

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 --5th Sunday of the Great Fast- Mary of Egypt

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Saturday, April 1st 3:30pm +Barry Blank by Betty Ann Bugden & Staff
- Sunday, April 2nd 10:30am 40th day & Birthday Remembrance for +Horace Hitchens by the People of St. Michael's & St Nicholas.
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Hazleton
- Tuesday, April 4th 6:00 **Confessions until 7:00pm**
- Wednesday, April 5th 8:00am Typica & **Syrokousty**
6:00pm Prayer Group
- Thursday, April 6th 8:00am Typica
- Saturday, April 8th 3:30pm +George Minarchick by the Mitchell & Kalavage Families & **Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows**
- Sunday, April 9th 10:30am +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by William & Irene Mc Andrew
Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Saturday, April 1st 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
5:30pm +Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family
- Sunday, April 2nd 8:30am God's Blessings on His People
3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Hazleton
- Monday, April 3rd 8:00am Typica
- Thursday, April 6th 6:00pm **Confessions until 7:00pm**
- Friday, April 7th 4:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & **Syrokousty**
- Saturday, April 8th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
5:30pm +Mary Cheripka by George & Linda Cheripka
Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows
- Sunday, April 9th 8:30am God's Blessings on His People
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3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Nicholas, Minersville

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 1 st	Heb 9:11-14	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 2 nd	Heb 9:11-14	Charles Calise
Saturday, April 8 th	Phil 4:4-9	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, April 9 th	Phil 4:4-9	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 1 st	Heb 9:11-14	David Toth
Sunday, April 2 nd	Heb 9:11-14	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, April 8 th	Phil 4:4-9	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, April 9 th	Phil 4:4-9	Leeann Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Easter Confessions will be Tuesday, April 4th. from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28.

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: DRAWING NEXT WEEK - The basket includes: Ham, Kielbasi, Butter, Cheese, Candle, Pascha, Salt, Horseradish, Eggs & Bacon. Tickets are available after Liturgies or at the rectory. Parishioners are encouraged to sell tickets . See Stephanie Rarick or the rectory with questions , for tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Easter Vigil Sign-up – In the back of the Church is a sign-up sheet for the Easter Vigil. We are asking that everyone please sign up for the time that works best for you and your family. Those families who do not sign up will be assigned the open blocks of time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Pierogie Sale – will be Monday April 10th. We ask that anyone who is available, even for a short time please come out to help. We are sold out for this sale. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 5/7, 5/14, 6/11, 6/18.

Easter Confessions will be Thursday, April 6th , 6:00-7:00pm.

Easter Vigil Sign-up- Please join us for this solemn vigil. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

Both Churches

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now , over 40% of the Dioceses in the United States are considered Home Missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education , seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Healing Services –Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00pm. Service immediately following Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. at St Michael’s Church, Shenandoah.

Lenten Confession Schedule- From 6:00 to 7:00pm

Monday April 3rd- Assumption- Centralia, SS. Peter & Paul – Mt. Carmel, Nativity-Middleport, Transfiguration- Shamokin.

Tuesday April 4th- St. John- Maizeville, St. Nicholas- Minersville, St. Michael- Shenandoah

Wednesday, April 5th - Protection- Marion Heights

Thursday April 6th St. Michael-Hazelton, Protection- Mc Adoo, St. Michael- Frackville, St. Nicholas- St. Clair

Lenten Dinners. St. John's Church in Pottsville FRESH BAKED HADDOCK/SALMON or FRESH BAKED JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE DINNERS Fridays during the Lenten Season from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Russell Building at 9th & Schuylkill Avenue. (no dinner on Good Friday). Full course dinners including New England Clam Chowder, Full Salad Bar, Choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, Choice of Vegetables, Homemade Dessert, Beverage. (Take outs available) Adults: Baked Haddock / Salmon / Crab Cake \$ 13.00 : 2 Crab Cakes \$ 16.00: Adult Special: Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 16.00: Children: Baked Fish / Salmon / Crab Cake \$ 8.00 (under 12)

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

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates ... Palm Sunday, April 9th & Good Friday, April 14th Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

