

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, July 23rd , 2017 7th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, July 22 nd | 3:30pm +Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol |
| Sunday, July 23 rd | 10:30am God's Blessings on His People |
| Tuesday, July 25 th | 8:00am +Norman Sulfur by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bugden |
| Wednesday, July 26 th | 8:00am Special Intentions for R .M. |
| Friday, July 28 th | 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| Saturday, July 29 th | 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People |
| Sunday, July 30th | 8:30am +Joseph Lesko by Gerald & Irene Acalin |

*Sunday, July 30th Seminary Day – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 11:00pm
Celebrated by Archbishop Soroka at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Minersville*

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, July 22 nd | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Walter,+ Helen & +Walter Jr Kocur by Thomas Stock & Family |
| Sunday, July 23 rd | 8:30am +Mary Toth by Dorothy Prokop |
| Monday, July 24 th | 8:00am +Walter Salak by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skrincosky |
| Thursday, July 27 th | 8:00am +Leonard Rovinsky by the Stock Family |
| Saturday, July 29 th | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Irene Tkack Lewis &+ Paul Lewis by Elizabeth Gulas |
| Sunday, July 30th | NO DIVINE LITURGY |

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St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, July 22 nd | Rom 15:1-7 | Nancy Sawka |
| Sunday, July 23 rd | Rom 15-1-7 | Michelle Caputo |
| Saturday , July 29th | 1 Cor 1:10-18 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, July 30th | 1 Cor 1:10-18 | Paul Caputo |

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, July 22 nd | Rom 15:1-7 | Christine Romanko |
| Sunday, July 23 rd | Rom 15-1-7 | Theresa Panchison |
| Saturday , July 29th | 1 Cor 1:10-18 | Mike Prokop |

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/8, 11/19, 12/3 .

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.

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.

Theme baskets are needed for Seminary Day. Parishioners are encouraged to donate a basket – or items to be included in St. Michael’s baskets. Any items being donated for the baskets can be left in the back of the church , or dropped off at the rectory. All items must be new and unused. Alcohol is not permitted. **The themes of our baskets are “*Imagination*” (youth basket) and “*Backyard Fun*” (gardening & grilling basket)** Thank you.

Seminary Day work shift HELP NEEDED : St. Michael’s shift for seminary day is 5:00pm to Close . If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated.

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.

Seminary Day- HELP NEEDED - We will be preparing the halupki’s for Seminary Day on **Thursday, July 27th** . Help is needed in the kitchen at Seminary day. Please see Carol or Winnie if you are able to help.

Sick calls will be Tuesday, July 25th. Father is doing sick calls for both parishes on the same day

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 7/30, 9/3, 10/1, 10/22, 10/29

Theme baskets are needed for Seminary Day. Parishioners are encouraged to donate a completed basket. All items must be new and unused. Alcohol is not permitted. Please drop off all baskets at the rectory by 7/21 or at the picnic site the day of the event.

Seminary Day work shift : St. Nicholas’ shift for Seminary day is 11:00am to 2:00pm . If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated.

Sick calls will be Tuesday, July 25th. Father is doing sick calls for both parishes on the same day.

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- will be reduced for the summer months. **The hours for this week will be Monday 7/24, & Wednesday 7/25 from 10:30 to 2:30** Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.

Both Churches:

Seminary Day

- **Seminary Raffle Tickets** are available in the back both Churches. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. 1st prize \$1,000. 2nd prize \$200. 3rd prize \$100. 4th prize \$100. Seller \$100.
- **Theme baskets/ Work Shifts** – please see under your parish
- **Baked Goods**- are needed for Seminary day. Please bring all baked goods to the picnic grounds on Sunday morning July 30th. If you are not attending Seminary Day and would still like to contribute – contact the rectory and arrange for them to be brought to the site.
- **Set Up**- will be Saturday July 29th starting at 9:00am. Everyone is asked to please come by and help, Many hand make light work.
- **Clean-up** will be Monday July 31st starting at 9:00am. Everyone is asked to come and help clean up .

SUMMER CAMP-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: . The Annual Summer Camp-Vacation Bible School sponsored by Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Mt. Carmel and Assumption BVM Church, Centralia is scheduled for the week of August 7th -11th Camp is held from 1 0:00AM to 3:00PM each day. The Camp is open to ALL youth of our area as well as their extended family, friends and neighbors who are between the age of kindergarten through 8th. grade There is no charge for the camp, but registration/medical forms must be completed by the child's parents or legal guardian prior to camp beginning. Forms can be downloaded from Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel website. You may also obtain registration forms by calling the parish office during business hours at 570-339-0650 or by contacting Camp Director Gene Lapointe at 570-205-7726 or email atgene@thelapointefamily.com. This year's camp is: MAKER FUN FACTORY-CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE. It would be our pleasure and honor to host your child(ren) this year.

