

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, May 14th, 2017 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman & Mother's Day

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13 th	3:30pm In Honor of the Living Mothers of St. Michael's
Sunday, May 14 th	10:30am In Memory of the Deceased Mothers of St Michael's
Tuesday, May 16 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Mary Lesko
Wednesday, May 17 th	8:00am Deceased Members of the +Kline Family by Theresa Krajcirik 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, May 19 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 20 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, May 21 st	10:30am +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13 th	No AM Divine Liturgy 5:30pm In Honor of the Living Mothers of St. Nicholas
Sunday, May 14 th	8:30am In Memory of the Deceased Mothers of St. Nicholas
Monday, May 15 th	8:00am +Mary Butcavage- Legacy Liturgy
Thursday, May 18 th	8:00am +George Jansson by Michael & Susan Prokop
Saturday, May 20 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Michael & +Peter Stock by Stock & Kubeika Families
Sunday, May 21 st	8:30am +Frank Homa Jr. by Mrs. Lucy O'Connor

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 13 th	Acts 11:19-26&29-30	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 14 th	Acts 11:19-26&29-30	Charles Calise
Saturday, May 20 th	Acts 16:16-34	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 21 st	Acts 16:16-34	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 13 th	Acts 11:19-26&29-30	Christine Romanko
Sunday, May 14 th	Acts 11:19-26&29-30	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, May 20 th	Acts 16:16-34	Mike Prokop
Sunday, May 21 st	Acts 16:16-34	Leeann Smulligan

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 8/6, 8/27.

Lottery Raffle Basket-We are asking for donations to our Lottery Scratch-Off basket. We would like to start selling tickets for this basket at Kielbasi Fest, and need to have the basket ready for display at the event. Any donation you would like to make – even a dollar ticket would be appreciated, it all adds up. If you would prefer not to donate tickets monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank-you.

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

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Dates available 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Both Churches

To the People of St. Michael & St. Nicholas:

The 50th Anniversary of the ordination of Msgr. Myron Grabowsky will be held on Sunday, June 11th, 2017. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 1:00pm at St. Nicholas Church. The con- celebrants will be Msgr. Grabowsky and Deanery priests. St. Nicholas is located at 105 North Morris St. St. Clair PA.

A dinner will be prepared by the staff of ICC Catering and served at 3:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, 16 E Caroline Ave, St. Clair.

The menu includes: baked chicken, halupki, ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, filling, corn, coleslaw, rolls/bread, tea/coffee/soda and an ice cream sundae.

Donation \$20.00. Reservations required. Advanced tickets only. No payment at the door. Deadline for tickets May 29th, 2017.

Tickets can be purchased from:

*St. Michael's- Alice Breznik @ 570-889-3960 or Theresa Krajcirik @ 570-467-3894
St. Nicholas: Janet Buchinsky @ 570-622-4463*

PLEASE NOTE- The church secretary will be away June 1st to June 19th. The rectory office will be open for limited hours during her absence. Because of this, we are asking that Father's Day Memorials be submitted early this year. The flyer needs to be prepared prior to May 30th. 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 the rectory or see Msgr. Grabowsky.

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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.

Special collection: Next week we will be collecting for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers & sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Downtown Shenandoah- 10th Annual Kielbasi Festival will be held May 20th from 11am to 5pm. There will be Eastern European foods, crafts, and live Polka music. Something for the whole family. Come & enjoy the day with us. STO LAT !

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.

Eastern European Food Festival Saturday May 20th. 12:00noon to 5:00pm Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall 411 Crestmont St. Reading PA. Authentic Slovak- Polish –Ukrainian Foods. Hosted by Slovak Catholic School & BVM Ukrainian Church. Dobre Chut! For more information contact : kathi@readingsokol.org

Living Rosary on May 20th after 4:15pm Mass. The Rosary will start around 5:10pm. It will be in the Grotto of our Church—Holy Rosary Parish, 240 S. Poplar St. Hazleton, PA. If you would like to participate please contact Mel Makuta at 570-582-5617, or email - melvinmo76@gmail.com

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.

“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her” *George Washington*

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Introduction

The fifth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

Background

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before

Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from



before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

Icon of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The icon of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman depicts the biblical story of the Christ conversing with the woman at the well. Our Lord is shown sitting beside the well, speaking with and blessing the Samaritan woman. She is shown with her right hand outstretched toward Christ, indicating both her interest in what He is saying, and also as a sign of her faith and her efforts to bring others to hear what Christ has to say. In the background of the icon, the city is visible together with the Mount Gerazim.

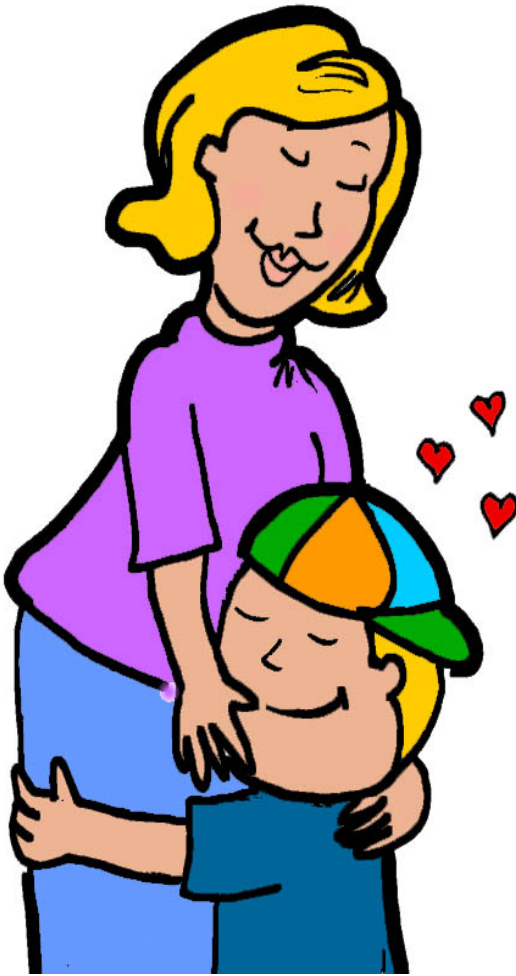


Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...
In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Fiat - "let it be done unto me according to thy word")



Blessing on Mother's Day

Holy God, you compared your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mother who has shared in your creating love by the gift of her children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life, the giving and sharing, and, especially for your love that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers and bless the mother who has nurtured and sustained us. Give her patience in abundance and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family

Thanks
& Mom

Memorial Day Memorials – Grave Blessings

In Memory of (deceased) _____

Please note which cemetery:

Given By _____ Envelope # _____

Please submit by Tuesday, May 23rd Please Print- Thank- You

Father's Day Intentions & Remembrances

Remember the Men in Your Life on Father's Day

In Memory of (deceased) _____

In Honor of (living)

Given By _____ Envelope # _____

Please submit by Tuesday, May 23rd Please Print- Thank- You



O almighty and eternal God, Lord of the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Especially, dear Lord, grant the requests I now make of You for my own beloved mother.

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 - \$ 944.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 696.00 Cemetery \$100.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-

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

Helen O'Connell
Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
Tom Prete**
Susan Chernesky
Pat Sittnick**

Susan Enders
Dolores O'Connell Leahy
Helen Bereschak
Helen Sims
Mary Mazur

Jane Sittnick**
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Irene Yaroma

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