

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, August 13th, 2017 10th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 12 th	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew
Sunday, August 13 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People <i>Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God</i>
Tuesday, August 15 th	9:00am God's Blessings on His People & <i>Blessing of Flowers</i>
Wednesday, August 16 th	8:00am +Helen Venusti by Parish Prayer Group
Friday, August 18 th	No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 19 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, August 20 th	10:30am +Julie Hancher by Irene & Gerry Acalin

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 12 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Harry Jr. & +Alice Chacho by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, August 13 th	8:30am + Peter Laguna by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Galavage
Monday, August 14 th	8:00am +Robert Corby by Marie O'Donnell
<i>Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God</i>	
Tuesday, August 15 th	4:00pm +Anna Zucal by Mary Cheripka & <i>Blessing of Flowers</i>
Thursday, August 17 th	8:00am +Dr. Robert O'Connor by Jim & Anna Rehnert
Saturday, August 19 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Thomas & +Mary Pelachick by Family
Sunday, August 20 th	8:30am + Anna Brennan by Harold & Mary Albion & Family

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 12 th	1 Cor 4:9-16	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 13 th	I Cor 4:9-16	Alice Breznik
Saturday, August 19 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 20 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Michael Fufila

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 12 th	1 Cor 4:9-16	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, August 13 th	I Cor 4:9-16	Susan Miller
Saturday, August 19 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, August 20 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Lauralee Sadusky Marshall

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Heritage Day- We need people to march in Heritage Day on Saturday August 26th. Anyone who is able to join us on that day please contact, Carol Kalavage or the rectory by August 18th. Thank you.

Save the Date – Our Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 15th. Anyone interested in helping with the event should talk to Michelle Caputo, Theresa Krajcirik or Stephanie Rarick. Donations of new unused Christmas items can be left in the back of the Church or dropped off at the rectory. .

Summer Lunches- Shenandoah Valley Elementary Cafeteria will be providing free lunch to all children 18 and under Monday – Friday, starting June 19, 2017 thru August 18, 2017, 11:00am – 12:30pm. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 9/3, 10/1, 10/8, 11/19.

Candles- Dates are open for the Iconosta (\$12.00) , Tetrapod (\$6.00) & Crucifix (\$6.00) . Please contact the rectory office to reserve a date. Thank you.

Sick Calls will be Wednesday, August 16th

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 9/3, 10/1, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12

Sick Calls will be Thursday, August 17th

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- will be reduced for the summer months. The hours for this week will be Monday 8/14 & Wednesday 8/15 from 10:30 to 2:30 Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.

DATE AND TIME CHANGE : CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER sponsored by St. Nicholas Church. Will be on Saturday, August 19th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Meal includes...chicken, halupki, filling, mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll \$ 10.00/eat-in or take-out ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY...CALL...570-544-4581

Save the Date – Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, September 24th. All married couples are invited to attend the 11am Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia followed by a dinner. Flyers/ registration forms are in the back of the church. Please register by September 13th .

When trouble grows, your character shows.

Both Churches:

The Second Annual Call to Prayer Pilgrimage is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at Assumption BVM Church in Centralia. We extend a cordial invitation to the faithful of our deanery parishes as well as ALL people of good will to join us in this day of prayer. Come to this special place on the mountain to beseech the Lord for His blessings and graces. Come to this special place on the mountain to honor Our Most Blessed Mother. Come to this special place on the mountain to confess your sins, to venerate the holy relics of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky. Come to pray for and receive the anointing for the healing of body and soul. Come to refresh your soul and renew your faith.

Our Pilgrimage begins at Noon with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and the deanery clergy. Responses will be sung by the choir of Protection of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo. A Living Rosary before the holy icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv will begin at 2:00PM led by Fr. Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., pastor of Mother Cabrini Church in Shamokin. Akafist to the Dormition of the Mother of God before the Holy Shroud of the Dormition will begin at 3:00PM with Msgr. James Melnic, pastor of Protection Church in McAdoo and St. Michael's Church in Hazleton as celebrant. A candlelight procession from our outdoor chapel to the church with the icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv will begin at 4:30PM. Archbishop Stefan and area clergy will join in celebrating a Moleben (Prayer Service) to the Mother of God as we enter the church. Archbishop Stefan will offer the homily. Following the Moleben, prayers for healing and the anointing of all pilgrims will take place as well as veneration of the relics of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, known as the healer of souls, to serve as the conclusion of the days activities.

Confessions will be provided at various locations throughout the church property from 1:30PM until 3:30PM. The icon and of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky will reside in the church throughout the day for prayer and veneration. Additionally, there will be light refreshments available for purchase throughout the day to nourish your body as well as your soul.

Parking for handicapped individuals will be made available near the church grounds. All other pilgrims are asked to park in the specially marked lot in Centralia itself and shuttle busses will provide transportation to the church. We ask your cooperation in this so as to maintain peace and tranquility for prayer on the grounds.

