

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, June 4th, 2017 Pentecost Sunday

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 3 rd	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew
Sunday, June 4 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Tuesday, June 6 th	8:00am +Theresa Seasock by Mr. & Mrs Nicholas Mistishen
Wednesday, June 7 th	8:00am +Helen Seamon by Mr. & Mrs David Leibig 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, June 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 10 th	3:30pm +Annette Sawka by Husband, Joseph & Family
Sunday, June 11 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 3 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, June 4 th	8:30am +John Yaroshak by Andrew and Anna Skrincosky
Monday, June 5 th	8:00am +Frank Homa Jr by Theresa Panchison
Thursday, June 8 th	8:00am +John & +Julia Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family
Saturday, June 10 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary, +Rose & + Katherine Porchick by Andrew & Anna Porchick
Sunday, June 11 th	8:30am In Celebration of 65 years of Marriage of Walter & Mary Mistishen on June 14 th by Children & Grandchildren. 1:00pm In Celebration of 50 year Ordination Anniversary of Msgr. Myron Grabowsky

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 3 rd	Acts 2:1-11	Nancy Sawka
Sunday June 4 th	Acts 2:1-11	Sam Litwak
Saturday, June 10 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 11 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 3 rd	Acts 2:1-11	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday June 4 th	Acts 2:1-11	Lauralee Sadusky Marshall
Saturday, June 10 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, June 11 th	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Dolores Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 8/6, 8/27.

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 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Both Churches

PLEASE NOTE- June 1st to June 19th the rectory office will be open for limited hours. Msgr. Grabowsky will be available during this time. Emails and phone messages will be checked daily. During these 2 weeks please call the rectory prior to coming to the office to be sure someone will be available to meet your needs. If you have any questions please contact Msgr. Grabowsky.

Seminary Day- Please attend our next Ukrainian Day meeting. Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM. These meetings are important in the planning and success of the Annual Ukrainian Day. All are encouraged to attend.

Youth Gathering Sunday, July 9th 11:00am at Knoebels -rain or shine at for all youth of the South Anthracite Deanery . Church members & friends welcome. For reservations contact your parish priest or office by Friday, July 7th ,2017. Free lunch and park ride tickets for youth who participate in the program. The whole family is invited to join us for lunch. We will provide: hamburgers, hotdogs, barbeque, drinks & chips. We ask that each family brings a dish to share. (Please remember that we have no refrigeration on site) Discount ride tickets are available for purchase. Transportation to and from the park is your responsibility. Schedule of the Day: Registration (Pavilion C) 11:00am Lunch 12:00pm- 1:00pm Speaker & Discussion 1:00pm Free time in the Park 2:00pm (or earlier) Closing Prayer & Discussion 5:00pm For more information see our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/southanthraciteyouth> or call 570-544-4581 @deaneryyouthorg

Carpatho-Rusyn Society – Professor Kupensky (visiting Assistant Professor or Comparative Humanities and president of the Carpatho Rusyn Research Center 0 will be presenting a lecture on Father Emil Kubek at St Mary’s Ruthenian Church in Mahanoy City on June 17th. The program will begin with the lecture, continue with a walking tour of Mahanoy City and end with mass at 4pm. For more information call 610-691-2658.

~ How big are your troubles on a scale of one to God? ~

Both Churches



Graduates – We would like to honor our graduates again this year. If you have someone graduating from kindergarten, 8th grade, High school, College, Graduate programs or Vocational Schools please let us know as soon as possible. We are requesting a brief summary of their awards, further educational goals, job prospects etc. for a flyer to be handed out at the recognition Liturgy to be held Sunday June 25th at both Churches. If possible emailing (stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net) the information is preferred, but it may also be submitted in writing to the rectory. If you have any questions please contact the rectory 570-462-0809. **ALL SUBMISSION NEEDED BY TUESDAY JUNE 20th**

Special collection- Thank you for your generous support of Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to the people in need . If you missed the collection it's not too late to give , you may put an envelope in the collection basket or visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections , and click on the "How to Give" link on the left. Thank you

Seminary Day Ads & Patron Ads are now in the back of the Church. Ads will be placed in a commemorative booklet which will celebrate the 83 years of Ukrainian Seminary Days. Funds generated from this annual observance support our St. Josaphat Seminary, and are applied to our monthly Chancery Seminary Stipend. Please help yourself to the ad forms and flyers in the back of the Church. If you need additional forms – please contact the rectory. Please have the forms returned to the Church or to Deacon Spotts **no later than June 15th** , 2017.

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.

Save the Date – Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God will be Sunday, October 1,2017 from 9am-5pm at 710 Fox Chase Road Fox Chase Manor PA 19046. Opportunities provided include, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Reciting of the Rosary and Moleban. Services provided, ethnic food, Presentations for children & youth , opportunity to hear a panel on discussion on prayer and religious life.

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.

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale - Friday, June 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. & Saturday, June 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Books, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Holiday Decorations, Appliances, Linens, Video/DVD's, Religious Items, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and more.

