hoagies \$3.50 each. For early orders call 570-462-2060. DSI- 116 North Main St Shenandoah.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The 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. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection 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 Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of ‘Treasury of Faith’ Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone’s anticipated assistance and participation.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016 at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania We invite all our married faithful to join with our Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka to celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries at a Divine Liturgy in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 11 AM followed by a Banquet in their honor. Cost is \$50.00 per couple and \$30.00 per guest. Deadline for registration is October 1st. Registration forms are in the back of the Church or contact the rectory.

85th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God- “Mother of Mercy” Celebrating s Year of Mercy. Come pray with us at the Order of Saint Basil the Great at 710 Fox Chase Rd Jenkintown PA on Sunday October 2nd. The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 11 am and ends with Moleben at 4pm. Food will be served from 1pm to 5pm. Special Vocation presentation by Rev. Paul Makar. “ *Come walk through the Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the Love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.* “ *Pope Francis.*

FALL FOOD SALE ST. JOHN’S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL HAVE A FOOD SALE ON OCT. 8th AT THE GROVE IN MAIZEVILLE FROM NOON TILL SELLOUT. FOOD TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEGINNING AT 11:45 a.m. MENU WILL INCLUDE PYROHY, HALUSHKIE, BLEENIES, HALUPKIES, OPEN FIRE BEAN SOUP, HOT DOGS, BBQ, HAMBURGERS, HOME MADE BAKED GOODS, DRINKS

Year of Mercv Pilgrimage- Saturday October 15th at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish 135 River St Olyphant PA . Doors open at 1:00pm Veneration of the Vatican Commissioned Replica of the Shroud of Turin. 2:00pm Confessions- Sacrament of Reconciliation. 3:30pm Praying of the Holy Rosary. 4:00pm Divine Liturgy concelebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka & the Clergy of the North Anthracite Deanery. To receive the “Plenary Indulgence “ for this Holy Year of Mercy (the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin) the Pilgrim must: Sacramentally confess their sins. Receive the Holy Eucharist that same day & Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father & one Hail Mary)

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

“Dear Families, May the protection of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph always accompany all of you and help you walk united in love and in caring for one another. I willingly invoke on every family the blessing of the Lord”. Pope Francis

POPE FRANCIS

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

Under her mantle Thursday, 15 September 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 38, 23 September 2016)

In a world of orphans, Mary is the mother who fully understands us and defends us, because she too has personally experienced the same humiliation suffered, for example, by the mothers of prisoners today. Celebrating Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Pope Francis recommended that in difficult moments we always seek refuge “under the mantle” of the Mother of God. Thus he repeated the “spiritual council of Russian mystics”, which in the West have been reprised in the antiphon *Sub tuum praesidium*.

Speaking about the “mystery of Mary’s motherhood”, the Pope drew inspiration from the scene of the Last Supper: “Jesus, at the table, bids farewell to his disciples: there is an air of sadness, everyone knew that there was something that would end badly and they asked questions, they were sad”. In Jesus’ farewell, however, “in order to give them a bit of courage and also to prepare them in hope, Jesus said to them: ‘Do not be sad, let not your hearts be sad, I will not leave you alone! I will ask the Father to send another Paraclete, who will accompany you. And he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said’”. The Lord, therefore, “promises to send the Holy Spirit in order to accompany the disciples, the Church, on the path of history”.

Jesus, however, “also speaks of the Father”. Indeed, Pope Francis recalled, “in that long, long conversation with the disciples, he speaks of the Father”, assuring them “that the Father loves them and that anything that they ask of the Father, the Father will give to them”, that they “ought to trust in the Father”. In this way, the Pope explained, Jesus goes “a step further: not only does he say ‘I will not leave you alone’, but also ‘I will not leave you as orphans, I give you the Father, the Father is with you, my Father is your Father’”. Francis continued: “we know everything that happened after that dinner: the humiliation, the prison, the disciples’ betrayal; Peter denies Jesus, and the others flee”.

Referring to the passage in the liturgy of the day, taken from the Gospel of John (19:25-27), the Pope said that under the cross there was “only one disciple with Jesus’ mother, with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, a relative”. There, at the cross, “is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and everyone is looking at her”, perhaps whispering: “She is the mother of this criminal! She is the mother of this traitor”. And Mary, the Pope added, “heard these things, she suffered terrible humiliation and even heard some of the great priests, whom she respected because they were priests”, say to Jesus: “But you who are so great, come down, come down!”. Francis said that as Mary stood beside “her Son, naked there” on the cross. She experienced “such intense suffering, but did not leave, she did not deny her Son, He was her flesh”.

Sharing a personal anecdote, the Pope recalled: “When I was in the diocese of Buenos Aires, it would often happen that when I went to prisons to visit the inmates, I would see a queue, a line of women waiting to enter: they were the mothers, but they were not ashamed, their own flesh was there inside” the prison. Those “women suffered not only the shame of being there, hearing people say: “Look at her,

what did her son do?”. Those mothers “also suffered the worst humiliation of the inspections required before they could enter. But they were mothers, and they were going there to see their own flesh”. And so it was for Mary, who “was there, with her Son, with that great suffering”.

