

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 21st 2017 Sunday of the Man Born Blind

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, May 21 st	10:30am +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family
Tuesday, May 23 rd	8:00am In Honor of the Mother of God and +Mary Donchak
Wednesday, May 24 th	8:00am Deceased Members of the +Yawarnitsky Family by Theresa Krajcirik

Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday, May 24th	6:00pm God's Blessings on His People No Prayer Meeting
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Friday, May 26 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 27 th	10:00am Grave Blessings- St Nicholas, Mahanoy City 3:30pm +Horace Hitchens by Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 28 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, May 29 th	10:00am Grave Blessings- St Michael's, Shenandoah

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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
Monday, May 22 nd	8:00am +Anna Zucal by Leonard Rovinsky & Family
<i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	
Thursday, May 25th	9:00am +Paul Naradko by Ted Naradko
Saturday, May 27 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Pauline Naradko by Naradko Family
Sunday, May 28 th	8:30am +Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Joe & Judy Panchison 1:30pm Grave Blessings- St Nicholas & Holy Trinity, St. Clair

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 20 th	Acts 16:16-34	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 21 st	Acts 16:16-34	Alice Breznik
Wednesday, May 24 th	Acts 1:1-12	Sam Litwak/ Charles Calise
Saturday, May 27 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 28 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-39	Michael Fufla

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 20 th	Acts 16:16-34	Mike Prokop
Sunday, May 21 st	Acts 16:16-34	Leeann Smulligan
Wednesday, May 24 th	Acts 1:1-12	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, May 27 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	David Toth
Sunday, May 28 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-39	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates, 5/28, 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.

Kielbasi Fest- Thank you, to everyone who made this event a success. Your good works have not gone unrecognized. Thank you one and all.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates 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.(Children 7 and under free / Children 8 and older full price)

Reservations required. Advanced tickets only. No payment at the door.

Deadline for tickets May 29th, 2017.(Next Weekend)

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.

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.

Special collection: This week we will be collecting for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. (additional envelopes for this collection are in the back of the Church)

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.

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



Wish Msgr. Myron a
Happy 50 Year Anniversary on May 25th !

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Introduction

The sixth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41.

Background

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom,

Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

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.

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in



Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

The icon of the Sunday of the Blind Man depicts the biblical story of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. Our Lord is shown placing the clay on the eyes of the man. He is with his disciples who are questioning Christ about the source of the man's affliction. The blind man is shown with his hand outstretched toward Christ expressing his faith and willingness to receive healing and grace from the Son of God. Our Lord has in His hand a scroll, which directs us to His statements, "I am the light of the world," (John 9:5), and "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," (Luke 4:18). These are clear statements of the Gospel of salvation that comes through Christ. The scroll may also represent the role of Christ as Judge as depicted in Matthew and Revelation, and also later in the same passage on the healing of the blind man (John 9:39), "Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

The Acts of the Apostles records the Ascension of Christ in a very simple narrative. *"He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight."* (1:9). Our Church celebrates this event of Christ's glorification. It celebrates all that Christ has done and accomplished for us. The Kontakion of the Feast summarizes all of Christ's work:

When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, you ascended in glory, never leaving us but remaining ever-present. For You proclaimed to those who love You; "I am with you and no one else has power over you."

The Icon of the Ascension is an icon of joy. It celebrates the meaning of this event for the Church and the world. The Ascension took place on the Mount of Olives. Thus, the mountainous background of the panel, dotted with images of scattered olive trees. The figure of Christ ascending in glory is surrounded by a circular nimbus composed of various bands of color, symbolic of the heavens. This nimbus itself is supported by angels whose presence is yet another indication of the glory and divinity of Christ. It recalls the Old Testament image of God enthroned upon the Cherubim.



In the foreground of the Icon, the image of the Mother of God is seen surrounded by two groups of apostles. Of prime importance is her position--directly below Christ. This entire grouping, the Mother of God and the Apostles, stands as an expression of the establishment and role of the Church. The Icon includes not only those who actually witnessed the Ascension. It also includes the Apostle Paul, in the Icon at the head of the group on the right, who historically could not have been there. What is intended is that the Church witnesses to this event.

The Mother of God, she who had once carried the Christ within herself and was therefore the temple of the Incarnate Son of God, stands here as a personification of the Church, the body of Christ, whose head is the ascending Savior. The gesture of her hands, uplifted in faith and prayer, expresses the role of the Church,

ceaselessly interceding for the salvation of the world. The direction of movement of this whole group, their gestures, the focus of their eyes and postures, everything is directed upward: toward the Source of Life of the Church, its head Who abides in heaven.

For: He led them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, blessed them. As He blessed, He left them and was taken up to heaven. They fell down to do Him reverence, then returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. There they were to be found in the temple constantly, speaking the praises of God. (Lk. 24:50-53) Our worship of the Father is one with Christ. Through the Church we are joined with Christ, our hope of glory.

(God With Us Icon Series)

LAST WEEKEND TO SUBMITT

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



LAST WEEKEND TO SUBMITT

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



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 fot 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 - \$ 1,553.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,105.00 Cemetery \$100.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Dr. Peter Skrincosky by Parents, Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Dudish by Wife, Catherine & Family

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

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

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields & The Church Signs Calendar 2016