

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, October 30th, 2016 24th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 29 th	3:30pm +George Deffendall by Anne Evans
Sunday, October 30 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Tuesday, November 1 st	10:30 +Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky – to be said in Rome
Wednesday, November 2 nd	No Divine Liturgy
Friday, November 4 th	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 5 th	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill McAndrew
Sunday, November 6 th	10:30am +Susan Bereschak by Daughters Mary & Helen

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 29 th	5:30pm +Thomas & +Mary Pelachik by Family
Sunday, October 30 th	8:30am All Deceased Members of the Misstishin & Menuchak Families by Harold & Mary Albion & Family
Monday, October 31 st	No Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 3 rd	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 5 th	5:30pm +Anthony Panchison by Elaine Naradko
Sunday, November 6 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 29 th	Eph 2:14-22	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 30 th	Eph 2:14-22	Michael Fufila
Saturday, November 5 th	Eph 4:1-6	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, November 6 th	Eph 4:1-6	Stephanie Rarick

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, October 29 th	Eph 2:14-22	Michael Prokop
Sunday, October 30 th	Eph 2:14-22	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, November 5 th	Eph 4:1-6	David Toth
Sunday, November 6 th	Eph 4:1-6	Susan Miller

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 13th . 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.

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 !



St. Nicholas:

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 12 and under are free. Tickets available form Janet Buchinsky beginning 10/23/16.

Condolences - Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Helen Salak who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of + Helen be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat

Both Churches:

Please welcome, Fr. George Worschak who will be celebrating Divine Liturgy this weekend.

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.

Christmas Bazaar- St John the Baptist 10th & Mahantongo St Pottsville. Saturday November 12th 11am-8pm over 80 themed baskets. Various Crafts, handmade items , Wreaths, Country Corner, Bargain Table, and Food. Preview weekend- November 5th after 5pm Mass and November 6th after 8:15 and 10:30 and Masses, Pictures with Santa – bring your camera’s and take pictures with Santa November 12th after 5:00 Mass and November 13th after 10:30 Mass.

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.

17th Annual Chinese Auction benefits St. Nicholas School “Browse & Bid”...Saturday, November 5th...4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Auction- Sunday, November 6th St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose Doors open 10:00 AM; auction begins 1:00 PM Fabulous prizes...unique theme baskets! Homemade foods and much more! Donation: \$5.00

Shenandoah Catholic War Veterans Post 1107 is looking for new members. Any members of the Catholic Faith is eligible to join. Call 570-462-9560 or 570-985-4968 for more information. Thanks – Joe Chowanes

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: 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 .

Paint & Sip is a fun and unique way to uncork your creativity as an experienced local artist takes you step by step through the process of unleashing your inner Artist in order to recreate a masterpiece. Please join us on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria located at 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah and bring home your own personal work of art. Cost of adult ticket is \$40.00. This is a BYOB event and is for adults age 21 and older only. Tickets can be purchased in the school office. The last day to purchase tickets is November 2nd. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Snacks and soda will be provided. Tickets must be presented at the event for admission. For more information contact Christine Zuber Fannick.

St. Mary’s Villa, Sloatsburg-The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate invite you on November 20th to the closing of the Holy Door of Mercy at St. Mary’s Chapel. During the year hundreds of pilgrims have walked through the Holy Doors and received a plenary indulgence, graces and blessings. Some of you joined us for the opening of the Holy Door on February 7th and we hope you can join us on November 20th. If you plan on coming, please notify Sr. Kathleen at 845-753-2840 or e-mail her at srkath@gmail.com. A flyer with more information is posted in the vestibule.

POPE FRANCIS

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

We are all Corinthians Monday, 12 September 2016

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

“I ask you to do everything possible to avoid destroying the Church with division, be it ideological, or out of greed, ambition and jealousy”. Pope Francis launched this strong appeal during the Mass he celebrated on Monday morning, in the Chapel of Santa Marta. He said that the words St Paul wrote to the Corinthians also apply “to all of us, to the Church today”, and he cited a passage from the First Letter: Brethren, “I do not praise the fact that your meetings are doing more harm than good”, and “first of all, I hear that when you meet as a Church there are divisions among you”.

