

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, September 25th ,2016 19th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 24 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 25 th	10:30am +Nicholas Mazur by Wife, Mary & Daughter, Suzanne
Tuesday, September 27 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Chuck and Dolores
Wednesday, September 28 th	8:00am +Fr. Joseph Szupa by the Archbishop Chancery
Friday, September 30 th	NO DIVINE LITURGY
Saturday, October 1 st	3:30pm +Michael & +Anna Kaczmarczyk by Anne Evans
Sunday, October 2 nd	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 24 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm 1 st Anniversary + Walter Salak by Son, Bob Salak
Sunday, September 25 th	8:30am +Mary Toth by the Rennick & Toth Families
Monday, September 26 th	8:00am +Theodore Stock by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Thursday, September 29 th	8:00am +Mary Powanda by Theresa Panchison
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

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 24 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday , September 25 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Sam Litwak
Saturday, October 1 st	Gal 1:11-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, October 2 nd	Gal 1:11-19	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 24 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Michael Prokop
Sunday , September 25 th	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, October 1 st	Gal 1:11-19	David Toth
Sunday, October 2 nd	Gal 1:11-19	LeeAnn Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 10/2, 10/9 , 10/16, 11/20 & 12/18. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

American Girl Doll – Thank you to everyone for all their hard work related to this fundraiser. Everyone did a wonderful job! We would also like to thank Helen Yensko, and Betty Ann Bugden for their donations received after the event .

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:

Catechetical Sunday – Last Sunday, Our students and teachers received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their journey of faith, Please keep them in your prayers, encourage the students and their parents in their studies, and ask God’s enlightenment upon them and those who accepted the responsibility to teach them the Way of Our Lord.

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!

God’s alphabet has only four letters between I and U-
LOVE

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.

Help those in need this summer. – As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. 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.

Works of Mercy in the USA: The Ukrainian Catholic Laity, Monastics, and Clergy until 1916 Tuesday, September 27, 2016 6:30 - 8:30 PM Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak Fee: \$20 Basilian Spirituality Center 710 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046 In the Year of Mercy we are called to renew our commitment to Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. This renewal calls to mind the question: How did our forbearers live their evangelical commitment? This talk will explore the historical witness that has been given in perpetuity by that "cloud of witnesses" within the Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will explore the life of the believers using the works of mercy as our guideline. This church settled in the United States in the 1870s. How was the United States enriched and how was the faith proclaimed by those blessed few who answered the call to see Christ in their neighbor? Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak's maternal grandmother was born in Olyphant, Pennsylvania in 1898 but he is an immigrant born of Ukrainian parents from Lemkivschyna. He serves as a priest in the Eparchy of Stamford (CT) in Kerhonkson and Hunter, NY . His interest in Church history has born fruit in several publications and the latest of these is "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America." He is a retired chaplain of the United States Air Force Reserve.

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

Don’t say something permanently hurtful when you’re temporarily upset.

POPE FRANCIS

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

Handcrafted peace Thursday, 8 September 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 37, 16 September 2016)

We are experiencing war, but the peace that everyone seeks today won't come from "great protests" or "international meetings" with "splendid words" or a "successful conference". Therefore, Pope Francis prayed for "the wisdom to make peace in the little everyday things, while aiming for the horizon of all humanity". In the manner of craftsmen, he suggested, we must begin with ourselves, with our family, in the neighborhood and in the workplace. This is the essence of true peace as described by the Pontiff during the Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"In the oration of the collect at the beginning of Mass", the Pontiff began, we "prayed to the Lord for the gift to grow in unity and in peace". The word "peace", therefore, is decisive. It is a matter of "growing in peace". Thus, the Pope said: "today let us pray that all of us can grow in peace, in unity, because peace creates unity".

In the day's liturgy, the word "peace" appears straight away "in the oration at the beginning of Mass". It is also repeated in the first reading taken from the Book of the Prophet Micah (5:1-4): "When he announces the coming of the Lord, he ends in this way: 'And this shall be peace'". The word returns again in the Gospel of Matthew (1:1-16, 18-23): "After the genealogy of Jesus, comes Joseph's dream, and the angel says: 'and his name shall be called Emmanuel' (which means, God with us)" — and "God with us is peace".

Thus, "three times today peace is mentioned" in the liturgy, the Pope continued. "Let us ask this: to grow in peace. Today's liturgy is completely involved with this path, and all of us — and also the entire world — we need peace".

"If we ask for peace", the Pontiff explained, "it is because peace is a gift: a gift that the Lord gives us. But let us also ask to grow in peace: it is a gift, but also a gift that has its path in life, its path in history; a gift that each one of us must take up and form in order to help it grow". Indeed, "in salvation history, from the Lord's first promise in the earthly paradise until the coming of Jesus, there is a long road that we have heard about in the Gospel: this man begot that one, that man begot another".

Precisely "this path of saints and sinners", the Pope stated, "tells us that we too must take up this gift of peace and make it the way of our life, make it enter us, make it enter the world". After all, "peace is not made from one day to the next: peace is a gift, but a gift that must be taken up and formed every day". For this reason, Francis continued, "we can say that peace is a gift that is crafted in the hands of mankind: we men and women, each day, take a step toward peace, it is our work. It is our work with the gift received: to make peace".

