

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, October 1st, 2017 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God**

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, September 30 th | 3:30pm +Eleanor Souchak Bereschak by Mary Mazur & Helen Bereschak <i>Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God</i> |
| Sunday, October 1 st | 10:30am +Nicholas Mazur by Widow, Mary Mazur & Daughter, Susanne Nieddu |
| Tuesday, October 3 rd | 8:00am +Leo & +Sophie Soroka by Anna Seroka |
| Wednesday, October 4 th | 8:00am +William & +Irene Mahulsky by Anna Seroka |
| Friday, October 6 th | 8:00am God's Blessings & Good Heath for Irene Flaherty on Her Birthday by a Loved One |
| Saturday, October 7 th | 3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazuzsky by William & Irene McAndrew |
| Sunday, October 8 th | 10:30am +Christopher Frauenhoffer by Sister, Elizabeth |

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, September 30 th | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary Naradko by Ted Naradko <i>Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God</i> |
| Sunday, October 1 st | 8:30am God's Blessings on His People |
| Monday, October 2 nd | 8:00am The Deceased Members of the +Plasha, +Dana & +Wochok Families by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family |
| Thursday, October 5 th | 8:00am +Charles & +Pauline Naradko- Legacy Liturgy |
| Saturday, October 7 th | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Sandra Sninsky by Bother, David Panchison |
| Sunday, October 8 th | 8:30am God's Blessings on His People |

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, September 28 th | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 | Nancy Sawka |
| Sunday, October 1 st | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 | Sam Litwak |
| Saturday, October 7 th | 2 Cor 9:6-11 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, October 8 th | 2 Cor 9:6-11 | Michelle Caputo |

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, September 28 th | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 | Mike Prokop |
| Sunday, October 1 st | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 | Dolores Sadusky |
| Saturday, October 7 th | 2 Cor 9:6-11 | David Toth |
| Sunday, October 8 th | 2 Cor 9:6-11 | Theresa Panchison |

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Holiday Bingo – The Bingo will be Sunday October 15th. Anyone interested in helping with the event should talk to Michelle Caputo, Theresa Krajcirik or Stephanie Rarick. Work has begun already in the hall to set up for this event. **Flyers are available in the back of the church – please hang up at your favorite places** 😊

Donations for Holiday Bingo-The Holiday Bingo Fundraising Committee is seeking donations or new unused decorative of holiday entertaining items still in their original packaging, Please drop off items by ASAP. Thank you.

Items needed include:

- Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas or winter themed decorations
- Hostess and entertaining stemware. serving dishes etc..
- Bakeware & cookware
- Edible gift baskets
- Any elegant pieces such as Lenox, Princess House or Waterford which may be showcased.
- Donations will be combined into 25 valuable gift themed groupings to be used as prizes.
- Monetary donations are also graciously accepted.

Boscov's Fundraiser- Coupons are available for a donation of \$5.00 each. The coupon gives 25% off most items on Tuesday October 17th. If you have any questions please contact the rectory. Please feel free to take coupons to sell to friends and family.

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 10/1 & 11/19.

Memorial Fund- We have received donations in memory of +Irene Yaroma from The McCubbins Clan and Suzanne Yaroma,

St. Nicholas:

Condolences- +Catherine Washuta fell asleep in the Lord. Please remember +Catherine and her friends and family in your prayers and may Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints and may her memory be eternal. Vichnaya pamyat.

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- The hours for this week will be Monday, October 2nd & Wednesday, October 4th 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:

Basket/Gift Auction! Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 131 N. Beech St in Mount Carmel. Doors open at 11:30 AM, auction begins at 2 PM. Browse & Bid on Saturday, September 30 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Need not be present to win. Lots of great prizes...Nintendo Switch, Apple Watch, Amazon Echo, Holiday Decorations Baskets, Fine Jewelry Cabinet, and so much more! Great food to eat in or take out.

Harvest Fest at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, PA. Friday, October 6 (4-9 pm) and Saturday, October 7 (12-9 pm). Ongoing entertainment both days; Saturday – Polka Mass 4:30. Homemade food, fun, activities and games for all ages, corn hole tournament. Free admission, rain or shine, plenty of parking, no coolers. 610-562-7657, www.stmaryhamburg.org

MEATLOAF DINNER sponsored by St. Nicholas Women's Sodality Wednesday, October 11th...4:00 PM to 6:00 PM St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Includes...meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert \$10.00/platter...eat-in or take-out ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY by calling 570-544-6807.

Food Bank – PLEASE HELP Donations are down. . We appreciate everyone who donates to our food bank. This good work helps many people in the community. We have very little food to offer those in need. Please help us continue this community service. Please remember that we not only need non- perishable food , but toilet paper & 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.

Chinese Auction- October 15th at Transfiguration Church Hall, Shamokin .Doors open at 12 noon, Auction 2:00pm. Admission \$5.00.

Holiday Spectacular Bingo

Sunday, October 15th, 2017

Doors open at 12 noon

Early Bird at 1:15pm

Bingo starts at 1:30pm

Admission \$25.00 (20 games)

Five additional “special” games available. Door Prizes!