Recalling Paul’s words, Pope Francis asked that we “above all pray and safeguard the source, the specific root of the unity of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, and that we celebrate daily his sacrifice in the Eucharist”. The devil, the Pope explained, “has two powerful weapons for destroying the Church: division and money”.

Before reflecting on the passage of St Paul proposed in the liturgy, Pope Francis wanted to offer a practical, simple and direct testimony. “Today the Lord gives us a grace, the grace of memory”, he said at the very beginning of his homily, in this way presenting Msgr Arturo Antonio Szymanski Ramírez, “a brother Bishop who has done so much for the council”. The elderly Mexican Bishop concelebrated at the Mass with the Pope, and exchanged the sign of peace with him. On Friday, 9 September, the Pope had received him in an Audience. “At 95 years of age he continues to work, helping parishes”, Pope Francis said, inviting those present to give thanks to the Lord especially “for the grace of memory”.

Archbishop Szymanski Ramírez, Archbishop emeritus of San Luis Potosí, was born on 17 January 1922. A priest since 1947 and bishop since 1960, he took part in the work of the Second Vatican Council, seated (on account of his Slavik name) between Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and Archbishop Karol Wojtyła, and was frequently in contact with Joseph Ratzinger. Retiring from his position as first Archbishop of San Luis Potosí on 20 January 1999, Archbishop Szymanski Ramírez has never ceased to humbly serve his people.

In his meditation Pope Francis thus drew inspiration from the passage of the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (11:17-26). The Apostle, he noted, reproaches his interlocutors “because there are divisions” among them: “He rebukes them for the division that is among them, they are divided: they fight, one on the one side, and one on the other”. And “division destroys the fabric of the Church”. Moreover, the Pope explained, “the devil has two powerful weapons for destroying the Church: division and money”. The devil destroys “with these two weapons”. However, this has been so from the beginning: “the divisions in the Church have been there since the beginning; the greed for money too”.

In this regard, the Pope recalled the struggles, including “theological and ideological divisions”, which “have torn at the Church: the devil sows jealousy, ambition and ideas, but only to divide! Or he sows greed: let us remember Ananias and Sapphira, in the early times”. Because, he remarked, “since the

early times there have been divisions, and division causes destruction in the Church: divisions destroy, like a war: after a war everything is destroyed and the devil goes away pleased”.

But “being naive, we are playing his game”, Pope Francis said, adding: “And I will say more about war: the war of divisions is a dirty war, it is like terrorism. Let us look at a clear example: when in a Christian community — be it a parish, college or institution, whatever it may be — you gossip, you drop a bomb to destroy the other”; and in this way “the other is destroyed” but “I am fine, and I can continue”. This is “the terrorism of gossip!”. The Pope pointed out that the Apostle James “also said: the tongue kills; it drops a bomb, therefore, it destroys”, while “I remain”.

“There are divisions among you”: Pope Francis repeated Paul’s words to the Corinthians. And, he continued, “the divisions in the Church do not allow the kingdom of God to grow; they do not allow the Lord to be seen clearly, as He is”. Instead, “the divisions make you see only this part, and the other part is opposed to this: always opposed, there is no oil of unity, the balm of unity”.

“But the devil goes further”, Pope Francis warned, stating: “Not only in the Christian community, he goes to the very root of Christian unity”. And this is what “happens here, in the city of Corinth, to the Corinthians: Paul rebukes them because the divisions go to the very root of unity, in other words, to the Eucharistic celebration”. In this case the rich prepare “to eat, to celebrate; the poor do not, they have a bit of bread and nothing more in their celebration”. The Apostle writes: “Do you not have houses in which you can eat and drink? Or do you show contempt for the Church of God and make those who have nothing feel ashamed?”.

Therefore, the Pope explained, Paul “takes this, he stops and recalls: ‘Be careful. For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over...’; and he recalls, as we heard, the institution of the Eucharist, the first Eucharistic celebration”. Moreover, Pope Francis said, “the root of unity is in the Eucharistic celebration”. And “the Lord prayed to the Father that ‘they may be one even as we are one’, he prayed for unity”. However, “the devil seeks to destroy all the way” to the root.