Call to Prayer Pilgrimage Meeting: There will be an important planning meeting for the upcoming Annual Call to Prayer Pilgrimage which is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at Assumption BVM Church in Centralia. This meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23rd beginning at NOON at Assumption Church. We are in need of much help, support and cooperation from the faithful of our deanery for the pilgrimage. All men, women and youth are invited to the meeting to offer input, suggestions and obtain information about this year's event. Please help.

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.



While driving , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

**"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.
Caution: Do not step in exhaust."**



AND EQUAL OF THE APOSTLES MARY MAGDALENE

The Holy Myrrh-Bearer Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene. On the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Mejhdel stands on the site. A woman whose name has entered forever into the Gospel account was born and grew up in Magdala. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior. The Gospel relates that Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. She served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and undoubtedly shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. The Gospel

relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John.

Mary Magdalene was present at the Burial of the Lord. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life. Faithful to the Law in which she was raised, Mary together with the other women spent the following day at rest, because it was the great day of the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover. But all the rest of the peaceful day the women gathered spices to go to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anoint His Body according to the custom of the Jews.

It is necessary to mention that, having agreed to go on the first day of the week to the Tomb early in the morning, the holy women had no possibility of meeting with one another on Saturday. They went separately on Friday evening to their own homes. They went out only at dawn the following day to go to the Sepulchre, not all together, but each from her own house.

The Evangelist Matthew writes that the women came to the grave at dawn, or as the Evangelist Mark expresses, extremely early before the rising of the sun. The Evangelist John, elaborating upon these, says that Mary came to the grave so early that it was still dark. Obviously, she waited impatiently for the end of night, but it was not yet daybreak. She ran to the place where the Lord's Body lay.

Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the strange message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord.

Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She answered them with the

words which she had said to the Apostles, “They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him.

Holy Scripture does not tell us about the life of Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection of Christ, but it is impossible to doubt, that if in the terrifying minutes of Christ’s Crucifixion she was at the foot of His Cross with His All-Pure Mother and St John, she must have stayed with them during the happier time after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them.

According to Church Tradition, she remained in Rome until the arrival of the Apostle Paul, and for two more years following his departure from Rome after the first court judgment upon him. From Rome, St Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried.

Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of St Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral. Part of the relics of Mary Magdalene are said to be in Provage, France near Marseilles, where over them at the foot of a steep mountain a splendid church is built in her honor.

Thanks to Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world. In one ancient Greek manuscript, written on parchment, kept in the monastery library of St Athanasius near Thessalonica, is a prayer read on the day of Holy Pascha for the blessing of eggs and cheese: “Thus have we received from the holy Fathers, who preserved this custom from the very time of the holy Apostles, therefore the holy Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene first showed believers the example of this joyful offering.”

Formerly immersed in sin and having received healing, she sincerely and irrevocably began a new life and never wavered from that path. Mary loved the Lord Who called her to a new life. She was faithful to Him not only when He was surrounded by enthusiastic crowds and winning recognition as a miracleworker, but also when all the disciples deserted Him in fear and He, humiliated and crucified, hung in torment upon the Cross. This is why the Lord, knowing her faithfulness, appeared to her first, and esteemed her worthy to be first to proclaim His Resurrection.

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

The hypocrite is always a flatterer Tuesday, 6 June

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 26, 30 June 2017)

“A true Christian cannot be a hypocrite, and a hypocrite is not a true Christian”: Pope Francis spoke unequivocally against the temptation to be “two-faced”. This was his focus during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday, 6 June, as he reflected on the day’s passage from the Gospel of Mark (12:13-17) in which “some Pharisees and Herodians” were seeking to entrap Jesus.

“In the Gospel passage”, the Pope noted, “there is a word which Jesus uses a lot to characterize the doctors of the law”, because he recognized their hypocrisy. Thus, “‘hypocrite’ is the word he uses often to characterize them”. Pope Francis explained that they are “hypocrites because they show one thing while they are thinking of something else”. Actually, the Pope added, alluding to the Greek etymology of the word, “they speak, they judge, but underneath there is something else”. Nothing could be more different from Jesus’ way: hypocrisy, in fact “is not the language of Jesus. Hypocrisy is not the language of Christians”. This fact is absolutely “clear”.

However, as Jesus takes care to highlight this characteristic, Francis observed, it is important that we fully understand it and recognize “how they act”, how hypocrites behave.

