

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 – Thomas Sunday

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22 nd	3:30pm God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, April 23 rd	10:30am +Mary Ellen Sacco by Len & Dolores Kozlosky
Tuesday, April 25 th	8:00am +Theresa Seasock by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Shimkus
Wednesday, April 26 th	Clergy Conference 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, April 28 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, April 29 th	3:30pm 40 days +Helen Venusti by Bob Leggo
Sunday, April 30 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22 nd	No 8:00am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm +Michael & +Mary Uranium by Mary Ann Uranium
Sunday, April 23 rd	8:30am Special Intentions for Ann & Vince Sockalosky
Monday, April 24 th	8:00am +Anna Yankosky by Theresa Panchison
Thursday, April 27 th	8:00am +Weiss Daily Family- <i>Legacy Liturgy</i>
Saturday, April 29 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Theodore & +Mary Stock by the Stock Kubeika Family
Sunday, April 30 th	8:30am +Frank Homa by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skrincosky

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 22 nd	Acts 5:12-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, April 23 rd	Acts 5:12-20	Sam Litwak
Saturday, April 29 th	Acts 6:1-7	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 30 th	Acts 6:1-7	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 22 nd	Acts 5:12-20	David Toth
Sunday, April 23 rd	Acts 5:12-20	Susan Miller
Saturday, April 29 th	Acts 6:1-7	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, April 30 th	Acts 6:1-7	Lauralee Sadusky

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 – Thank you to everyone who prepared our Church for the Easter holiday. The Church looked beautiful. Thank you for all your hard work.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 5/7, 5/14, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Thank You to everyone for your assistance throughout the Easter holidays.

Both Churches

PLEASE NOTE- The church secretary will be away June 1st to June 19th. The rectory office will be open for limited hours during her absence. Because of this, we are asking for Father's Day Memorials early this year. The flyer needs to be prepared prior to May 30th.

Msgr. Grabowsky will be available during this time. Emails and phone messages will be checked daily. During these 2 weeks please call the rectory prior to coming to the office to be sure someone will be available to meet your needs. If you have any questions please contact the rectory or see Msgr. Grabowsky.

Food Bank – We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our food bank. Please remember that we not only need non- perishable food , but paper goods and hygiene products .Gift cards for grocery stores and gas cards are also always welcome. Thank you for helping to bring a little light into someone's day. God Bless.

*It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.
The one who complains about the way the ball bounces
is likely the one who dropped it.*

Sunday of Saint Thomas

The Sunday after Pascha is called the Sunday of Thomas. The name comes from the gospel that is read on this Sunday. The Gospel begins with Jesus appearing to His Disciples on the evening of His Resurrection.

When it was late that same day, the first day of the week. . . Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you".

. . . And after eight days, his Disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you!" (Jn. 20:19-27)

Thomas was not present when Jesus first showed Himself to His Disciples. When the Apostles told Thomas of the Lord's appearance, he said that he would not believe until he saw Jesus Himself. Eight days later, Jesus again appeared

and called Thomas to Him and showed His hands and side that Thomas might believe.

The Church remembers this gathering of the Disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession on the eighth day after the feast of The Resurrection. Thomas' brief but pointed affirmation of belief "My Lord and my God," (Jn. 20:28) is the title often given to the Icon of St. Thomas. It portrays the greatest confession of anyone in the Gospels. Thomas, who has seen Christ in His earthly existence, now is transformed to see Christ through the eyes of faith.

In the Icon, Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Christ, the dominant figure at the center, initiates the activity in the Icon as He bends toward Thomas and shows him His side. Thomas is called to see and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord. This event takes place in the upper room where the Disciples gathered, and the closed doors witness to Christ's entering even though the doors were locked. This Icon is a witness of the Resurrection. It is a witness to us and a call to believe and profess our faith in Christ, our Lord and our God. *(God With Us Icon Study)*



Sunday of Saint Thomas

Introduction

The Eastern Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed “My Lord and my God” upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning “in the stead of Pascha,” not “in opposition to Pascha”) because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6.

