

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, September 4th, 2016 16th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3 rd	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 4 th	10:30am +Edna Unuscavage by Theresa Panchison
Tuesday, September 6 th	8:00am + Olga Kurilla
Wednesday, September 7 th	8:00am +Mary Lazusky &+Anna Lefchick by Bill & Irene Mc Andrew
<i>Birth of the Mother of God</i>	
Wednesday, September 7th	5:00pm +Leonard Seroka by Anna Seroka
Friday, September 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, September 10 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 11 th	10:30am His Beatitude, Josyf Cardinal Slipy

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Leonard Rovinsky by the Stock Family
Sunday, September 4 th	8:30am 31 st Anniversary Remembrance +Mrs. Helen Krolick
	Yaroshak by Ronald Krolick
Monday, September 5 th	8:00am +Joseph J Smith by Tim & Colleen Sullivan & Family
<i>Birth of the Mother of God</i>	
Thursday, September 8th	9:00am God's Blessings on His People
Saturday, September 10 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm Birthday Remembrance of +Robert Corby by Helen & Family
Sunday, September 11 th	8:30am 1 st Anniversary +Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 3 rd	2 Cor 6:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday September 4 th	2 Cor 6:1-10	Charles Calise
Saturday, September 10 th	Gal 6:11-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 11 th	Gal 6:11-18	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 3 rd	2 Cor 6:1-10	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday September 4 th	2 Cor 6:1-10	Susan Miller
Saturday, September 10 th	Gal 6:11-18	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, September 11 th	Gal 6:11-18	Lauralee Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 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 Bingo will be Sunday, September 18th 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 *Winner receives their choice of doll. *Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory . * 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

American Girl Doll Bingo – Anyone able to help the day of the event – Please see Stephanie Rarick or call the rectory. Deserts will be needed for the event , please drop them off in the Hall the Saturday before or the Sunday of the event.

Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 16th. 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 !

Pierogies – The next pierogie sale will be Monday, September 12th. We are already sold out, but we would appreciate any help you can give the day of the sale. Thank you . You are the key to our success.

Mother's Guild Fundraiser- As a reminder, the Mother's Guild receives a donation from **Boyers when you use the key tags in the back of the church and hand in the receipt** in the box in the back of the Church. *The same is true when you use YOUR key tag and hand in your receipt for Redners* . Please help the Mother Guild continue their good works by helping with this fundraising effort.

Heritage Days- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event happen ! You all did an amazing job. The profit from the food sales was \$1,655.51. Great Job !

Sick Calls will be Wednesday, September 7th .

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light : Available Dates- 10/2 , 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

Sick Calls will be Friday September 9th .



Give before you are asked to.
The only time you should look in your neighbor's bowl is to make sure they have enough.

Both Churches:

“Catechetical Sunday” is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students. In two weeks we will have a special blessing of our children (and their teachers) during the Divine Liturgy. * We ask that all students and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians, as we seek to grow in “Communion with God.” Classes will be on Thursday evenings. The start date will be announced next week.

Help those in need this summer. – OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE - As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. During the summer donations are few and far between and the need is greater, because the children of struggling families are not in school. They are not guaranteed breakfast and lunch, as they are during the school year. 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

St. John’s Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale St. John’s R.C. Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on Friday, September 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Christmas/Fall Decorations, Small Appliances, Video/DVD’s, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section ... Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and much, much more. Food items also available ... Hot Dogs, BBQ, Pierogies, Meatball Sandwiches, Baked Goods, Refreshments.

CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER sponsored by St. Nicholas Church on Sunday, September 18th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose Meal includes...halupki, mashed potatoes, filling, green beans, roll \$10.00/platter...eat-in or take-out Advance tickets only call 544-4581

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.

“When I begin to doubt and wonder, ‘How do I know it’s all true?’ I immediately turn to God and cry out, ‘I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.’ The Lord never said we had to understand His will or His Truths. We only have to obey them. Don’t worry if you have doubts. Doubts do not displease God. They are permitted by Him — permitted to bring out deeper faith within us.”—

+*Mother Angelica*

POPE FRANCIS

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

A name or an adjective- Thursday, 25 February 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 8, 4 March 2016)

Are we open to others and capable of mercy, or do we live locked up within ourselves, slaves to our own selfishness? On Thursday morning, the Gospel parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31), presented in the day's Liturgy, guided Pope Francis in a reflection on the quality of Christian life. Referring also to the entrance antiphon (taken from Ps 139[138]:23-24), the Pontiff emphasized the importance of asking the Lord for "the grace of knowing" whether we are "on the path of lies or on the path of life".

