

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, January 8th 2017- Sunday after Theophany

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7 th	3:30pm +Coralee Solano by Anne Evans
Sunday, January 8 th	10:30am +Michael Litwak by Toni Poppert Huntzinger
Tuesday, January 10 th	8:00am +Stephen Crepak & +Katherine Kumis
Wednesday, January 11 th	8:00am +Anna Smetana by Eileen Pecunas
Friday, January 13 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, January 14 th	3:30pm +Ed Kalavage by Daughter-in-Law, Carol
Sunday, January 15 th	10:30am +Leonard Kozlosky by Son, Len & Dolores

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Ann Zucal by Dr & Mrs Michael Halupa
Sunday, January 8 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, January 9 th	8:00am +John Lutsky – Legacy Liturgy
Thursday, January 12 th	8:00am +Olga Lutsky- Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, January 14 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm God's Blessings on Jim & Anna
Sunday, January 15 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 7 th	Eph 4:7-13	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 8 th	Eph 4:7-13	Paul Caputo
Saturday, January 14 th	Col 3:12-16	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, January 15 th	Col 3:12-16	Charles Calise

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 7 th	Eph 4:7-13	Christine Romanko
Sunday, January 8 th	Eph 4:7-13	Lauralee Sadusky
Saturday, January 14 th	Col 3:12-16	Mike Prokop
Sunday, January 15 th	Col 3:12-16	Dolores Sadusky

Keep The Faith- but not to yourself.

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.

Envelopes for 2017 are now in the back of the church. If you need envelopes and they are not in the back , please see Fr. or contact the rectory. Also if your address is blank or incorrect , please call the rectory at 570-462-0809.

Condolences - Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Martha Hysock who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of + Martha be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat

Condolences - Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +John Bagienski who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of + John be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available dates 2/26, 3/5, & 3/26

Envelopes for 2017- Envelopes will be available on Saturday December 17th, 2016. Envelopes are arranged alphabetically by your last name .

Church Calendars are now available in the back of the Church.

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.

Sick Calls will be Thursday, January 12th.

Both Churches

Liturgies for 2017. We are now taking request for Divine Liturgies for 2017. We ask that when possible requests be submitted in writing with a daytime phone number. Requests will also be taken by email- stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net or stnicholasc@verizon.net. If placing the requests by phone, please do so between the hours of 10-3 Monday –Thursday. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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 January .

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed in the Ringtown area! Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday 10:00AM pick up time
For more information, please call Debbie at 570-624-3016 Diakon Community Services

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE *DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE*

Beware of fireworks *Thursday, 10 November 2016*

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

In his homily at the Mass he celebrated at Santa Marta on Thursday morning, 10 November, Pope Francis warned against the temptation of remaining fascinated by the “fireworks of entertaining religion”, and always searching for “new things, revelations and messages”, which “last for a moment and then vanish away”. Francis also proposed an examination of conscience to verify whether or not we truly “safeguard hope”: the right attitude of those who work in order to grow “the Kingdom of God that is already in our midst”.

Inspired by the passage from Luke’s Gospel (17:20-25), proposed in the liturgy of the day, the Pope was quick to note that “at that time there was the curiosity of knowing the time of the Kingdom of God: when the liberation of the Romans would come or the liberation of the People of God”. Those people did “not have a good understanding of what the kingdom of God was, and so they asked Jesus”. And “He responded clearly: ‘It has already come, it is in your midst’”. He explained that “the Kingdom of God in our midst is like a mustard seed that is small but is planted and grows, grows, grows and grows, but with time”. And “it is the same with the seed of wheat”.

In the Gospel, the Pope explained, “the image of the seed” is precisely suggested in this regard, but “also the yeast with the flour that the woman presses well in order to make bread, and that which was small then grows, grows and grows and we do not know how”. Jesus, “when he explains this, says that we do not know how the seed grows, how it sprouts; we do not know how the yeast grows the dough, but the Kingdom of God is this way: it is in your midst, as a seed that grows, as yeast in the dough”. It is up to us, Francis said, “to safeguard it well and to hope that it grows, that it bears fruit”. We “hope, so that the Kingdom of God becomes strong in hope”. Paul also “said to the Romans: ‘We were saved in hope’”.

Moreover, the Pope explained, “our salvation is always the intention of hope: it is not a possession, now”, as if to say, “I am saved, I am right”. No, the Pontiff continued, “they are intentions of hope and the kingdom of God grows in this way, with our work: we work to safeguard well the grain that grows, that also germinates with our rest”. Because “Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of God is like the grain that is planted: man goes and, even when he is asleep, it grows on its own” because “it is God who ensures its growth”. And so “whether during our work or during our rest they grow, the Kingdom of God grows”. However, “it takes hope to see that growth”. And this is “truly the first thing that Jesus tells us today: the Kingdom of God is among us”.

Indeed, Jesus also tells us “another thing: how it is, namely, the way”, Francis explained. In fact, “the Kingdom of God does not come about in the way of attracting attention and no one will say ‘here it is’ or ‘there it is’”. No, the Kingdom of God “is in the midst of all of you: it is not a religion of entertainment” with which “we are always searching for new things, revelations and messages”.