Biblical Story

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, “Peace be with you.” (v. 19) He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. (v. 20)

Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ’s Resurrection. He stated, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” (vv. 24-25)

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, “Peace be with you.” He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” (vv. 26-27) Thomas answered, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus replied by saying, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (v. 29)

Eastern Christian Celebration of the Feast of Sunday of Thomas

The Sunday of Thomas is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, “Christ is risen....”

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

O God, our heavenly Father, who loves mankind
And are most merciful and compassionate,
Have mercy upon all of our children.
For whom I humbly pray to You,
And commend to Your gracious care and protection.
Be, O God, their guide and guardian In all their endeavors,
Lead them in the path of Your Truth,
And draw them nearer to You
That they may lead a godly and righteous life In Your love and fear,
Doing Your will in all things.
Give them grace that they may be temperate,
Industrious, diligent, devout, and charitable.
Defend them against the assaults of the enemy
And grant them wisdom
And strength to resist temptation
And corruption of this life;
And direct them in the way of salvation,
Through the grace of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
And the intercession of His Most Holy Mother and Your blessed saints. Amen.





Memorial Day Memorials – Grave Blessings

In Memory of (deceased) _____

Please note which cemetery: _____

Given By _____ Envelope # _____

Please submit by Tuesday, May 23rd Please Print- Thank- You



Mother's Day Memorials & Intentions

Celebrate the Women who have touched your life !

In Memory of (deceased) _____

In Honor of (living) _____

Given By _____ Envelope # _____

Please submit by Tuesday, May 9th Please Print- Thank- You



Father's Day Intentions & Remembrances

Remember the Men in Your Life on Father's Day

In Memory of (deceased) _____

In Honor of (living) _____

Given By _____ Envelope # _____

Please submit by Tuesday, May 23rd Please Print- Thank- You

Chicago Bishop Announcement



The hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA joyfully rejoice with the good news of the Holy Father Pope Francis' appointment of the Most Reverend Venedykt (Valery) Aleksiychuk, M.S.U., as the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Nicholas in Chicago. Bishop Aleksiychuk has up until now served as Auxiliary Bishop of Lviv, Ukraine. He will be the 5th Bishop of St. Nicholas Eparchy, succeeding the Most Rev. Richard Seminack, an American born bishop who served the St. Nicholas Eparchy for 13 years until his death on August 16th, 2016 from illness. The St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy includes most of central and western USA, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Most Rev. Venedykt Aleksiychuk, M.S.U., was born in Ukraine on January 16th, 1968 and is a Ukrainian Studite monk. He was ordained a priest in Lviv, Ukraine twenty-five years ago and as a Bishop on September 5th, 2010. Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk will be installed as the Bishop of St. Nicholas Eparchy in the coming months. Let us ask offer prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessing of a new chief shepherd for the St. Nicholas Eparchy. Let us offer prayers for Bishop Venedykt as he joyfully undertakes this new journey, under the protection and guidance of the Mother of God.

+ Stefan Soroka

**+ Most Reverend Stefan Soroka Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States- April 20, 2017**

*He is not here;
he has Risen!*

Luke 24:6

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 - \$ 4,112.25 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 2,360.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas God's Blessings on Jim & Anna Rehnert

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas-

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
Helen Sims
Mary Mazur

Jane Sittnick**
Dolores Kozie
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak
Annie Cragen
Irene Yaroma

Mary Goodlunas*
Sandy Bankes*
Shannon's Mom*
Matthew Morrisey

St. Nicholas

Peter Kadingo
Margaret Skrincosky
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill

Laura Seasock

Metro & Helen Tarris

Joseph Salak
Anna Skrincosky
Catherine Washuta
Elizabeth Gulas

Jim Rehnert
Walter Mistishen
Andrew Skrincosky

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