Francis explained that we are in the wake of the reflection that, in previous days, spoke of "the religion of doing" and the "religion of talking". He drew inspiration from two Gospel characters, the rich man, described as a man who was "clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day". The characterization might seem a bit contrived, but it means to show us a person who "had it all, every opportunity". Then there is "a poor man named Lazarus" at his gate, "full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores".

The Pope analyzed the description of the characters and pointed out that the rich man, "who is seen in the final dialogue with Father Abraham", was a "man of faith", who had "studied the law, knew the Commandments" and who "surely went every Sabbath to the Synagogue and once a year to the Temple". In short, he really was "a man who had a certain religiosity". At the same time, the Gospel narrative shows that he was also "a closed man, locked up inside his own little world, the world of banquets, clothes, vanity, friends". Closed within his "bubble of vanity", he "did not have the ability to look beyond it" and did not "realize what was happening outside of his closed world". For example, "he did not think about the needs of many people or of sick people's need for company". Instead he thought only of himself, "of his wealth, of his good life: he was given to the good life". He was, said the Pontiff, concluding his analysis, a "seemingly religious" man. He was, in fact, a perfect example "of the religion of talking". The rich man "did not know the peripheries, he was completely locked up within himself". Yet the periphery was "close to the door of his house", but "he did not know it". This, Francis explained, "is the path of lies", from which, in the antiphon, we asked the Lord to free us.

From this description, the Pontiff expanded on the interior analysis of the rich man, a person who "trusted only in himself, in his things", and "did not trust in God". He was a long way from the "blessed man who trusts in the Lord", who is contrasted in the Responsorial Psalm, taken from Psalm 1. "What legacy", the Pope asked, "did this man leave?". Surely, he said, again quoting the Responsorial Psalm, he is not "like a tree planted by streams of water", but rather "like the chaff which the wind drives away" (Ps 1:3, 4).

This man had a family; he had brothers. The Gospel narrative recounts that he asked Father to send someone to caution them: "Stop, this is not the path!". But he died, Francis explained, and "he did not leave a legacy, he did not leave life, because he was only closed within himself".

The Pontiff emphasized that the aridness of this life was accentuated by a particular detail: in speaking about this man, the Gospel "does not say what his name was; it only says that he was a rich man". This

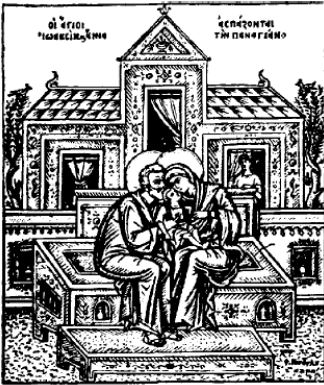
detail is significant, because “when your name is only an adjective, it is because you have lost: you’ve lost substance, you’ve lost strength”. One might say: “this person is rich, this one is powerful, this one is capable, this one is a career priest, a career bishop...”. It often happens, the Pope continued, that we begin to “designate people with adjectives, not with names, because they do not have substance”. This was the reality of the rich man in the day’s reading.

At this point Francis asked a question: “Didn’t God who is Father, have mercy on this man? Didn’t he knock at his heart in order to move him?”. The answer is, “yes, he was at the door, he was at the door, in the person of Lazarus”. Lazarus — this man has a name. Lazarus, the Pope added, “with his needs and his miseries, his disease, was actually the Lord who was knocking at the door, so that this man would open his heart and mercy could enter”. Instead, the rich man “didn’t see”, because “he was closed”, and “for him there was nothing beyond the door”.

The Gospel passage, the Pontiff said, is helpful to all of us at the midpoint of the Lenten journey, in order to raise a few questions: “Am I on the path of life or on the path of lies? How many locks do I still have on my heart? Where is my joy: in doing or talking?”. Moreover, is my joy “in going outside of myself in order to meet others, in order to help”, or “is my joy in having everything organized, locked up inside myself?”.

