

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, April 9th, 2017 –Easter Sunday- Holy Pasha

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 15th

8:00am Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil

2:00pm Blessing of Easter Food

3:30pm Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16th

10:30am God's Blessings on His People

Bright Week

Tuesday, April 18th

9:00am +Mary & +John Yawornitsky by Daughter, Theresa

Wednesday, April 19th

8:00am +Michael & +Mary Krajcirk Sr. by Daughter in Law, Theresa

Friday, April 21st

8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, April 22nd

3:30pm God's Blessing on His People

Sunday, April 23rd

10:30am +Mary Ellen Sacco by Len & Dolores Kozlosky

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday/ Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 15th

1:00pm Blessing of Easter Food

8:00pm God's Blessings on His People

Bright Week

Monday, April 17th

9:00am +John Plasha Jr. by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family

Thursday, April 20th

8:00am +Jeannette Stock by George & Linda Cheripka

Saturday, April 22nd

No 8:00am Divine Liturgy

5:30pm +Michael & Mary Uranium by Mary Ann Uranium

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30am Special Intentions for Ann & Vince Sockalosky

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 14th

Acts 1:1-8

Winifred Mohutsky

Sunday, April 16th

Acts 1:1-8

Michael Fufla

Saturday, April 22nd

Acts 5:12-20

Nancy Sawka

Sunday, April 23rd

Acts 5:12-20

Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 14th

Acts 1:1-8

Mike Prokop

Saturday, April 22nd

Acts 5:12-20

David Toth

Sunday, April 23rd

Acts 5:12-20

Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 4/23, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11 & 6/25.

Lottery Raffle Basket- We are currently collecting scratch-offs for a raffle basket. Any donations would be appreciated, even a dollar scratch-off adds up. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

Kielbasi Festival- will be May 20th. Anyone who is interested in helping or making food for the event should contact the rectory.

Easter Basket Raffle: Great job to everyone who sold tickets for this fundraiser. The winner was Tom Miersky from William Penn. We raised \$850.00. Thank you to our benefactor who donated the basket!

Pierogie Sale -THANK-YOU to everyone who pulled together to make this sale a success. The profit for this sale was \$1,881.22. Thanks again to everyone! You are a blessing to St. Michael's.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 5/7, 5/14, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23

Both Churches

Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal it's not too late to give. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Seminary Raffle - The winners of our Deanery Lucky Three Raffle in support of St. Josaphat Seminary are: 1st Prize---\$500.00---J. Koropchak #669 2nd Prize---\$200.00---D & B Puls #682 3rd Prize---\$50.00---Ss. Peter and Paul Church #2376 (Donated back) Thanks for the tremendous support we received from the faithful of our parishes.

Christ is Risen!

This Pascha I pray that all of your homes are filled with the love of Our Lord, Jesus. May His sacrifice inspire you to be a more devoted Christian. Let His example help you to forgive others. Believe that when you give yourself to Our Lord that He will forgive all of your sins. Learn to give your sins and troubles to Him and not take them back. When He forgives it is forever, you need not worry about things offered up to Our Lord for they are no longer your worries. Pray daily, hourly, in those quiet moments, when you are upset or suffering, when you are joyous and blessed. Honor and thank Him for His sacrifice every day, for He remembers you every minute of every day for your entire life.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. Myron

Good Friday Collection- Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** *For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.*

Marriage Workshop- “Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage” will take place Saturday, April 29 and Saturday May 6th at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park PA 19027. Each couple must commit to both days Total cost per couple is \$160.00 which includes materials, lunch & refreshments. Registrations & payment due be April 22nd no exceptions. See the rectory for the registration form

“RESURRECTION: MUSIC FROM THE UKRAINIAN SACRED CHORAL TRADITION” All are cordially invited to a sacred music concert, “Resurrection: Music from the Ukrainian Sacred Choral Tradition” to be held on Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. This concert will feature over 50 professional and amateur singers from Canada, Ukraine and the United States and will led by one of the leading choral directors in North America, Michael Zaugg of Pro Coro Canada. This extraordinary performance is part of a concert series that will showcase the CD recording of a Resurrectional Divine Liturgy composed by Fr. John Sembrat OSBM and other timeless music specific to our Paschal services including music from renowned Ukrainian composers such as Bortniansky, Vedel, and Hurko. The combined male chorus will feature singers from the following ensembles: •Pro Coro Canada •Boyan Ensemble of Kyiv •Chorus of the Armed Forces of Ukraine •National Philharmonic of Ukraine •Homin Municipal Choir of Lviv •Vydubychi Church Choir of Kyiv •Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America •Axios Men's Ensemble of Edmonton •Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton More information about the recording, concert series and tickets, including video and audio highlights, can be found on the website www.resurrectionalliturguy.com Tickets can be purchased locally at the Ukrainian Educational & Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046 (215-663-1166).

