

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, August 20th, 2017 11th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, August 20 th	10:30am +Julie Hancher by Irene & Gerry Acalin
Tuesday, August 22 nd	8:00am 1 st Anniversary +Jennie Shuskie by Helen & Michelle Bereschak
Wednesday, August 23 rd	8:00am +Elizabeth Frauenhoffer by Daughter, Elizabeth
Friday, August 25 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, August 26 th	1:00pm In Celebration of the 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Albert & Alice Breznik
	3:30pm +Carmella Fonslick by Theresa Panchison
Sunday, August 27 th	10:30am +Regina M Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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 Albon & Family
Monday, August 21 st	8:00am +Steve Mistysyn by Ronald Krolick
Thursday, August 24 th	8:00am +John Plasha Jr by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family
Saturday, August 26 th	<u>NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGY</u>
	5:30pm Special Intentions by Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, August 27 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 19 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 20 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Michael Fufla
Saturday, August 26 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 27 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, August 19 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Andrew Skrincoosky
Sunday, August 20 th	1 Cor 9:2-12	Lauralee Sadusky Marshall
Saturday, August 26 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Christine Romanko
Sunday, August 27 th	1 Cor 15:1-11	Dolores Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Heritage Day- THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT – YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. MICHAEL’S 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, ASAP. Thank you.

Holiday Bingo – We have changed our Christmas Bingo to a HOLIDAY BINGO- The Bingo will be Sunday October 15th. Anyone interested in helping with the event should talk to Michelle Caputo, Theresa Krajcirik or Stephanie Rarick.

Donations for Holiday Bingo-- Donations of new unused Holiday 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.

St. Nicholas:

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

Heritage Day in Shenandoah- You are invited to join us in marching in the Heritage Day Parade. Anyone interested please contact the rectory ASAP. We need to make sure we have a Ukrainian Shirt for you.

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- will be reduced for the summer months. The hours for this week will be Monday 8/21 & Wednesday 8/23 from 10:30 to 2:30 Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.

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 .

Tamaqua has heart – Auction and Gala September 28th , Registration 6:00pm Auction 7:00pm at the Scheid’s Building, Downtown Tamaqua. Tickets available at <https://tamaquaarts.thundertix.com>.

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

We are servants - Friday, 2 June

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 25, 23 June 2017)

Peter, conscious of being “the greatest sinner among the Apostles” — going so far as to have “denied the Lord” — but also aware of being chosen “to feed the people with love”, asked to be crucified “upside-down”. This was one of the images to which Pope Francis referred in his homily on Friday morning, 2 June, inspired by the dialogue between Jesus and Peter as recounted in the day’s passage from the Gospel of John (21:15-19).

“This dialogue between the Lord and Peter”, Pope Francis pointed out, “is a calm dialogue, between friends, a peaceful, subtle dialogue on the shore of the lake where Peter had been called at the beginning”. As the conversation unfolds, the Pope explained, Jesus uses words like “love, feed my sheep, follow me: peaceful words, words arising from the atmosphere of the resurrection” that “the Lord is carrying forth”. It is “a dialogue of friends and service, since it is taking place after the breakfast which Jesus himself prepared”. And it is a dialogue, the Pope continued, “in which Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd, entrusts his sheep to Peter”.

Thus, “a dialogue between friends”. And in fact Jesus asks Peter: “Do you love me? Love. And do you want to be my friend? Are you my friend?”. This, the Pope continued, “is the atmosphere of this dialogue, of this page of the Gospel so clearly peaceful, so clearly subtle”.

Francis chose to “point out three things” about “this dialogue”. The first was the phrase, “follow me”. Jesus, the Holy Father explained, “chose the greatest sinner of the Apostles: the others had also run away, but this one denied him”, saying: “I do not know him”. And yet “Jesus asks him: ‘Do you love me more than these?’”. Thus, the Pope affirmed, “Jesus chose the greatest of sinners”. In this regard, the Pope recalled, “there comes to my mind a dialogue between Jesus and a 17th century saint, a saint for whom Jesus had done many, many favours. It was a woman, a holy woman: ‘But Lord, to me who am so small, and so great a sinner’. And the Lord said: ‘Had I found a greater sinner than you, I would have given it to him’. Thus, the Pope continued, “the great sinner was chosen to tend the People of God, to ‘feed’ the People of God: it makes us think”.

The second point suggested by the Pope is “the word ‘love’” being used in this dialogue: “‘feed’, because you love me, ‘feed’, because you are my friend, ‘feed’”. And thus, “feed with love”. And “Peter takes this up in his first Letter: he has learned”. We should not “feed with our head held high, as a great dictator, no: feed with humility, with love, just as Jesus did”. And “this is the mission that Jesus gives to Peter: yes, with his sins, with his mistakes”, such that “right after this dialogue, Peter slips, makes a mistake: he is tempted by curiosity and he says to the Lord: ‘But this other disciple, where will he go, what will he do?’”. It is “with love, amid his mistakes, his sins, but with love”. Because “these sheep are not your sheep, they are my sheep”, says the Lord”. Thus, “love: if you are my friend, you must be their friend”.