Help is needed to set up for this event : The schedule for set-up is as follows: Wednesday and Thursday, August 23rd and 24th from 4:00PM until 7:00PM--general cleaning of church, church hall and grounds. Friday, August 25th from Noon through the evening hours--setting up tables and chairs as well as preparing the outdoor chapels

Beginning Genealogy And Exploring Eastern European Ancestry- The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society is very pleased to announce that Tom & Kathryn Peters, two outstanding professional Genealogists, will present an all day seminar for beginning and experienced genealogists at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus located at 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley, PA 18034 on **September 9th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The price including an assorted breakfast tray, refreshments, and a boxed lunch is \$35.00. Kathryn's "Beginning Genealogy 101" will be a boot camp for those trying to get started on discovering their heritage. Tom will provide his expertise on researching Eastern European Ancestry including Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Hungary. Both will address the latest genealogy tools and technology, and be available to answer any questions and review documents. Seating will be limited. Reservations are required. Contact Chuck Schneider at 610-691-2658 or e-mail cfsomni@aol.com no later than September 5th.

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.

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

Topography of the Spirit- Friday, 26 May

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 24, 16 June 2017)

There are three “places of reference” in the life of every Christian: “Galilee”, “heaven” and “the world”. To these three places correspond certain “words” — “memory, prayer and mission” — which represent each person’s journey. This is the “topography of the Spirit” outlined by Pope Francis during Mass at Santa Marta on Friday, 26 May.

Drawing inspiration from the day’s readings, the Holy Father stressed that Jesus, in the 40 days that passed between the Resurrection and the Ascension, “remained with the disciples: teaching them, accompanying them, preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit ... giving them strength”. And Scripture, Pope Francis said, points to “three places of reference in our Christian journey, three words which point to how our journey must be”.

The Pope explained that the first place to consider is “Galilee”. “The first Apostle, Mary Magdalene” was told: “Tell the disciples that they are to go into Galilee”. Clarifying the point, Pope Francis described the place as one of “reference”, full of significance for the disciples. It was in Galilee, in fact, that the Apostles “had their first encounter with Jesus; it was the place where Jesus encountered them, chose them, taught them from the beginning, invited them to follow him”. A “place” that has meaning in the life of every Christian: “each one of us has his or her own Galilee”, the Pope stressed. It is “the moment in which we encountered Jesus, he showed himself to us, we came to know him, and we had this joy, this enthusiasm to follow him”. Each one of us, therefore, has his or her own unique Galilee different from that of everyone else: “I encountered the Lord in this way: in this family with my mum, grandmother, catechist...” whereas another person might recount: ‘I, instead, encountered the Lord in this way...’.

In sum, Galilee represents for each one of us “the grace of memory”, because “to be a good Christian it is always necessary to remember our first meeting with Jesus or our successive encounters” with him. This is what will give us “certainty”, the Pope indicated, “in the moment of trial”.

The second place in this ideal “topography of the Spirit” is “heaven”. We see this, for example, in the passage which “recounts the Lord’s Ascension”: the Apostles, in fact, “had their eyes fixed upon heaven to such an extent that several angels came to them to say: ‘But, why do you stand looking to heaven? He has gone. He is there. He will return, but he is there’”.

Heaven, the Holy Father explained, is “where Jesus is now, but he is not separated from us; physically yes, but he is always joined to us to intercede for us”. There, Jesus shows the Father “the wounds, the price he has paid for us, for our salvation”. Therefore, Pope Francis added, “just as it was necessary to remember the first encounter with the grace of memory, we should also ask for the grace to contemplate heaven, the grace of prayer, the union with Jesus in prayer who, at this moment, is listening to us; he is with us”. And just as he said to Paul, Jesus tells us: “Do not be afraid because I am with you”. And so, heaven is “the second reference point in life”.

Finally, the third point of reference, Francis observed, is the “world”. Again, in the Gospel of the Ascension we read that Jesus says to his disciples: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”. From this we understand, said Pope Francis, that “a Christian’s place is the world, in order to announce the word of Jesus, to say that we are saved, that he has come to give us grace, to bring all with him before the Father”.

This is how the Pontiff illustrated the “topography of the Christian Spirit”. He reiterated “three reference places of our life: memory (Galilee); prayer, intercession (heaven); and mission, going into the world”. And he added: “a Christian must move in these three dimensions and ask for the grace of memory” with a prayer “that I will not forget that moment when you chose me, that I will not forget those moments when we encountered each other”. It is also necessary “to pray, to lift our gaze to heaven because he is there to intercede” for us. And, finally, “to go on mission”. Which is not to say, the Holy Father made clear, “that everyone must go abroad; going on mission is living and giving testimony to the Gospel; it is making Jesus known to people”. This, Pope Francis explained, we do “with witness and with the word, because if I say who Jesus is, how Christian life is, but I live as a pagan, that does not work. The mission is not effective”.