Nuremberg Community Players- "Velveteen Rabbit" June 23 & 24 at 7pm , June 25 at 3pm . "Funny Girl" August 3,4 & 5 at 7pm & August 6 at 3pm. Check out their website for audition dates, ticket order info & directions www.nurembergcommunityplayers.weebly.com 570-384-4309



The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Green Sunday)

Introduction

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Resurrection) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the

culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10). It commemorates the giving of the Law, the Torah, to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as "The Descent of the Holy Spirit". It is an icon of bold colors of red and gold signifying that this is a great event. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it. The rays are pointing toward the Apostles, and the tongues of fire are seen descending upon each one of them signifying the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The building in the background of the icon represents the upper room where the Disciples of Christ gathered after the Ascension. The Apostles are shown seated in a semicircle which shows the unity of the Church. Included in the group of the Apostles is Saint Paul, who, though not present with the others on the day of Pentecost, became an Apostle of the Church and the greatest missionary. Also included are the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—holding books of the Gospel, while the other Apostles are holding scrolls that represent the teaching authority given to them by Christ.

In the center of the icon below the Apostles, a royal figure is seen against a dark background. This is a symbolic figure, Cosmos, representing the people of the world living in darkness and sin, and involved in pagan worship. However, the figure carries in his hands a cloth containing scrolls which represent the teaching of the Apostles. The tradition of the Church holds that the Apostles carried the message of the Gospel to all parts of the world.

In the icon of Pentecost we see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent down upon the Apostles who will teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. Here we see that the Church is brought together and sustained in unity through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit guides the Church in the missionary endeavor throughout the world, and that the Spirit nurtures the Body of Christ, the Church, in truth and love.

Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost

This great Feast of the Church is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom on the Sunday that is the fiftieth day after the celebration of Pascha. The Liturgy is conducted on the day of the Feast, and begins with the kneeling prayers. These prayers mark the beginning of the practice of kneeling during the Liturgy at the time when the holy gifts of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ. The practice of kneeling had been suspended during the Paschal season; now the practice of kneeling is resumed. On the Monday following the Feast, the Divine Liturgy is conducted in commemoration of the All-holy and Life-creating and All-powerful Spirit, Who is God, and One of the Trinity, and of one honor and one essence and one glory with the Father and the Son.

The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is known as Green Sunday, since the Eastern Church retains the ancient Jewish tradition of the Feast of Weeks, the Jewish Pentecost, of decorating the Temple and Synagogues with greens as part of the celebration of this early harvest festival.

The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit

The festival of Pentecost has its roots in the Old Testament. It began as a harvest feast and later added the giving of the Law of Moses on Mount Sinai as the "harvest" of the Old Covenant. Our Christian Feast of Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. On this feast the Descent of the Holy Spirit effected a New Covenant. It was precisely this Descent of the Spirit, which revealed to the world the knowledge of the mystery of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial, undivided and yet distinct. It was the fulfillment of the revelation concerning the Persons of the one God as three.

The Icon of Pentecost is a marked contrast with the biblical description of the Descent of the Spirit. The Book of Acts of the Apostles (2:2) records that "suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise, like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated." In contrast, the Icon is characterized by serenity and composure. The postures of the Apostles reveal serenity. All of them are seated, some gesturing as if in subdued conversation with one another. The gift of the Holy Spirit remains the inner life of grace. The event of Pentecost forms the Church and is the inauguration of the Kingdom of God.

The twelve Apostles form a semi-circle to express the unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. They are pictured in an inverse perspective--their figures grow larger as they recede into the background. The center place, which is unoccupied, is reserved for Christ, the invisible head of the Church. Some ancient icons symbolize Christ's invisible presence with an altar, the throne of His glory.

The Evangelists are shown holding books; another has a scroll as a sign of having received the gift of teaching. Above the semi-circle, beyond the edge of the panel, there is a symbol of heaven from which rays or tongues of fire descend. This is a sign both of the sanctification of the Apostles and Disciples, and of their baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The world, to which the Apostles would preach, is represented at the bottom of the Icon by one symbolic figure of a king. He is known as "Cosmos" as he represents the whole world enveloped by sin. He sits in a dark place since the whole world had formerly been without the light of faith. He is bent over to show he was made old by the sin of Adam. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the twelve Apostles brought light to the whole world by their teaching.

The Icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit represents the great event of sanctification, which took place in the apostolic community. At the same time, it is an expression of the sanctification of our lives in the Church by the Holy Spirit Who is constantly glorified: "Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life."

(God With Us Icon Series)

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, Frank and his wife Ann listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He then addressed the men.

"Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Frank leaned over, touched Ann's arm gently, and whispered, "Gold Medal-All-Purpose, isn't it?"

And thus began Frank's life of celibacy.



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 demo's & classes-Games & Fun for the whole family

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 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 - \$ 1,596.00 Cemetery MCity \$65.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,118.00 Cemetery \$205.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Mary, +Rose & +Katherine Porchick by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Mary Spinelli by Daughter, Nancy

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings for & in Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostasis- In Memory of +John Bagienski by the Bagienski Family

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**
	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

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

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