The third point that springs from the dialogue between Jesus and Peter is exemplified by “two images”. There is the one “from Holy Thursday”, the Pope explained, “when Peter, sure of himself, with that

same self-assurance with which he had said: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God’, then says to the servant of the High Priest: ‘I don’t know the man, I am not from his group’”. In other words, the Holy Father pointed out, “Peter denies Jesus and then their eyes meet: when Jesus goes out, He looks at him, and Peter, courageous, even courageous in his denial, is capable of weeping bitterly”. And “then after all of his life in service to the Lord”, Pope Francis added, “he ends up exactly like the Lord: on the cross. But he doesn’t boast”, saying: “I shall meet the same end as my Lord!”. No, he asks: “please, hang me on the cross upside-down, because at least in this way all can see that I am not the Lord; I am his servant”.

“This is what we can take from this dialogue, so beautiful, so peaceful, so friendly, so subtle”, the Pope said. He then concluded by asking “that the Lord give us all the grace to go about in life with our ‘head down’; with our head held high with the dignity God gives us, but with our head down, knowing that we are sinners and that Jesus alone is Lord: we are servants”.

Visitor to our Church. One day, a man went to visit a church; He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, “ I always park there! You took my place!” The visitor went inside and found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat! You took my place!” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, and moved to another place.

Another member walked up to him and said, That’s where I always sit! You took my place!” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for the Holy Spirit to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, “What happened to you?” The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, “I took your place.”

ARE ALLAH AND GOD THE FATHER THE SAME?

Some people believe that essentially all the different religions are the same. “The Christians have Jesus, the Jews have Moses, the Muslims have Mohammed, the Buddhists have Buddha, the Chinese have Confucius” is what a friend in Italy used to say to me. His statement was designed to minimize differences in favor of tolerance.

This statement, while coming from someone with good intentions is false. It fails to see the uniqueness of world religions and it naively misunderstands serious differences of doctrine in the world religions. Real understanding of what someone believes is not helped by generalizing all religions as being the same.

There is a world of difference between God the Father who sent His Son as an atonement for sin and Allah who claims “holy war” and offers lavish, sensual paradise to those who kill people in his name. The real beauty of a Saviour who gave His life for all of us (Moslems too!) is how all men can be at peace with God and with one another



Pope Francis is calling them martyrs

Among the victims of ISIS' recent attack on Coptic Christians in Egypt were a number of children, killed for refusing to renounce the Faith. Muslim gunmen opened fire on a bus of Christian pilgrims heading towards St. Samuel Monastery in Minya province south of Cairo. French media is now reporting that the ISIS militants asked each passenger to renounce his Christian faith, and when they refused, they were shot.

According to Agence France Presse, survivors of the attack recount, "The masked men ordered the Christians going to the monastery to step out of the bus and abjure their faith."

"They asked them to renounce their Christian faith, one by one, but all of them refused," said Fr. Rashed, the priest accompanying the pilgrims. "Then the armed men coldly killed them by shooting them in the head."

A total of 29 — many of them children — were victims of the Islamic terror.

Pope Francis is calling them martyrs. "May the Lord welcome these courageous witnesses, these martyrs, in his peace and convert the hearts of the violent ones," he said Sunday from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square. The day before, the Holy Father prayed for the victims and said there are more Christian martyrs today than in the times of the Early Church

ALWAYS CARRY THE BIBLE

A 50-something year old Muslim man arrived at his seat on a crowded flight and immediately didn't want the seat. The seat was next to an elderly woman reading the Bible.

Disgusted, the Muslim man summoned the flight attendant and demanded a new seat. The man said "I cannot sit here next to this infidel." The flight attendant said, "Let me see if I can find another seat."

After checking, the flight attendant returned and stated, "There are no more seats in economy, but I will check with the captain and see if there is something in first class."

About 10 minutes went by, and the flight attendant returned and stated, "The captain has confirmed that there are no more seats in economy, but there is one in first class. It is our company policy to never move a person from economy to first class, but being that it would be some sort of scandal to force a person to sit next to an UNPLEASANT person, the captain agreed to make the switch to first class!"

Before the irate Muslim man could say anything, the attendant gestured to the elderly woman and said, "Therefore, madam, if you would so kindly retrieve your personal items, we would like to move you to the comfort of first class, as the captain doesn't want you to sit next to an unpleasant person."

Passengers in the seats nearby began to applaud, while some gave a standing ovation!

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, and give fully!

We are often filled with worry and anxiety. When you think about it, what is worry but the opposite of faith anyway!

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

**"I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."
(Matthew 6:25-26; & 28-29)**

Know that God is always with you, and there is no reason to worry about what might happen.

**“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”
(Matthew 6:34)**

So:

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to god. And; let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”
(Philippians 4:6) & (Colossians 3:15)**

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 - \$660.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 522.00 Cemetery \$30.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Nancy Bollerman by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on the Brezniks

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**
Demetrius Grabowsky*	Helen Beddall	Dolores O'Connell Leahy	Dolores Kozie
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Sandy Bankes*	Tom Prete**	Helen Sims	Andrea Pytak
Shannon's Mom*	Susan Chernesky	Mary Mazur	Annie Cragen
Matthew Morrisey	Pat Sittnick**	Charlie Calise	Irene Yaroma

St. Nicholas

Peter Kadingo	Laura Seasock	Joseph Salak	Jim Rehnert
Margaret Skrincosky		Anna Skrincosky	Walter Mistishen
Mary Mistishen		Catherine Washuta	Andrew Skrincosky
Joseph Luckenbill	Metro & Helen Tarris	Elizabeth Gulas	

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