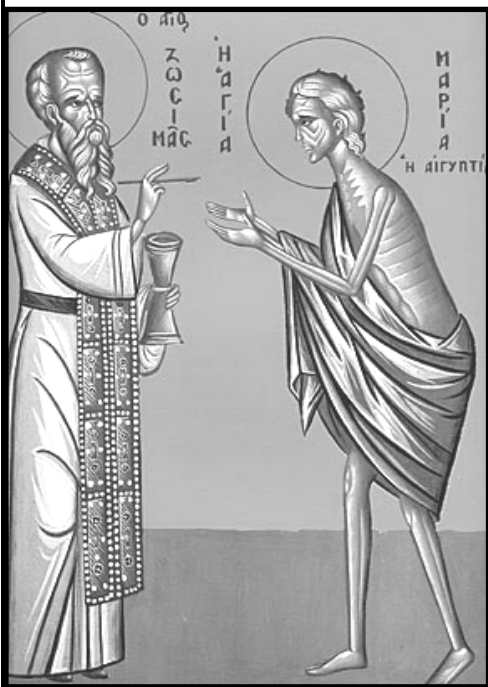
"RESURRECTION: MUSIC FROM THE UKRAINIAN SACRED CHORAL TRADITION" All are cordially invited to a sacred music concert, "Resurrection: Music from the Ukrainian Sacred Choral Tradition" to be held on Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. This concert will feature over 50 professional and amateur singers from Canada, Ukraine and the United States and will be 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.resurrectionalliturgy.com Tickets can be purchased locally at the Ukrainian Educational & Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046 (215-663-1166).

Pysanky Classes will be offered this year at St Michael's Hall. Classes will be Wednesday, April 5th from 6pm to 9:00 pm or Saturday, April 8th from 9:00am to 12noon. Cost is \$45.00 including supplies and you are guaranteed to leave class with an egg. To register please call Paul at 570-668-5789. Additional classes will be offered in the area, call Paul for more information

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

Seminary Raffle- Raffle Tickets for the 'Lucky Three Raffle' are now available at the back of the church. Each envelope contains 5 tickets. Each ticket costs \$1.00. Please return ticket stubs and money in the envelope. Drawing will be held Sunday, April 9th, Thank- you.

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



St. Mary of Egypt was a desert ascetic who repented of a life of prostitution. She lived during the sixth century, and passed away in a remarkable manner in 522. The Church celebrates her feast day on the day of her repose, April 1; additionally, she is commemorated on the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, the fifth Sunday in Great Lent.

She began her life as a young woman who followed the passions of the body, running away from her parents at age twelve for Alexandria. There she lived as a harlot for seventeen years, refusing money from the men that she copulated with, instead living by begging and spinning flax.

One day, however, she met a group of young men heading toward the sea to sail to Jerusalem for the veneration of the Holy Cross. Mary went along for the ride, seducing the men as they traveled for the fun of it. But when the group reached Jerusalem and actually went towards the church, Mary was prohibited from entering by an unseen force.

After three such attempts, she remained outside on the church patio, where she looked up and saw an icon of the Theotokos. She began to weep and prayed with all her might that the Theotokos might allow her to see the True Cross; afterwards, she promised, she would renounce her worldly desires and go wherever the Theotokos may lead her.

After this heart-felt conversion at the doors of the church, she fled into the desert to live as an ascetic. She survived for years on only three loaves of bread and thereafter on scarce herbs of the land. For another seventeen years, Mary was tormented by "wild beasts—mad desires and passions." After these years of temptation, however, she overcame the passions and was led by the Theotokos in all things.

Following 47 years in solitude, she met the priest St. Zosima in the desert, who pleaded with her to tell him of her life. She recounted her story with great humility while also demonstrating her gift of clairvoyance; she knew who Zosima was and his life story despite never having met him before. Finally, she asked Zosima to meet her again the following year at sunset on Holy Thursday by the banks of the Jordan.

Zosima did exactly this, though he began to doubt his experience as the sun began to go that night. Then Mary appeared on the opposite side of the Jordan; crossing herself, she miraculously walked across the water and met Zosima. When he attempted to bow, she rebuked him, saying that as a priest he was far superior, and furthermore, he was holding the Holy Mysteries. Mary then received communion and walked back across the Jordan after giving Zosima instructions about his monastery and that he should return to where they first met exactly a year later. When he did so, he found Mary's body with a message written on the sand asking him for burial and revealing that she had died

immediately after receiving the Holy Mysteries the year before (and thus had been miraculously transported to the spot where she now lay). So Zosima, amazed, began to dig, but soon tired; then a lion approached and began to help him, that is, after Zosima had recovered from his fear of the creature. Thus St. Mary of Egypt was buried. Zosima returned to the monastery, told all he had seen, and improved the faults of the monks and abbot there. He died at almost a hundred years old in the same monastery.

Later, the story of Mary's life was written down by St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

TRUE HUMILITY AND SINFUL PRIDE

Healthy esteem is based on a view of the truth of our existence as beings created in the image and likeness of God. It claims that all that is good is God's. Virtuous humility is found when one acts according to the truth that God is good and that our own humanity, sinfulness, and mortality keep us from the full relationship we desire with God.