Precisely “at that time”, the Pope noted, “Jesus — who had said he would never leave us as orphans, who spoke of the Father — looked at his Mother and gave her to us as a Mother: ‘Behold, your Mother!’”. The Lord “does not leave us as orphans: we Christians have a Mother”, the same Mother that Jesus had; “we have a Father, the same as Jesus. We are not orphans”. And Mary “gives birth in that moment, with so much pain. It is truly a martyrdom: with her pierced heart, she agrees in that painful moment to give birth to all of us. And from that moment on she became our Mother, since that moment she is our Mother, the one who takes care of us and is not ashamed of us: she defends us”.

“The Russian mystics of the early centuries of the Church”, Pope Francis noted, in this regard, “counseled their disciples, the young monks to take refuge under the mantle of the Holy Mother of God during times of spiritual turmoil. The devil cannot enter there because she is Mother, and as a Mother she defends”. Thus “the West took this counsel and created the first Marian antiphon, *Sub tuum praesidium*: under your mantle, placed under your care, O Mother, we are safe there”.

“Today is the Feast of the moment that Mary gave birth to us”, the Pope continued, “and she has been faithful to this offspring to this very day, and will continue to be faithful”. In a world “which we might call an ‘orphan’, this world that suffers the crisis of a great orphanhood, perhaps we can offer our help by saying: ‘Look to your mother!’”. Because we have a mother “who defends us, teaches us, accompanies us, and is not ashamed of our sins”. Indeed, “she is not ashamed, because she is Mother”.

In conclusion, the Holy Father prayed that “the Holy Spirit — this friend, this companion on the journey, this Paraclete and advocate that the Lord sent to us — will help us to understand this truly great mystery of Mary’s motherhood”.

“Nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue” Zephaniah 3:13

One sister had a terrible tongue... One day it flared up again. Everybody got excited. I sent for her and she showed me her book- nineteen times she had overcome herself- only once she fell, but nobody saw these nineteen, but all saw the fall. They grumble, it must have helped her to become more humble. We can see the fault but we never know the reason. That’s why Jesus said we must not judge. Nobody saw the struggle in that child’s heart. Now you make sure you get rid of that thing from your heart-criticism, fault finding, judging. Open your eyes and see the good... Share with each other. Be completely at ease, open and in love with each other. We can’t tell lies to Jesus. If we don’t love each other, it’s not true love. Dearest Jesus, help me refrain from judging others.

Mother Teresa

THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD



The Church celebrates the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God on October 1st. Through this feast we celebrate the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the tenth century.

The account of this appearance is found in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. During services in the Church of Blachernes, St. Andrew and his disciple, St. Epiphanius, saw the Mother of God approach the ambo. She was supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and accompanied by many Saints. Here She knelt in prayer, Her face bathed in tears. After praying again at the altar, She took Her veil and extended it over the people as a sign of Her protection.

On the Icon, the Mother of God is seen standing above the faithful. Her arms, outstretched in prayer, are draped with a veil. Angels are pictured on both sides. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius are shown on the lower right of our Icon. St. Andrew, dressed only in a cloak, gestures toward the Mother of God. St.

Epiphanius, wearing a tunic under his cloak, gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance.

In the center of the Church, a young man with a halo, clothed in a deacon's sticharion, is holding in his left hand an open scroll with the text of the Christmas Kontakion in honor of the Mother of God. He is St. Romanos the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on October 1st.

There are many variations of the icon of this event. In some icons of this mystery, the Virgin is shown alone without any of the other figures associated with the original vision. This highlights the truth that the Mother of God is the "Never-failing Protectress" of all Christians, our ever-present Advocate with the Creator. This Icon tells us that we are not alone. We live in the presence of the Mother of God. She is our Protectress.

TROPARION — Protected by Your coming, O Mother of God, well-believing people solemnly celebrate today; and gazing upon Your immaculate image, they humbly say: "Watch over us with Your noble protection and deliver us from all evil by asking Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

God-with-Us Icon Series



Oct 2: Artisans of Mercy

Some 25,000 people attended Pope Francis's general audience in St. Peter's Square a few days after the canonization of Saint Teresa of Kolkata.

Before delivering his final blessing, the Pope called on young people to follow her example and be "artisans of mercy."

Why did he use the example of an artisan to illustrate his call for us to do God's missionary work through "an authentic evangelic path?"

An artisan is a worker in a trade that demands special skills, especially work that involves producing useful things by hand.

Both Jesus and his earthly father, Joseph, labored as skilled carpenters. Using handheld tools, they shaped wood toward new uses and, therefore, could be called artisans.

Men and women today create false images of God, the Pope said. They often think of him as a "psychological refuge" that provides comfort during difficult times. Or they reduce Jesus to just another teacher of ethics.

These erroneous perceptions "cancel out his missionary impulse that is capable of transforming the world and history."

Christians, Francis said, believe in the God of Jesus Christ, who wants us "to grow in the living experience of his mystery of love."

Our prayer today: *Lord Jesus, grant us the gift of great faith so that we can become signs and instruments of your mercy.*



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**

**St. Michael's Church Hall 300 W Oak St , Shenandoah, PA
for tickets or info call 570-462-0809.**

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 - \$763.00 Cemetery M. City \$40.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 435.00 Cemetery \$80.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas God's Blessings & Special Intentions

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael Special Intentions for St. Michael's Church

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- In Memory +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill Mc Andrew

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 Morrissey	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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