

**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, March 26<sup>th</sup> , 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am +Bob & +Roseann Nause by Len & Dolores Kozlosky  
**3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss.Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel**

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Typica

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & **Healing Service**

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Typica & **Syrokousty**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 3:30pm +Ralph Mohutsky by Wife, Winnie & Family

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am 40<sup>th</sup> day & Birthday Remembrance for +Horace Hitchens by the  
 People of St. Michael's & St Nicholas.  
**3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Hazleton**

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm 40<sup>th</sup> Day +Mary Kadingo by Family

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30am +Julia Wochok Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family  
**3:00pm Stations of the Cross- Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel**

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Typica

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts & **Syrokousty**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
 5:30pm +Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings on His People  
**3:00pm Stations of the Cross- St. Michael's, Hazleton**

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Paul Caputo
Saturday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Charles Calise

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Mike Prokop
Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 6:13-20	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	David Toth
Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heb 9:11-14	Theresa Panchison

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Easter Confessions** will be Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanctuary Light** – Dates available 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28.

**Lottery Raffle Basket**- We are currently collecting scratch-offs for a raffle basket. Any donations would be appreciated, even a dollar scratch-off adds up. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

**Kielbasi Festival**- will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in helping or making food for the event should contact the rectory.

**Easter Basket Raffle**: The basket will include: Ham, Kielbasi, Butter, Cheese, Candle, Pascha, Salt, Horseradish, Eggs & Bacon. Tickets are available after Liturgies or at the rectory. Parishioners are encouraged to sell tickets and distribute the flyers in the back of the church. See Stephanie Rarick or the rectory with questions, for tickets or flyers. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

**Easter Vigil Sign-up** – In the back of the Church is a sign-up sheet for the Easter Vigil. We are asking that everyone please sign up for the time that works best for you and your family. Those families who do not sign up will be assigned the open blocks of time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Sick Calls** will be Friday March, 31<sup>st</sup>.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**Sanctuary Light** – Dates available 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 6/18.

**Easter Confessions** will be Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sick Calls** will be Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Vigil Sign-up**- Please join us for this solemn vigil. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

### *Both Churches*

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**Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).**

**Healing Services** – Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Service immediately following Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. at St Michael's Church, Shenandoah.

**Seminary Raffle**- Raffle Tickets for the 'Lucky Three Raffle' are now available at the back of the church. Each envelope contains 5 tickets. Each ticket costs \$1.00. Please return ticket stubs and money in the envelope. Drawing will be held Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Thank- you. .

**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

**Lenten Dinners.** St. John's Church in Pottsville FRESH BAKED HADDOCK/SALMON or FRESH BAKED JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE DINNERS Fridays during the Lenten Season from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Russell Building at 9th & Schuylkill Avenue. (no dinner on Good Friday). Full course dinners including New England Clam Chowder, Full Salad Bar, Choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, Choice of Vegetables, Homemade Dessert, Beverage. (Take outs available) Adults: Baked Haddock / Salmon / Crab Cake \$ 13.00 : 2 Crab Cakes \$ 16.00: Adult Special: Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 16.00: Children: Baked Fish / Salmon / Crab Cake \$ 8.00 (under 12)

**Lenten Dinner** at St Stephen Hall, in Shenandoah on Tuesday, Wednesday, April 5th ( order deadline-March 29th) Pick up from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM Choice of Dinners: Devil Crab Dinner or Fish Dinner or Chicken Finger Dinner Cost: \$8.00 Take out only Order forms available at the rectory or contact Divine Mercy's rectory

**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](http://www.BestLentEver.com)

**Marriage Workshop-** "Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage" will take place Saturday, April 29 and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park PA 19027. Each couple must commit to both days Total cost per couple is \$160.00 which includes materials, lunch & refreshments. Registrations & payment due be April 22<sup>nd</sup> no exceptions. See the rectory for the registration form

**DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION** St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates ... Palm Sunday, April 9th & Good Friday, April 14th Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**"RESURRECTION: MUSIC FROM THE UKRAINIAN SACRED CHORAL TRADITION"** All are cordially invited to a sacred music concert, "Resurrection: Music from the Ukrainian Sacred Choral Tradition" to be held on Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

This concert will feature over 50 professional and amateur singers from Canada, Ukraine and the United States and will led by one of the leading choral directors in North America, Michael Zaugg of Pro Coro Canada. This extraordinary performance is part of a concert series that will showcase the CD recording of a Resurrectional Divine Liturgy composed by Fr. John Sembrat OSBM and other timeless music specific to our Paschal services including music from renowned Ukrainian composers such as Bortniansky, Vedel, and Hurko.

The combined male chorus will feature singers from the following ensembles: •Pro Coro Canada •Boyan Ensemble of Kyiv •Chorus of the Armed Forces of Ukraine •National Philharmonic of Ukraine •Homin Municipal Choir of Lviv •Vydubychi Church Choir of Kyiv •Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America •Axios Men's Ensemble of Edmonton •Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton

More information about the recording, concert series and tickets, including video and audio highlights, can be found on the website [www.resurrectionalliturgy.com](http://www.resurrectionalliturgy.com) Tickets can be purchased locally at the Ukrainian Educational & Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046 (215-663-1166).

