

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, February 5th, 2017 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4 th	3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by William & Irene Mc Andrew
Sunday, February 5 th	10:30am God's Blessing on His People
Tuesday, February 7 th	8:00am + Olga Kulka by Betty Cremo
Wednesday, February 8 th	8:00am +Russell Seasock by Mr & Mrs Albert Shimkus
Friday, February 10 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, February 11 th	3:30pm +Helen Kalavage by Daughter in Law , Carol
Sunday, February 12 th	10:30am God's Blessing on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Walter Salak by Helen, Metro, Leonard & Rita Tarris
Sunday, February 5 th	8:30am +Steve Mistysyn by John Mistishen
Monday, February 6 th	8:00am +George Jansson by Thomas & Verna Elo
Thursday, February 9 th	8:00am +Robert Corby by Thomas Stock
Saturday, February 11 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Steve Mistysyn by Margaret Mistysyn & Family
Sunday, February 12 th	8:30am +Julia Wochok Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, February 4 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, February 5 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, February 11 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, February 12 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, February 4 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Andrew Skrinicosky
Sunday, February 5 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Susan Miller
Saturday, February 11 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Christine Romanko
Sunday, February 12 th	1 Cor 6:12-20	Lauralee Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Candles are now available for 2017. For Sanctuary Lights, please sign up in the back of the church (offering \$15.00) For Iconostas (offering \$12.00) , Tetrapod (offering \$6.00) , Crucifix (offering \$6.00) and 7 Branch Lights(offering \$21.00) please contact the rectory. Please place your offering in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

Memorials- We have received donations in memory of +Carmella Fonslick from Carol Kalavage, Alice Grutsky, Peggy Bisco, Kathie Golitsky, John Slatick, Helen Beddall, Joe & Tara Dombrosky & Family, Fritz & Sue Krusinsky, The Catizone Family, The Bitel Family, Dolores Micko, Mary Ann & Al Pronio, Lois Reichweis & Arlene & Family.

Pierogie Sale will be Monday February 27th . We are SOLD OUT, but could really use any help that you can provide. Thank you for your efforts to make this sale a success. (weather permitting)

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available dates 3/5, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, & 4/23.

Divine Liturgy cancelation- If there is a two hour delay or cancelation of the St. Clair schools due to bad weather , we will not have Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas.

Home Blessings will be February 12th , Pottsville , Port Carbon , Cressona & Outlying Areas- weather permitting.

Both Churches

Special Collection- Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection in Central & Eastern Europe! **As a parish, we collected \$27.00** to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, feel free to use the extra envelopes at the back of the church, and drop them in the collection basket. You can also donate directly by visiting . www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the “How to Give link on the left. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Rectory Office - If the local schools have a two hour delay, or are canceled , this will effect if the rectory office is open. On these days, please call first before coming to the office to be sure it is open. Also please note that the rectory office will be closed the following days – All Fridays in February . **The rectory office will be closed Monday February 6th .**

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Assumption BVM Parish is sponsoring their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 12th from 11:00AM until 2:00PM in the social hall of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Mt. Carmel. Dinner includes: spaghetti, homemade meatballs and sauce, salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert. Extra meatballs may be purchased at an additional cost. Also, quarts of our delicious sauce will be available to purchase for take-out. Tickets are on sale now--\$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years of age--and can be purchased by calling the rectory office at 570-339-0650, stopping by the office during business hours, or in the vestibule of the church before and after liturgy. A cordial invitation is extended to all!

Chicken & Halupki Dinner- Sunday February 19th 11:00am to 1:00pm at St Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Meal includes Chicken, Halupki, filling, mashed potatoes, vegetable & roll. Eat in or take out. **ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY** Call 570-544-4581

Mardi Gras Moola Madness- Saturday February 18th. 7pm to 10pm at St Nicholas Hall, Primrose. \$100 cash prize drawn every 20 minutes. \$500 grand prize at 10pm. \$25 ticket includes 4 chances for all 9 cash drawings and light buffet. Doors open at 6:30pm, First Drawing 7:20pm. Trivia Contest, 50/50, Music , Drink Specials. Tickets call Rectory 570-544-4581, Sherri 570-527-0899, Shannon 570-294-2378 or Kelsey 570-624-6425

Lent- Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Join Dynamic Catholic for the best Lent ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life- changing Lent. You'll get: Short inspirational videos, practical tips and a study guide. Based on Mathew Kelly's latest book "Resisting Happiness. Sign up at www.BestLentEver.com

Deppen Pie Sale to benefit Shenandoah Area Free Public Library. Order forms available at the Library and Downtown Shenandoah, Pies are \$10.00 each. Order Deadline Thursday February 9th. Pick up pies on Wednesday February 22nd. Available Pies: Blueberry Crumb, Apple Crumb, Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb, Cherry Crumb, Peach Crumb, Shoofly, Coconut Custard, Lemon Sponge and No Sugar Apple.