At this point Pope Francis launched his appeal to “do everything possible to avoid destroying the Church with division, be it ideological, or out of greed, ambition and jealousy”. And above all “to pray and safeguard the source, the specific root of the unity of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, and that we daily celebrate his sacrifice in the Eucharist”. The words Paul wrote to the Corinthians apply to us too: he asks us to gather together “for the better” and not “for the worst”, warning against being a Church “gathered for the worst, for division: for the worst, to soil the body of Christ, in the Eucharistic celebration”. And “Paul himself tells us, in another passage: ‘Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner... eats and drinks judgement upon himself’”.

In conclusion, Pope Francis asked the Lord in prayer for the “unity of the Church, that there be no divisions”. And also for unity “in the root of the Church, which is precisely the sacrifice of Christ, which we celebrate every day”.



PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned. Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask our minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



I have noticed over time that references to us and other Eastern Rites use the word “Church” instead of “Rite”. Aren’t we Catholics of the Eastern Rite?

Your observation is correct. Since the promulgation of “The Decree on Eastern Catholic Churches,” by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council (more than forty years ago), more precise terminology has been employed when writing, and speaking of those non-Roman Catholics in communion with each other (and with Rome).

Our wholeness as a Church is expressed. “Church” allows us to be seen in the context of Christianity as a complete system of theology, spirituality, liturgy and discipline. Rite implies we are just a ritual variation of the Roman Church. This is not an accurate appraisal.

As “Church” we better exhibit the concept evident in Early Christianity; of diverse groups of people united in faith to each other in Christ not in external trappings of one particular understanding of the Mystery that is -the Church.

“Rite” is still a valuable term—to refer to a particular ritual—such as the “rite” of blessing water, or a home; the “rite” of confessing sins; the “rite” or ritual of the wedding. Rather than see ourselves as a “Rite of the Catholic Church,” it may be better to describe ourselves as “one of the Churches of the Church” united by inter communion with each other. Much as a Floridian and Michigander are Americans, united by certain commonality—but distinct in many areas, - are Armenians, Maronites, Byzantines-and Roman Catholics. An Idahoan is no less an American by being from Idaho. A Ukrainian Catholic is no less a Catholic than any other Catholic by being a member of this Church and the Church.

A simple change in terminology will speak well of our understanding, of the place of and relationship with all Catholics joined together in this “Confederation of Churches.



Oct 30- Eyes of Mercy

We've all heard the story. Jesus sees a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office and says to him, "Follow me."

But do we really buy it? In the time of Jesus, tax collectors were despised. Not only did they work for the hated Romans, but they also cheated the their own people out of even more money than the Romans demanded—which went right into their own pockets.

Such a man dropped everything to take up with an itinerant preacher?

Yes.

Why is this story believable?

Saint Bede the Venerable, a seventh-century monk, explains that Jesus saw Matthew not in the usual sense, but with his merciful understanding of people.

Matthew, therefore, essentially shrank under the power of Christ's eyes of mercy and surrendered to God's grace.

When we look with "eyes of mercy" at those who disappoint us or disagree with us or even humiliate us, can we see buried beneath their "unworthiness" the seeds of a desire for God, the attempts to love (however botched), or the hunger for holiness (perhaps muddied and misdirected, but still there)?

Our prayer today: *Lord, you showed your great mercy to Matthew by calling him to be your apostle. May we, too, always be as eager as Matthew to answer your call to holiness.*



Christmas Bingo DATE CHANGE!!!!

Sunday, November 13th, 2016

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*

Prizes: dinnerware & serving sets, nativity set, lighted trees, illuminated lawn decor, crystals and stemware, figurines & florals, holiday baking/cookware, giftwrap essentials, house trim, themed groupings Featured items from Lenox, Waterford, Princess House, Pfaltzgraff and more

**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 - \$713.25 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$507.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas Special Intentions requested by Elizabeth Jansson & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael God's Blessings on Stephen & Becki Pytak in Honor of Their 18th Wedding Anniversary by Joe & Andrea Pytak

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – God's Blessings on Cheerful Givers

Lamps of the Crucifix- God's Blessings and Save Travel.

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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