For this to happen, it is important to understand how to perform this "handcrafted work" for peace. To help us, the Pope explained, "there is another word in today's liturgy that can make us reflect, a word that speaks to us of smallness". Also "the oration of the collect", speaks of the "birth, the nativity of Our Lady: there is a little girl, whose feast is today". Smallness is also emphasized in the prophecy of

Micah: “you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah”. The words clearly indicate that Bethlehem is “so small” that it is not even shown on the map.

Again in reference to the liturgy of the day, the Pontiff also stated that “in the Gospel, after the long history of people, we find smallness, the smallness of a decision taken by Joseph, the smallness of a promise”. All this, Francis affirmed, helps us to understand that “peace is a gift, it is a handcrafted gift that we must form, every day”, but we must do so “in the small things, in the little everyday things”.

Of course “great protests for peace, large international meetings are not enough, if afterwards peace is not made in little ways”. Indeed, the Pope continued, “you can speak of peace with splendid words, have a successful conference”, but if in little ways, if “in your heart, there isn’t peace, in your family there isn’t peace, in your neighborhood there isn’t peace, in your workplace there isn’t peace, neither will there be in the world”.

“Today, we all know, we are experiencing war and everyone asks for peace”, the Pontiff said. In facing this reality, he added, “I only ask this question, first to myself and then to you and to everyone: how is your heart today, is it at peace? If it is not at peace, before speaking of peace, set your heart at peace. How is your family today: is it at peace? If you are not able to bring forward your family, your presbyterate, your congregation, to bring them forward in peace; peaceful words are not enough for the world”.

Here then, Francis continued, is “the question that I would like to ask today: how is each of our hearts: are they at peace?”. Indeed, we must begin with the small things in order to achieve a peaceful world.

“We ask the Lord, today, the day of the Nativity of Our Lady”, the Pope recalled, that we may “grow in peace and in unity, because, naturally, where there is peace there is unity”. Indeed, “we have seen that peace is a gift: a gift that is worked every day like a handicraft and also, like all handcrafted things, it is made in small ways so as to reach greatness”.

In conclusion, before resuming the celebration, the Pope asked the Lord in prayer to “grant us the wisdom to make peace in the little everyday things, while aiming for the horizon of all humanity”.

THE FATHERS SPEAK: *On the Meaning of the Cross*

The cross is the door to mysteries. Through this door the intellect makes entrance in to the knowledge of heavenly mysteries. The knowledge of the cross is concealed in the sufferings of the cross. And the more our participation in its sufferings, the greater the perception we gain through the cross. For, as the Apostle says, ‘As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. - *The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac of Syria*

Of course, it would be easier to get to paradise with a full stomach, all snuggled up in a soft feather-bed, but what is required is to carry one’s cross along the way, for the kingdom of God is not attained by enduring one or two troubles, but many! -*Elder Anthony of Optina*

The Most High planted in the middle of Paradise The thrice blessed wood, the gift of life for us, In order that, in approaching it, Adam might find eternal and immortal life; But he did not strive earnestly to know this life, And he failed to attain it, and revealed death. However, the robber, seeing how the plant in Eden Had been beautifully transplanted in Golgotha, Recognized the life in it and said to himself: “This is what my father lost formerly In Paradise.” *St Romanos the Melodist*

WHAT ARE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY?



Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Cloth the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the Sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Note: Reference Matthew 25 and Tobias 12. “To visit the imprisoned” was originally listed as “to ransom the captives,” referring to the ransoming of Christians taken prisoner during Moslem aggression.



WHAT ARE THE THREE EMINENT GOOD WORKS?

Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

Note: The readings during the Ukrainian Catholic Lenten services covers these three in detail.



THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the veil she was wearing and extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. Today, with her veil (*omophor*) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers.

Having part-time religion is like having part-time work:
it won't support you.

Sept 25: Lazarus Among Us



Who is the Lazarus among us?

Our newest saint, Mother Teresa, recognized him in alleys and gutters:

“The outcasts, those who are rejected, the unloved, prisoners, alcoholics, the dying, those who are alone and abandoned, the marginalized, the untouchables and lepers, those in doubt and confusion, those who have not been touched by the light of Christ, those starving for the word and peace of God, sad and afflicted souls.”

Like Lazarus in the parable, the poor thirst for water. But the new Lazarus,

St. Teresa reminds us, also thirsts “for peace, truth and justice. The poor are naked and need clothing, but also need human dignity and compassion for those who sin. The poor have no shelter and need shelters made of bricks, but also need a joyful heart, compassionate and full of love. They are sick and need medical attention, but also a helping hand and welcoming smile.”

In other words, the Lazarus among us needs not only God’s mercy, but ours as well.

The psalmist knew this in his darkest hour when he sang, “Your mercy is better than life itself.” (Psalm 62)

And St. Augustine, too, confessed, “On your exceedingly great mercy, and on that alone, rests all my hope.”

Our prayer today: *Jesus, help us always be wholehearted in showing mercy to the needy among us, just as you shower us with the full measure of your love.*



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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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 - \$ 940.00 Cemetery \$450.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 773.00 Cemetery \$75.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas In Memory of +Walter Buchinsky by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael God's Blessings on Our Fundraising Efforts .

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 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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