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

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Holy Pascha

The Icon of the Resurrection of Christ



This icon is also called the "Descent into Hades." Notice that Jesus is standing on the Cross. It is through the power of "the Cross" that Jesus was raised from the dead. Satan is bound in chains, but Adam and Eve are being raised. (Jesus Christ is the New Adam, accomplishing for humanity what Adam failed to do.) Notice also, the *mandorla*, the ovoid shaped outline surrounding Christ. His glory is evident through the power of His Resurrection.

Who are the other people? John the Baptist and Forerunner is prominent because he preceded Jesus into Hades too, and announced the Good News there! The prophet, King David is also there because he foretold of the coming of Christ and said that Christ would not leave him in Hades. King Solomon is shown by David, because he was the son and successor of David and knew and believed his father's message.

Who is the young man to the right of Christ? The righteous Abel, dressed as a shepherd, who was killed by his brother Cain and was the first person to experience death. The other personages from the Old Testament are usually Elijah and Moses, who represent the Law and the Prophets.

The Paschal Artos



The term Artos (Greek: "leavened loaf") refers to a loaf of leavened bread that is blessed during services in the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. A large Artos is baked especially for use at Pascha (Easter).

Near the end of the Paschal Vigil, after the Prayer behind the Ambo, a single large loaf of bread, the Artos, is brought to the priest. Depicted on the top of the Artos is either the symbol of Christ's victory over death—the Cross, surmounted by a crown of thorns—or the Resurrection of Christ. The Artos symbolizes the physical presence of the resurrected Christ among the disciples. The priest blesses the Artos, while it is on the altar, with a special prayer and sprinkles it with Holy

Water. The Artos is then placed on a small table before the Iconostasis where it remains throughout Bright Week. It is customary, whenever the faithful enter the Temple, for them to kiss the Artos as a way of greeting the Risen Christ.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst* (John 6:35). After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. For example, as evening fell on the first day of His Resurrection, He was recognized in Emmaus by two of His disciples as He blessed and broke bread (Luke 24:13-35).

On the 40th day after His Resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and His disciples and followers found comfort in their memories of the Lord: they recalled His every word, His every step and His every action. When they met for common prayer, they would partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the Last Supper. When they sat down to an ordinary meal, they would leave a place at the head of the table empty for the invisibly present Lord and would lay bread on that place.

Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearances of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:20).

On Bright Saturday, after the Divine Liturgy, the priest says another prayer over the Artos and it is then broken and distributed among the whole congregation at the Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

O my all-merciful God and Lord,
Jesus Christ, full of pity:

Through Your great love You came down
and became incarnate in order to save everyone.

O Savior, I ask You to save me by Your grace!

If You save anyone because of their works,
that would not be grace but only reward of duty,
but You are compassionate and full of mercy!

You said, O my Christ,

"Whoever believes in Me shall live and never die."

If then, faith in You saves the lost, then save me,

O my God and Creator, for I believe.

Let faith and not my unworthy works be counted to me, O my God,
for You will find no works which could account me righteous.