Valuable themed Holiday Spectacular prizes include: Pfaltzgraff Winterberry dinnerware & serving sets, illuminated fall & winter décor, lawn decorations, nativity set, Waterford crystals, fine china, lighted Christmas trees, wreaths, holiday baking and entertaining items, linens, giftwrap & trim essentials, Lenox, Mikasa, Lego sets and toys, lights & ornaments, themed baskets, figurines, florals, and more.

Advanced tickets to be entered into a special drawing

**All Players must purchase an admission ticket*

St. Michael’s Church Hall- 300 W Oak St , Shenandoah, PA
tickets / info 570-462-0809.



POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

Brazen faces- Tuesday, 11 October 2016

(by www.osservatoreromano.va)

The “religion of appearances” or the “path of humility”? In the homily at Mass in the Chapel of Santa Marta on Tuesday, 11 October, Pope Francis indicated a decisive choice in the life of every Christian: that even when “doing good”, we can indeed meet with a dangerous misunderstanding – which is that of putting ourselves first – rather than “the redemption that Jesus has given us”. The goal is to affirm “our interior freedom”, by showing ourselves to the world as we really are in our hearts, without easy or clever operations of having a masked exterior of “makeup”.

The Pontiff’s reflection began with the concept of freedom. His inspiration came from the first reading in the liturgy of the day (Gal 5:1-6), in which the Apostle Paul invites us to “stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery – that is, to be free: free in religion, free in adoring God”. This was the first lesson: “Never lose your freedom”. Which freedom? “Christian freedom only comes from the grace of Jesus Christ”, the Pope explained, “not by our works, not by our so-called ‘justice’, but from the justice that the Lord Jesus Christ gave us and with which he re-created us”. A justice, he added, that “comes precisely from the Cross”.

This theme was also highlighted in the Gospel passage of the day (Lk 11:37-41), where we read of Jesus rebuking a Pharisee, a doctor of the law. He scolds Jesus because, the Pope recalled, “this Pharisee has invited Jesus to lunch and Jesus does not make ablution, in other words, he does not wash his hands”: therefore he does not fulfil those practices “which were the customs of the old law”. Faced with certain grievances, the Lord affirms: “You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness”. It is a concept, Francis noted, that Jesus “repeated many times in the Gospel”, offering certain people a clear warning: “Your interior is bad, it is not just, it is not free. You are slaves because you have not accepted the justice that comes from God”, which is “the justice that Jesus gave us”.

In another passage we read that Jesus, after encouraging prayer, also teaches us how to do it: “in your room, so that no one sees you, so that only your Father sees you”. The invitation, therefore is “not to pray for the sake of appearances”, in order to be seen, as that Pharisee did, who — the Gospel always tells us — said before the altar of the temple: “God, thank you, Lord, that I am not a sinner”. Those who acted in this way, the Pontiff said, were truly those with “brazen faces” and they “had no shame”.

In contrast to some attitudes, Jesus offers a suggestion, which the Pope summarized in this way: “When you do good and give alms, do not do so in order to be seen. Your right hand should not know what the left hand is doing. Do it in secret. And when you do penance, and

fast, please see that you are not melancholy, do not be dismal so that the whole world knows you are doing penance”. Ultimately: what matters “is the freedom that redemption offered us, which gave us love, which gave us the re-creation of the Father”. It is an interior freedom, which leads to doing “good in secret, without sounding the trumpet”: indeed, “the way of true religion is the same way of Jesus: humility, humiliation”. Inasmuch that Jesus — the Pope said, quoting the Letter of Paul to the Philippians — “humbled himself, he emptied himself”. And, the Pontiff added: “this is the only way to take selfishness, greed, arrogance, vanity and worldliness, away from us”.

Faced with this example we find instead the attitude of those whom Jesus reproaches: “people who follow the religion of makeup: the appearance, to appear, pretending to seem” a certain way “while inside...”. The Pope pointed out the “very powerful image” that Jesus evokes: “You are whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness”. On the other hand, “Jesus calls us, inviting us to do good with humility”, because otherwise we fall into a dangerous misunderstanding: “You can do all the good that you want, but if you do not do so humbly, as Jesus teaches us, this good does not help, because it is a good that comes from yourself, from your self-assurance, and not from the redemption that Jesus gave us”. It is a redemption which, Francis said, arrives by means of “the path of humility and humiliation”: in fact “you can never reach humility without humiliation”. Thus, “we see Jesus humiliated on the cross”.

Hence the Pope concluded his homily with an exhortation: “Let us ask the Lord that we never tire of going down that path; that we never tire of rejecting this religion of appearances, this religion of seeming, of pretending...”. We must instead be committed to proceed “quietly, doing good”, and doing so “freely as we have freely received our interior freedom”.



One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

The Holy Great-Martyr Eustathios, and his wife and children



St. Eustathios was a great Roman general during the reigns of Emperors Titus and Trajan. Though he was a pagan and went by the name of Placidus, he was a just and merciful man, similar to Cornelius the Centurion, who was baptized by the Apostle Peter (Acts 10).