DSI Soup Sale- Thursday February 9th. 10:00am to sell out. \$5.00 quart \$2.50 pint Soups available: New England Clam Chowder, Pasta Faggioli, Split Pea, Ham, Bean & Barley, Chicken Noodle, Kielbasi, Beef Vegetable, Chili. Sausage Hoagies for \$3.50 each. Call early for orders- 570-462-2060. Downtown Shenandoah, 116 North Main St Shenandoah PA .

Hospice of Central PA is preparing for our spring 2017 volunteer training programs. Our primary need at this time is for caring, compassionate volunteers to become part of our patient care team. They work with nurses and social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors, and others on the hospice team to help care for our patients and provide emotional support to the patients and their loved ones. For patient care/family support volunteers: Volunteers provide companionship, comfort, support, and often much-needed respite for caregivers. Our comprehensive training prepares volunteers to understand end-of-life issues, patient care, pain control, listening skills, family dynamics, spiritual support, loss, bereavement, and the hospice concept of care. This nine-week training will begin on February 23, meeting Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. For nursing home specific patient/family support volunteers **and our hospice residence volunteers:** Volunteers provide companionship, comfort, support, and extra attention. Our program covers the basics of hospice care, grief and loss, and spiritual support, focusing on supportive/companionship visitation, and collaboration with facility staff. This five-week training will begin on May 24, meeting Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. **Our newest program is our Vet to Vet visitation program:** Some of our hospice patients who are veterans welcome the chance to talk with a fellow veteran about issues that impact end of life, to which only another veteran can relate. Our training for these community veterans introduces them to hospice care concepts, end-of-life issues, and techniques of good listening. These veteran volunteers are not there to provide care, but rather a valuable listening ear attuned to the special experience of another veteran. This three-week training will begin on March 9, meeting Thursday mornings from 9a.m.-12 noon. For a volunteer application or more information, prospective volunteers may call the Hospice of Central Pennsylvania office at 717-732-1000 or 1-866-779-7374, or visit our website at www.hospiceofcentralpa.org and click on *volunteer opportunities*. Completed applications are due 10 days prior to start of training to allow time for an interview.

Trinity Academy is now accepting students for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents can enroll their child by calling Christine Zuber Fannick at (570) 462-3927 or by attending one of the following events: information sessions: February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and February 26, 2017 at 4:00pm p.m. or at our open house: February 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Trinity Academy at the Father Walter Ciszek Education Foundation; Founded in Faith and Family

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

When martyrs don't make the news- Monday, 30 January 2017

(by <http://www.osservatoreromano.va>)

Pope Francis offered Mass on Monday, 30 January, in the Casa Santa Marta chapel for “today’s martyrs”, persecuted and imprisoned Christians, and for Churches which are not free to express the faith. With the understanding that “a Church without martyrs is a Church without Jesus”, the Pontiff stressed that these martyrs sustain the Church and carry her forward. Even when “the media doesn’t speak about them, because it is not news”, today “many Christians in the world today are blessed because they are persecuted, insulted, imprisoned just for carrying a Cross or for confessing to Jesus Christ”. Therefore, when we complain that “we don’t have something”, we should remember “these martyrs who today, in greater numbers than in the first centuries, suffer martyrdom”.

The Pope based his meditation on the day’s first reading (Hebrews 11:32-40). “Towards the end”, he said, “the author makes an appeal to memory: ‘Call to mind your ancestors, call to mind the early days of your vocation, remember, call to mind the entire history of the Lord’s people’”. Remember everything in order “to strengthen our hope: remember better in order to hope better; without memory there is no hope”.

It is precisely “the memory of things which the Lord has done among us”, Francis explained, that “gives us our stamina to go forward, and also the foundation”. Thus, at the “end of the letter to the Hebrews, in Chapter 11, which is what the liturgy proposes for these days, there is the memory of the docility of many people, beginning with our father Abraham, who departed from his land not knowing where he was going, docile: memory of docility”.

“Then, today, there are two memories”, the Pontiff noted, citing the day’s reading. Above all, “the memory of the great acts of the Lord, done by men and women and, as the author of the letter says: ‘For time would fail me to tell...’”. At this point “he begins to name Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David: many people who did great things in the history of Israel”. This “is the memory, we can say, of our heroes of the people of God”. There are three groups: the first group “was those who were docile to the call of the Lord”, the second “those who did great things”, and “the third” recalled “the memory of those who suffered and gave their lives like Jesus”.