“God has spoken in Jesus Christ: this is God’s final say” the Pope affirmed. The rest is “like the fireworks that light you up for a moment, and then what remains? Nothing, there is no growth; there is no light, there is nothing: an instant”. However, Francis recognized, “so often we were tempted by this

religion of entertainment, searching for strange things rather than revelation, and the meekness of the Kingdom of God that is among us and grows”. And this religion of entertainment “is not hope: it is the desire to have something in ones hand”. However, “our salvation”, the Pope explained, “is measured in hope, the hope that belongs to the man who sowed wheat or the woman who prepared the bread, mixing yeast and flour: the hope that it will grow”. On the other hand, “this artificial light is all about an instant and then vanishes, as fireworks do: it is not enough to illuminate a house, it is a show”.

“There is the Kingdom of God”, the Pope affirmed, “but the question remains: when will the Son of Man come?”. And “this is the other question that underlies the first”. And it is Jesus who gives us an explanation: “For as the lightning shines darting from one end of the sky, so too will the Son of Man in his day”. Paul also says this to the Thessalonians: “It will be a thunderbolt that transforms everything in an instant, and everything will be different. And this will be the end”. Therefore, the Pope continued, “this will be the fullness of God’s Kingdom, when the Lord will return, and he will return in this way. But before this fullness comes, the Lord says, it is necessary that He, the Son of Man, suffers greatly, and that He is rejected by this generation: it is the suffering of the Cross, of work, of all of this that we carry forward”.

In his reflection, the Pope proposed another question: “If God’s Kingdom is already in our midst, and if we must not let ourselves to be lured by the spectacular things, which are fireworks and serve no purpose, what must we do while awaiting the coming of the Kingdom of God, the coming of the Lord?”. In his response Francis proposed a keyword: to “guard”. Yes, “to guard with patience: patience in our work and in our suffering”. Yes, “to guard as the man who planted and guarded the seed, guarding it so that no weeds grow near it, so that the plant will grow”. In practice this means “guarding hope”.

And in this regard the Pope proposed another question: “If the kingdom of God is in our midst, if we all have this seed inside us, if we have the Holy Spirit there, how do we guard this? How do I know how to discern the good plant from the weeds?”. In short, “the Kingdom of God grows, and what should we do?”. The answer is clear: “To guard, to grow in hope, to guard hope”, because “we were saved in hope”. This is precisely the thread: “Hope is the thread of the history of salvation, the hope of meeting the Lord forever”. Pope Francis took the opportunity of offering a personal examination of conscience: “Let us can ask ourselves, how do I guard hope? Do I prefer specific things, fireworks? Do I have the patience, even mortification, the cross, to guard the hope that was sown in our hearts in baptism? That hope which does not disappoint” because “hope never disappoints!”.

The truth that “the Kingdom of God is in our midst” challenges us in “how we guard the Kingdom of God, this hope”. Someone “might want to ask, the Pope said, “do I hope?”. That is why it is proper to ask “ourselves: do I hope or move forward as I can, not knowing how to discern the good from the bad, the wheat from the weeds, the light, the gentle light of the Holy Spirit from the brightness of this artificial thing?”. Thus Francis suggested that we question own “our hope in this seed that is growing within us, and how we guard our hope: the Kingdom of God is in our midst, but with rest, with work, with discernment, we must guard the hope of the Kingdom of God that grows, to the very moment when the Lord comes and everything is transformed”. Yes, the Pope concluded, “in one moment: everything, the world, us, everything”. And, “as Paul says to the Christians in Thessalonica, in that moment we will all remain with Him”.

**WE MUST LONG AND PRAY FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF
ALL WITHOUT EXCEPTION**- Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia

There is not terrorism in the Eastern Churches doctrine of God. Eastern Christians do not cringe before Him in abject fear , but think of Him as philanthropos, the ‘lover of mankind’.

Hell is not so much a place where God imprisons a person, but a place where a person, by misusing his free will, chooses to imprison himself or herself. And even in Hell the wicked are not deprived of the love of God. [If they were, they would cease to exist]. Hell exists as a final possibility . It is heretical to say or believe that all must be saved, for this is to deny free will;

but it is legitimate to hope that all may be saved. Until the Last Day comes, we must not despair of anyone’s salvation, but must long and pray for the reconciliation of all without exception. No one must be excluded from our prayers of loving intercession.

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. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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

YOUR FULL NAME: _____

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

Out of the mouths of babes

Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?

Jennifer

Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying

Elliott

WHO WERE THE 12 APOSTLES?

Simon, renamed Cephas in Greek “Peter”

Andrew, brother of Peter

James the Greater

John, Brother of James the Greater

Philip

Bartholomew

Matthew, Known as “Levi” in Hebrew

Thomas, meaning “twin” in Greek

James the Less, First bishop of Jerusalem

Jude, known as “Thaddaeus”, brother of James the Less

Simon, known as the “Zealot.”

Judas the “Iscariot” replaced by Matthias after his suicide

A little poem to help you remember:

Peter, Andrew, James and John, Phil and Bart and Matt and Tom,
James the Less and Jude and Simon—Then Judas who betrayed the God Man.

NAME THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL- In order of birth:

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Zabulon

Issachar

Dan

Gad

Asher

Naphtali

Joseph (Manasseh and Ephraim)

Benjamin

Fr. Myron: I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home if possible
this year during the Theophany (Jordan) Season. (2017) **LAST WEEK**

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____

ZIP : _____

TELEPHONE : _____

Times will be announced in the bulletin. Weather permitting.

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, 600.00-Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$2,057.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of + Steve Mistysyn by Margaret Mistysyn & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael In Memory of +Angelo Perri by Perri Family

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostas

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

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*

Christine Lenhart*
& Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak
Annie Cragen
Irene Yaroma

Sandy Bankes*
Shannon's Mom*
Matthew Morrisey

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