**Pysanky Classes** will be offered this year at St Michael's Hall. Classes will be Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9:00 pm or Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12noon. Cost is \$45.00 including supplies and you are guaranteed to leave class with an egg. To register please call Paul at 570-668-5789. Additional classes will be offered in the area, call Paul for more information

## *St. John Climacus, St. John of the Ladder*



Born in the sixth century, John spent the first sixteen years of his life in Palestine, the ancient Holy Land of his birth whose traditions he respected and whose Christian heritage is cherished. His early ambitions were realized when he went to the monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai, the oldest Christian monastery in the world. There he became one of the most scholarly monks in Christendom. The site of St. Catherine's was conducive to prayer and meditation, for there the scene of the burning bush took place and there Moses received the word of God himself. Moreover, to this place the grieving St. Helen, mother of St. Constantine the Great, came on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land some three hundred years before.

John is remembered not only as the author of the masterful "Ladder of Perfection," but also as the originator of hesychasm, the divine quietness that leads one to God through constant prayer, the prayer which has come to be known as the pure or intellectual "Jesus Prayer."

Regarding this John wrote: "Let the remembrance of Jesus be present with each breath, and then you will know the value of hesychia." He continued to champion this doctrine which found eager support among Christian thinkers, chief among them was St. Gregory Palamas, whose sponsorship brought about official Church recognition of hesychasm in the fourteenth century.

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## *Icon of St. John Climacus and the Ladder of Divine Ascent*

The symbolic ascent to heaven is customarily portrayed by the flight skyward with angelic wings; one of our saints, however, depicts the ascension by the more practical use of a ladder. This symbolic ladder is to be scaled in a series of spiritual rungs where increasingly more exertion is required in order to see the Kingdom of God. The author of this approach was St. John of the Ladder who was one of the greatest writers in Christianity. “The Ladder of Perfection” is a treatise on spiritual exercises and actions, which present in a brilliant and scholarly fashion and approach to the throne of Heaven.

From John’s strong faith and fervent prayer came the power of healing through the divine intervention of the Jesus. If nothing else, St. John’s visitors would leave him with a serenity which they had never before experience and with a sense of fulfillment that would last a lifetime. One of the Christendom’s finest figures, he died on March 30 at the age of eighty-six. His feast day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast.



### **Luke 1:46-55**

*“My soul doth magnifies the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.*

*He has showed strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted them of low degree; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.*

*He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his posterity forever.”*

**Deanery Lenten Services:** Services at 3:00pm **Stations of the Cross:** Sunday, **March 26th** Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel: Sunday, **April 2nd** St. Michael’s , Hazelton: Sunday, **April 9th** St. Nicholas, Minersville

### **Lenten Confession Schedule- From 6:00 to 7:00pm**

**Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Assumption- Centralia, SS. Peter & Paul – Mt. Carmel, Nativity-Middleport, Transfiguration- Shamokin.

**Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>**- St. John- Maizeville, , St. Nicholas- Minersville, St. Michael- Shenandoah

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Protection- Marion Heights

**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>** St. Michael-Hazelton, Protection- Mc Adoo, St. Michael- Frackville, St. Nicholas-S.t Clair

*THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD —Bill Gates Love him or hate him , he sure hits the nail on the head with this.!!! Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about eleven (11) things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.*

**Rule 1 :** Life is not fair - get used to it!

**Rule 2 :** The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**Rule 3 :** You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

**Rule 4 :** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

**Rule 5 :** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it opportunity.

**Rule 6 :** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**Rule 7 :** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were: So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

**Rule 8 :** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**Rule 9 :** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

**Rule 10 :** Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

**Rule 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

*If you can read this ... Thank a Teacher.*

*If you can read this in English ... Thank a Soldier!*

***And for life and everything else you have ... Thank God!!***

**METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S MEDITATION**  
**FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST**

The Gospel tells us of a time when Jesus returns from the mountain top to find his apostles baffled, helpless, and ineffective. The apostles had fallen into despair and could not help the father with his ill son. Jesus later explains to them that this kind of cure demanded prayer. The apostles had been equipped with power, but needed prayer to maintain it. Great Fast awakes us to rekindle our relationship with God through more fervent and steadfast prayer.

Do we take our relationship with the Lord for granted, seeking Him when we are challenged or hurting, and presuming His presence in times of stability and joy? Do we harbor doubts as to the power of the Lord's help? When coming face to face with Jesus, the father of the ill boy exclaimed, "I do believe! Help my lack of trust!" (Mk 9:24). To approach anything in the spirit of hopelessness is to make it hopeless. To approach anything in the spirit of faith is to make it a possibility. Participating within a community of faith which is vibrant in its prayer life is the surest way to ensure living in the spirit of hope. Your parish offers the gift of growing and sharing in prayer life. We come to realize the need for one another in our journey of faith. We come to realize the power of Christ's presence and His healing when journeying with others in shared prayer. Rekindle your relationship of prayer with Christ together with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ within your parish this Great Fast!



**Easter Memorials & Flowers** - *A wonderful way to remember those that hold a special place in your heart. Please note if the remembrance is for flowers or a memorial.*

In memory of (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of (living) \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 731.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$ 394.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of + Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy.

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael** For the Health and God's Blessings on Demetrius

**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**

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

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

### **St. Nicholas**

Peter Kadingo

Margaret Skrincosky

Mary Mistishen

Joseph Luckenbill

Laura Seasock

Metro & Helen Tarris

Joseph Salak

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

Andrew Skrincosky

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