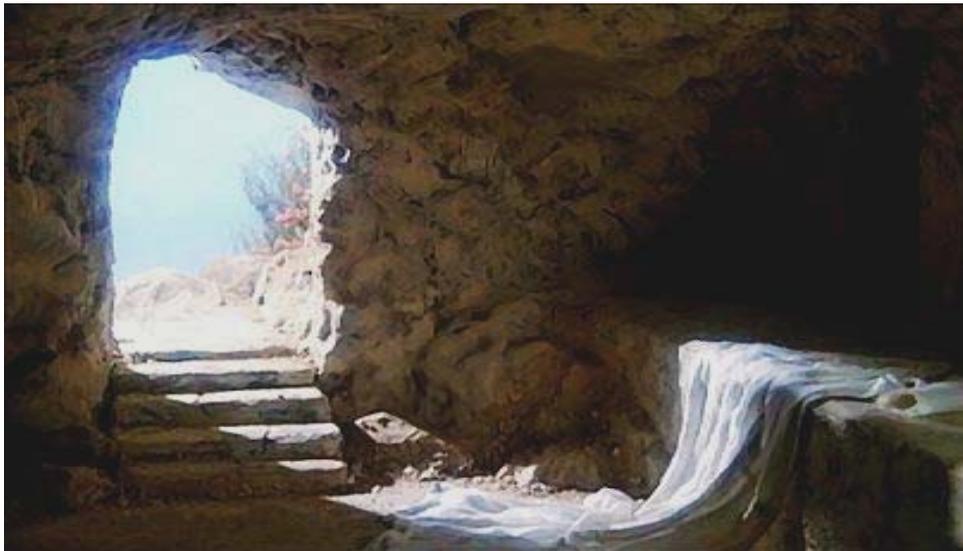
O Lord, from now on let me love You as intensely as I have loved sin,
and work for You as hard as I once worked for the evil one.

I promise that I will work to do Your will,
my Lord and God, Jesus Christ, all the days of my life and forever more.

Prayer of Christ Resurrected

Christ, rising again from the dead
dieth now no more:
death shall no more have dominion over him;
for in that he died, he died once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God,
alleluia, alleluia.

Let the Jews now tell us,
how the soldiers,
who guarded the sepulchre,
lost the King,
though they had placed a rock over him.
Why kept they not the Rock of Justice?
Either let them restore the buried One,
or adore with us the risen One, saying:
But in that he liveth,
he liveth unto God,
Alleluia, Alleluia.



EASTER PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A.

TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS,
SEMINARIANS

AND BELOVED FAITHFUL

Xpuctoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!

We joyfully sing, “Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life”. Our joyful proclamation fills us with hope!

Grasp in awe the significance of the words spoken by the angel to the myrrh-bearing women who went to the tomb early on Easter morning to anoint Jesus’ body: “Why look for the living among the dead? You won’t find Him here. He is Risen!” (Lk 24:5-6). Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life, His life and our lives through Him, in Him. Our existence has depths of beauty, mystery, and blessings more than the wildest visionary had ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has Risen!

The Risen Christ told the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to have courage assuring them that Jesus Christ had overcome the world. We should not be afraid of surpassing our barriers of seeking and living the Good News. We are called to be life-giving. We are called to live as Easter people – people of hope. Hope calls us to go beyond ourselves, to go broke with our personalities as followers and believers in the Risen Christ! Christ’s resurrection is mirrored in our life when we courageously work for our salvation and for the salvation of others because we desire everyone to be with God. The peace of the Risen Christ will be with us.

The Risen Christ instructed the myrrh-bearing women to tell his apostles to gather at Galilee where He will see them (Mt 28:10). The Risen Christ is with us as we gather in our churches to give praise, glory and thanksgiving to God, and where we receive the blessing, “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:19).

We, your hierarchs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA, pray that you may enjoy a holy, hope-filled, joyful and blessed Easter. May our Lord’s victory over sin and death, and His promise of peace and eternal life be yours! May you know the peace extended to all by the Risen Christ. May you grow in your love for the Risen Christ and your zealous service of Him.

God grant you much joy and contentment, abundance of good health, and the assurance of new life in Him as we together proclaim that Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

+*Stefan Soroka* (author)

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians- Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+*Paul Chomnycky*, OSBM- Eparch of Stamford

+ *Bohdan J. Danylo* -Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+*John Bura*-Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

Very Rev. Richard Janowicz, Apostolic Administrator- St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago

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 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 - \$2,894.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,078.00 Cemetery \$20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of the Deceased +Panchison & +Yastishock Families by Theresa Panchison

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Alex, +Pearl & +Alexis Mallick by Joe & Andrea Pytak

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas- In Memory of +John Bagienski by the Bagienski Family

Lamps of the Crucifix- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene 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 who serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Ruth's Mom *
Eva Koch

Helen O'Connell
Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
Tom Prete**
Susan Chernesky
Pat Sittnick**

Susan Enders
Dolores O'Connell Leahy
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