False humility and sinful pride are lies. Here are some symptoms of sinful pride: self-pity; victim thinking; entitlement thinking; thinking the world owes me a living; judging other people; holding a grudge; refusing mercy; believing I am always right; self-justification; self-absorption; demanding that others agree with me; demanding that others listen to me; demanding that others hear "my side;" talking too much; not listening; interrupting people; telling long stories about myself; topping other people's stories; rudeness; over-sensitivity; laughing at injuries or mistakes; taking things personally; believing I can control other people; believing I should control other people; believing I can/should fix other people; lack of patience; cynicism; seeing the worst in the world; accusing/blaming others; believing there is no truth; laziness; demanding credit; demanding recognition; excessive self-criticism; perpetual anger; expecting to be thanked; refusing to thank people; wanting to be entertained all the time; believing no one understands me; believing no one can help me; refusing to ask for help; refusing to accept help; refusing to trust others; isolating; lying; inability to love; inability to be loved; and no sense of humor.

Such a list might overwhelm us but we should make a conscientious choice to overcome these, even if we can only work on one at a time.

Thank God for confession.

The Great Fast of Lent continues!

Does your mind know it

Do your knees know it?

Does your stomach know it?

A Prelude to Salvation

THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST has a two-fold designation in our liturgical books. First of all, it marks the end of this fasting season. We also fast during the Great and Holy Week of the Lord's Passion, but that observance is not part of the Great Lent. The Great Lent has prepared us to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's saving passion, death and resurrection by inviting us to refocus our lives on God in repentance. During the Holy Week our fasting has a different character: it is a way of observing the sorrowful events of this week: the plotting against Christ, His betrayal, passion, death and burial.

The hymns to be sung at the services this week both of these themes. On one hand the services include chants focused on the end of the Great Lent such as the final sticheron sung this coming Friday:

“Count us worthy of beholding the week of Your Passion, O Lover of Mankind, for we have completed the forty days of the Fast for the profit of our souls.”

Other chants reflect the coming feast, recalling Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At matins on Monday, for example, we sing:

“O faithful, let us prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday, joyfully observing the forefeast from this present day onwards, so that we may be counted worthy to see the life-giving Passion.”

The Death of Lazarus Even more of this week's hymnody recalls the raising of Lazarus, whom the Gospel describes as having died four days before Christ raised him. In the Gospel of John, the raising of Lazarus and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem are connected. We read that Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb at some time before His final trip to Jerusalem (see Jn 12:1). Yet the same Gospel points out that: “...the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign” (Jn 12:17-18). Jesus' return to Bethany sparks the triumphal reception into Jerusalem which Jesus received to the excitement over the raising of Lazarus.

LAZARUS SATURDAY (APRIL 8)

The Saturday before Palm Sunday, Lazarus Saturday, is the beginning of the cross and the last days of our Lord. Lent comes to its end as we have fulfilled the Forty Days and we enter into the annual commemoration of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. With the raising of Lazarus, Jesus foreshadows the final and decisive victory over death by His own death. Lazarus Saturday announces and anticipates the light and peace of the coming Resurrection of Jesus. The liturgical services enable us to participate and share in this announcement and anticipation. The mood for the entire day is reflected in the Troparion: AO Christ god, when you raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S MEDITATION FOR THE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

Our Great Fast Meditations have meditated on the sinfulness of living with feelings of entitlement. Today's Gospel tells of how two apostles who blatantly asked Jesus to sit on either side of him when he comes into his glory. It brought out feelings of animosity among the other ten apostles. Is this not true of life – our life, when we strive for being regarded as in some way superior and thereby more entitled to life's privileges than others? It occurs among all of us, between people of all ages, ethnic groups and races, people with different levels of education, amidst hierarchy, clergy, faithful, and so on. It causes dissension, envy and brutality amidst us.

Jesus was calling his apostles to a change of mind, to live with a new vision. It was not easy for them to understand that greatness meant becoming a servant of others. Like the apostles, we are slow to grasp Jesus' vision of joy and peace, slow to accept the truth that sets us free. Can we grasp the hand of Jesus Christ with His promise that we will not walk in darkness if we follow Him? Jesus taught that "whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Mk 10:45).

Our Holy Father recently reminded us not to be hypocritical in the celebration of our faith. As we make plans for Easter celebrations, plan to make the entire journey with Jesus Christ, by participating in the Vespers and Exposition of the Holy Shroud on Good Friday and entering through His sacrifice into the celebration of Pascha, the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I urge you not to be hypocritical with God by choosing to enjoy the blessing of Easter foods and participating in Easter Sunday services without having entered through the door of Christ's passion and death on the cross.



Easter Memorials & Flowers - *A wonderful way to remember those that hold a special place in your heart. Please note if the remembrance is for flowers or a memorial.*

In memory of (deceased) _____

In honor of (living) _____

Given by _____

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 - \$1,734.83 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,051.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Elmer & +Leigh Gulas by Elizabeth Gulas

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Krajcirik by Wife, Theresa

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-

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
Helen Bereschak
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