Above all, the Pope said, “the hypocrite is always a flatterer”, whether to a greater or lesser degree, “but he is a flatterer”. Thus, for example, they say to Jesus: “Teacher, we know that you are true, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men, but truly teach the way of God”. In other words, they use “that flattery which softens the heart” and weakens resistance in life.

Therefore “hypocrites always begin with flattery. And then they ask a question”. Part of flattery is to “not speak the truth”, to “exaggerate”, to “boost vanity”. In this regard, the Holy Father recalled a priest whom he “knew a long time ago, not here” — who, “poor man, drank up all the flattery that others gave him; it was his weakness. And his friends said that he had learnt the liturgy poorly” since he had not understood the true meaning of “incensing”.

So, the Pope continued, “flattery always begins like this, but with an evil intention”. This can be clearly seen in the Gospel passage: in order to put Jesus to the test, the Pharisees “fawned over him, so that he might believe them and slip up”. This is the hypocrite’s technique: “he shows you that he likes you; he always puffs you up, in order to achieve his aim”.

The Pope then underscored “a second aspect” found in “what Jesus does” when confronted with this “two-faced” ploy of the hypocrites, who ask a fair question but “with an unjust intention”. They ask him: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, is it just?” — Jesus, “knowing their hypocrisy, states clearly: ‘Why put me to the test? Bring me a coin, and let me look at it’”. Observe Jesus’ technique: “to hypocrites and ideologues”, Pope Francis said, Jesus always “responds with reality. The reality is so, everything else is either hypocrisy or ideology”.

This is why Jesus says: “bring me a coin”. He actually wants to show “reality”. He responds “with wisdom” when he says: “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s’ — the reality was that the coin bore the image of Caesar — ‘and to God the things that are God’s’”.

Lastly, the Holy Father said, it is important to note a “third aspect” relative to the “language of hypocrisy”: that it is “a language of deceit, and is the same language as the serpent’s with Eve; it is the same. It begins with flattery: ‘No ... if you eat of this you will be great, you will know all...’, in order to destroy her”.

Hypocrisy, in fact, “destroys; hypocrisy kills; it kills people, even so far as to strip away a person’s character and soul. It kills communities” the Pope explained. And, he added, “when there are hypocrites in a community there is a great danger there; there is a very horrible danger”. For this reason, “the Lord Jesus said to us: ‘Let your speech be: yes, yes, no, no. Anything more comes from the evil one’. He was very clear”. In this regard, Pope Francis recalled, “James, in his Letter, was even stronger: ‘Let your yes be yes and your no be no’”.

These clear words help us understand today just “how much evil” hypocrisy does to the Church. How much evil is achieved by “those Christians who fall into this sinful practice which kills”. This is because, the Holy Father emphasized, “the hypocrite is capable of killing a community. He speaks sweetly, while judging a person harshly. The hypocrite is a killer”. In conclusion, the Pope summarized his reflection by recalling that hypocrisy “begins with flattery”, to which one must respond only “with reality”; and that hypocrisy uses “the same language as the devil who sows that duplicitous language in communities in order to destroy them”. Therefore, the Pope said, “let us ask the Lord to protect us from falling into this vice of hypocrisy”, from “masking our attitude, but with evil intentions. That the Lord might give us this grace: ‘Lord, that I might never be a hypocrite, that I might know how to speak the truth and if I cannot say it, to stay silent, but never hypocrisy ...’



Ukrainian Seminary Day

Sunday July 30th from 11am to 8PM

St Nicholas Picnic Grove- Rt 901 Primrose

11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

11:30am-1pm WPPA 1360AM Live Polka Broadcast

1pm-3pm Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

4pm-8pm John Steven's Doubleshot Polka Band

pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts & more

(Made by sponsoring parishes)

Vendors & Crafters selling traditional Eastern European items

View the Icon & Relic of the Blessed Bishop+Mykola Charnetsky

Pysanky demos & classes-Games & Fun for the whole family

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 - \$568.10 Cemetery- \$2,350.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 674.00 Cemetery \$60.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Mary Kritak & +Susan Kritak & Family by Cuono Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of+ Alex Mallick by Joe & Andrea Pytak

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

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| Eva Koch | Helen O'Connell | Susan Enders | Jane Sittnick** |
| | Helen Beddall | Dolores O'Connell Leahy | Dolores Kozie |
| | Irene Flaherty | Helen Bereschak | Bill McAndrew* |
| Mary Goodlunas* | Tom Prete** | Helen Sims | Andrea Pytak |
| Sandy Bankes* | Susan Chernesky | Mary Mazur | Annie Cragen |
| Shannon's Mom* | Pat Sittnick** | | Irene Yaroma |
| Matthew Morrisey | | | |

St. Nicholas

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

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