As we consider all of this, Pope Francis concluded, “let us ask the Lord” for the grace “to always see the Lazarus who knocks at our heart” and for the grace to “go outside of ourselves with generosity, with an attitude of mercy, so that God’s mercy can enter our heart”.

How do we know of Mary’s parents, Anne and Joachim?

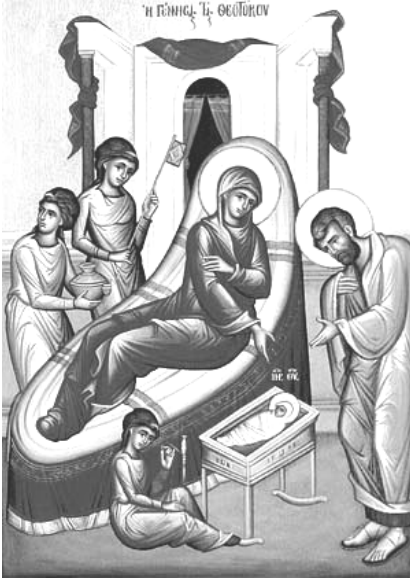


The Bible does not tell us much about the life of Mary or her ancestry. Since Matthew and Luke trace the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph, his foster father, they do not mention the parents and forebears of Mary. Nor does any other biblical source. Father Leonard Foley’s *Saint of the Day* informs us: In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother’s side neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names Joachim and Anne come from a legendary source [*the Protoevangelium of Saint James*] written more than a century after Jesus died. ...Whether we rely on the legends about Mary’s childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of

many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.... Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure. The parents of Mary were like so many good, loving and heroic parents today who go faithfully about their work and life task of raising families in the Lord. They received little attention or fame—not even an Old Testament mention. Yet they were great in virtue and grace, holy and loved by God

SEPTEMBER 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Background

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who

chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents, and the Mother of our Lord as an infant. Saint Anna is in the middle of the icon with her right hand extended toward her daughter. Likewise, Saint Joachim, Mary's father, is gazing upon the young child with his right hand extended toward her. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.

"Let all persons be seized with fear; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest." [St. Francis of Assisi]

Sept 4- The New Saint of Mercy



On September 4, Pope Francis plans to canonize Mother Teresa, whose life sent the world a single, urgent message: that love and caring are the most important things in life.

Perhaps we can best understand why she is worthy of veneration and imitation by reflecting on some of her own words:

“The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference toward one’s neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease.

“Those who are a burden to society, who have lost all hope and faith in life, who have forgotten how to smile and no

longer know what it means to receive a little human warmth, a gesture of love and friendship—they turn to us to receive a little bit of comfort. If we turn our backs on them, we turn our backs on Christ.

“Our love and our joy in serving must be in proportion to the degree to which our task is repugnant.”

Our prayer today: *Mother Teresa, Saint of Mercy, pray for us that we may truly see the image of God in the spiritually most deprived and disfigured of our brothers and sisters.*

American Girl Doll Bingo

Sunday, September 18th

Doors open at 12 noon

Early Bird at 1:15pm

Bingo starts at 1:30pm

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We cannot accept 50 or 100 dollar bill’s

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 - \$ 1,180.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 690.00 Cemetery \$ 90.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light:

St. Nicholas 35th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Michael & Susan Prokop. “na mnohaya lita”

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael In Memory of +Peter Slatick by Son, John

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas –. In Memory of +Regina M Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky

Lamps of the Crucifix- God's Blessings and Good Health on My Family and Friends

Lights of the Tetrapod-

Lights of the Tabernacle-

God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!

Prayer Requests: *Please remember those who are shut-ins, those in need, or who are ill or suffering and all those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way to serve others such as those that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak

Eva Koch

Dolores Kozie

Martha Hysock

Sandy Bankes*

Shannon's Mom*

Matthew Morrisey

Helen O'Connell

Helen Beddall

Irene Flaherty

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders

Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Helen Sims

Mary Mazur

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& Rosemary (Mother)

Bill McAndrew*

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Annie Cragen

Irene Yaroma

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Margaret Skrincosky

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Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo

Mary Kadingo

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