One day, while hunting, he pursued a stag. By God's providence, a cross appeared between the antlers of the stag and the voice of the Lord came to Placidus, directing him to go to a Christian priest and become baptized. Placidus was baptized, along with his wife and two sons. At baptism, he received the name Eustathios; his wife, Theopiste ("faithful to God"); and his sons, Agapios and Theopistos.

After his baptism, the voice of the Lord again manifested itself to him, foretold that he would suffer for His name, and strengthened him. Then Eustathios secretly left Rome with his family, intending to hide among the simple people and serve God in humble and unknown surroundings.

Eustathios settled in the Egyptian village of Vadisis and lived there for fifteen years as a hired laborer. Then barbarians attacked the Roman Empire, and Emperor Trajan grieved that he did not have the brave General Placidus, who had carried the victory whenever he fought.

The emperor sent two of his officers to seek the great commander throughout the empire. By God's providence, these officers came to the village of Vadisis, found Eustathios and brought him back to the emperor. Eustathios amassed an army and defeated the barbarians.

Meanwhile, Emperor Trajan had died and Emperor Hadrian was on the throne. When Hadrian summoned General Eustathios to offer sacrifices to the gods, Eustathios declined, declaring himself a Christian. The emperor subjected him and his wife and sons to torture. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but this did them no harm. Then they were cast into a red-hot metal box. On the third day their dead bodies were removed, but they were unharmed by the fire. Thus, this glorious commander rendered unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's (Luke 20:25), and took up his habitation in the Eternal Kingdom of Christ our God.

Feast of the Patronage of the Most Holy Mother of God

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the feast of the Patronage of the Most Holy Mother of God deserves special consideration. The cult of the Mother of God as Protectress of our nation reaches like a golden thread from the times of the Kievan princes to the present day. The secret of honoring the Mother of God as a Protectress lies, perhaps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human but with heavenly and more powerful intercession. Every person, family and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection. From the very beginning of our Kievan State, we have had great and powerful enemies. It is small wonder then that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Most Holy Mother of God whose intercession is all-powerful. For our people, then, the feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God, a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.

The chief motive that led to the institution of this feast was a vision granted to St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, when the Saracens besieged the capital of Constantinople. The people, terror-stricken, gathered in the church of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae where her mantle was preserved, and there they held an all-night prayer vigil. The greatly distressed people filled the church to overflowing. Among the gathering were St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, both of whom also prayed for the protection of the city. After the service, St. Andrew saw the Most Holy Mother of God in radiant light as she was approaching from the royal doors (a name the Greeks gave to the main doors of the church) in the company of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Theologian and amid the singing of a great choir of Saints. The Mother of God proceeded toward the altar where she knelt down and prayed long, shedding tears. Afterwards she arose removed from her head a luminous veil, and stretched it out wide over the people in church. Then she disappeared. St. Andrew and his disciple, Epiphany, saw the vision and understood that the Mother of God came to rescue the city. News of the miracle spread throughout the whole city like a flash of lightning. The enemy retreated and the city was saved.

From this veil, which in Slavonic is called "pokrov", the feast got its name: "Pokrov Presvyatoyi Bohordoytsi" (The veil (or Protection) of the Most Holy Mother of God). The veil became the symbol of protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

Who was St. Andrew the Fool? Historians generally agree that he was a Slav from the southern part of Rus-Ukraine. He together with other slaves, was brought to Constantinople where he became the slave of a wealthy Lord. Here he learned and loved the Christian faith. Meditating on the words of St. Paul: "We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ" (I Cor. 4:10), he began to act like a fool, hence, his name. Having gained his freedom from his master, he spent much time in prayer and the reading of Holy Scriptures.

At what period of time did St. Andrew live and when did the miracle of protection take place? It is difficult to give a clear and adequate answer to this question. The opinions of the historians in regard to this question are divided. Some say that St. Andrew lived during the reign of Leo I, the Great (457-474), that is, in the fifth century, while others, who represent the majority, place the time of his existence during the reign of Emperor Leo VI, the Wise, (886-911), that is, at the beginning of the tenth century.

The feast of the Patronage was a local feast among the Greeks, which they ceased to celebrate after the fall of Constantinople in 1453. No one knows precisely why October first became the day of the feast. Probably because St. Andrew had the vision on this day, or perhaps because, as some think, on that day the Eastern Church celebrates the memory of St. Roman the Melodist, who composed many hymns in honor of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. On the day following the feast, the Church commemorates St. Andrew the Fool.

The feast of the Patronage enjoys a service similar to that of the great feasts with an all-night vigil, but is not one of the twelve great feasts, and has neither a pre-festive nor a post festive period.

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 -\$ 1,764.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$343.00 Cemetery \$90.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Frank Homa by Roseanne & Bill Pogash

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God's Blessings on the Unuscavage- Perri Family

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas- 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

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

St. Nicholas

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| Peter Kadingo | Laura Seasock | Joseph Salak | Jim Rehnert |
| Margaret Skrincosky | | Anna Skrincosky | Walter Mistishen |
| Mary Mistishen | | | Andrew Skrincosky |
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