Therefore, to summarize: the “Galilee of memory; the heaven of intercession and of prayer; and mission to the world”. And, the Pope concluded, “if we live Christian life in this way, our life will be beautiful; it will also be joyful”. One consequence that comes from the last phrase pronounced by Jesus in the day’s Gospel (Jn 16:20-23): “That day, the day in which you will live Christian life thus, you will know all and ‘no one can take away your joy’”. These words are applicable to every Christian: “because I remember the encounter with Jesus; I have the certainty that Jesus is in heaven at this moment and intercedes for me, that he is with me; and I pray and I have the courage to speak, to go out from myself and tell others and bear witness through my life that the Lord is Risen, he is alive”. Thus: “memory, prayer, mission”.

August 15:

Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God

The Feast of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God commemorates the death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ’s mother.

By promulgating the Bull Munificentissimus Deus, 1 November, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium that “the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.

As with the Nativity of the Virgin (September 8) and the feast of her Entrance to the Temple (November 21), the Feast of the Assumption also comes from the Tradition of the Church. There we learn that Mary died as all people die because she had a mortal human nature affected by the corruption of this world. The Church proclaims that Mary needed to be saved by Christ just as all of us are saved from trials, sufferings, and death of this world. Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the

"Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27-28) Finally, we celebrate the fact that what happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.

It is important to remember that there are no relics of the Mother of God. Their existence has never been mentioned throughout history. At one time in Constantinople there was a center of pilgrimage where the belt and veil of the Virgin were venerated.

From the Tradition of the Church

Following the day of Pentecost, the Mother of God remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. When a Jewish man tried to interrupt their solemn procession, an angel of the Lord came and punished him by cutting off his hands, which were later healed.

The Apostle Thomas arrived on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb. Church tradition relates that the Mother of God was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.

The Icon of the Dormition



The Mother of God is depicted upon the funeral bier. Christ, standing behind the Mother of God, is her Son, Who has come to receive His Mother's soul into heaven; He holds in His left arm an infant in white, symbolizing the soul of the Mother of God reborn in her glory in heaven; Christ also is robed in white and appears in an aureole (elongated halo) depicting the Light of His Divinity. This imagery is the reversal of the imagery of Mary holding the infant Jesus in her arms in swaddling clothes at His nativity.

The Apostles are depicted on either side of the bier stand the Apostles; the group on the left is led by St. Peter who stands at the head of the bier; the group on the right is led by St. Paul who stands at the foot of the bier. Below the bier is a figure of Antonius the Jew, who tried to disrupt the procession, was punished, but later repented of his sins and embraced Christianity through Baptism.

5 Flowers and their spiritual symbolism – by Philip Kosloski

Flowers are everywhere in creation and their beauty has always captured the imagination.

Throughout history Christian artists have used different parts of the natural world to convey various types of spiritual symbolism. They recognized how every aspect of creation speaks of the glory of God and utilized it to deepen the meaning hidden in their artwork.

One part of nature that appears frequently in Christian art is the flower. Flowers are everywhere in creation and their beauty has always captured the imagination.

Here are five different types of flowers that artists have used over the centuries to represent different spiritual truths.



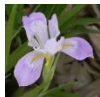
Anemone

In Greek mythology the anemone was associated with sorrow and death. This was due in part to the story of Adonis' death, after which a bed of anemones grew. In a similar vein Christian artists used this flower in depictions of the crucifixion. There is even one story that claims anemones started to grow on the spot of Calvary after Jesus died on the cross.



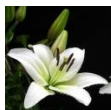
Carnation

A common flower used for various occasions, the red carnation in art symbolized pure love, while the pink was used as a symbol of marriage. Carnations also stood, in wordplay, for the mystery of the Incarnation.



Iris

Closely associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the iris is sometimes called the "sword lily," and for this reason was used most often in connection with Our Lady of Sorrows.



Lily

One of the most common flowers found in Christian art, the lily symbolizes purity, and saints who are known for their purity are usually depicted holding a lily. Sometimes the Child Jesus is shown giving a saint a lily in honor of their purity. It is also frequently used in depictions of the Annunciation.



Rose

In Roman mythology the rose was the flower of Venus, the goddess of love. In Christian art the red rose was associated with martyrdom, while the white rose symbolized purity. It is also used to represent heavenly joy when worn as a crown by saints, while its thorns often point to Original Sin. The Blessed Virgin Mary is sometimes called the "rose without thorns."

Church Information

Rectory Hours- Please call for appointment. 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 - \$893.05 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 769.00 Cemetery \$85.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Harry Jr & +Alice Chacho by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Anna Mellon by Paula Sawka

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

Eva Koch	Helen O'Connell	Susan Enders	Jane Sittnick**
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