The letter continues: “Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy— wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth”. In a word, this is the “memory of the martyrs”. The Church is precisely “these people of God who are sinful but docile, who do great things and also give witness of Jesus Christ to the point of martyrdom”.

“The martyrs”, the Pope said, “are those who carry the Church forward; they are those who support the Church, who have supported it and support it today. And today there are more [martyrs] than in the first centuries”, even if “the media doesn’t say so because it isn’t news: many Christians in the world today are blessed because they are persecuted, insulted, imprisoned”. Today, Francis stressed, “there are so many in prison just for carrying a Cross or for confessing to Jesus Christ: this is the glory of the Church, it is our support, and also our humiliation, we who have so much, so much seems easy for us, and if we lack something we complain”. However, “we think about these brothers and sisters who today, in greater numbers than in the first centuries, suffer martyrdom”.

Recounting his visit to 2014 Albania, the Pope said he was unable to forget “the witness of that priest and nun in the cathedral of Tirana: years and years of imprisonment, forced labor, humiliations, nonexistent human rights”. On 21 September 2014, during vespers at St Paul’s Cathedral in Tirana, Sr Maria Kaleta and Fr Ernest Simoni delivered testimonies about the persecution which Christians endured under the regime. Fr Simoni was later created cardinal during the 19 November consistory last year.

It is right for us to be “satisfied when we see a great ecclesial act, which has had great success, and the Christians who manifest it”, he said. This can be seen as “strength”. However, “the greatest strength of the Church today is in the little Churches, tiny, with few people, persecuted, with their bishops in prison. This is our glory today and our strength today”. This is because “a Church without martyrs, I dare say, is a Church without Jesus”.

Francis called us to pray “for our martyrs who suffer so much, for those who were and who are in prison, for those Churches which are not free to express themselves: they are our support, they are our hope”. Already “in the first centuries of the Church one ancient writer said: ‘The blood of Christians, the blood of the martyrs, is the seed of Christians’”. These, “with their martyrdom, their witness, with their suffering, even giving their lives, offering their lives, disseminate Christians for the future and in other Churches”. It was for this reason that the Pope wanted to offer the day’s “Mass for our martyrs, for those who now suffer, for the Churches that suffer, who are not free”, thanking “the Lord for their being present with the strength of his spirit, in these our brothers and sisters who today give witness to him”

A THOUGHT ON HUMILITY- Maybe the most difficult thing about humility is to accept humbly the non-love of others for us. Surely, we are justified in longing for this love, but we cannot demand it, even within our heart. For the commandment we have received is that we love others, not that we demand their love for us. The very essence of love is that we demand nothing for ourselves. Only when we achieve this non-demanding attitude does the golden bird of God’s love come down into our heart and fill it.

All Souls -Sorokousty for 2017.

If you wish your departed loved ones remembered in the dyptychs these five special days, please fill out the form below and return it in the special offering envelopes.

Kindly include the following names of these beloved souls in the DYPTYCHS to be commemorated during the Panahyda on the 5 All Souls Days.

If your list has not changed since 2016 simply check here. _____

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[use extra paper if necessary — please print!!!]

YOUR FULL NAME: _____

Deadline for requests- Sun. February 12, 2017.PLEASE!



Deanery Lenten Services

Services at 3:00pm

Forgiveness Vespers

Sunday, February 26th Protection of the Mother of God , McAdoo

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 5th Transfiguration of Our Lord, Shamokin

Sunday, March 12th St. Michael's, Shenandoah

Sunday, March 19th St. Michael's , Frackville

Sunday, March 26th Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel

Sunday, April 2nd St. Michael's , Hazelton

Sunday, April 9th St. Nicholas, Minersville



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Introduction- The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Eastern Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday.

Biblical Story- The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess” (v. 12).

In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (v. 13).

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 14).

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term *metanoia* means “change of mind.” To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

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 is 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 - \$1,442.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 961.00 Thank You!

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

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael

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 that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Ruth's Mom *

Eva Koch

Dolores Kozie

Mary Goodlunas*

Sandy Bankes*

Shannon's Mom*

Matthew Morrisey

Helen O'Connell

Helen Beddall

Irene Flaherty

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders

Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Helen Sims

Mary Mazur

Keilbasa Family*

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& Rosemary (Mother)

Bill McAndrew*

Andrea Pytak

Annie Cragen

Irene Yaroma

St. Nicholas

Peter Kadingo

Margaret Skrincosky

Mary Mistishen

Joseph Luckenbill

Laura Seasock

Mary Kadingo

Metro & Helen Tarris

Joseph Salak

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2016

Check out our updated website at www.first-ukrainian.com