

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, September 10th, 2017 Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9 th	3:30pm +Charles & +Mary Lazusky by William & Irene Mc Andrew
Sunday, September 10 th	10:30am +Leonard Seroka by Wife, Anna
Tuesday, September 12 th	9:30am +Denise Piccola by Mr & Mrs John Taylor
Wednesday, September 13 th	8:00am +Harold Mistishen by Mr & Mrs Al Shimkus Jr
<i>Exhaltation of the Cross</i>	
Thursday September 14th	9:00am God's Blessings on His People
Friday, September 15 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, September 16 th	3:30pm God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, September 17 th	10:30am +John & +Mary Yawornitsky by Daughter, Theresa Krajcirik

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 10 th	8:30am 2 nd Anniversary +Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy & Family
Monday, September 11 th	8:00am +George Jansson by Richard Kost
<i>Exhaltation of the Cross</i>	
Thursday, September 14th	4:00pm +Helen Yourshaw by Peter Kadingo & Family
Saturday, September 16 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm Deceased Member of the +Zucal Family by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, September 17 th	8:30am +Helen Krolick & +John Yaroshak by Son, Ronald

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 9 th	Gal 6:11-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 10 th	Gal 6:11-18	Paul Caputo
Saturday, September 16 th	Gal 2:16-20	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, September 17 th	Gal 2:16-20	Alice Breznik

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, September 9 th	Gal 6:11-18	Mike Prokop
Sunday, September 10 th	Gal 6:11-18	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, September 16 th	Gal 2:16-20	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, September 17 th	Gal 2:16-20	Susan Miller

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.

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,

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 some to sell to friends and family.

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 10/1, 10/8, 11/19.

Roaster Pans- There are old roaster pans (NOT THE COMPLETE ROASTER) available downstairs for anyone who would like them. They are from the roasters that we no longer have and do not fit in the roasters we use. They are on carts at the bottom of the stairs. Please see Fr. with any questions.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- The hours for this week will be Monday, September 11th & Wednesday September 13th from 10:30 to 2:30 Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.

Special Collection-We are taking up a special collection for those effected by the Hurricane in Texas. **When donating – please be sure to clearly mark your envelope so the donation can be properly applied.**
Thank you.

DATE CHANGE Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, October 15th All married couples are invited to attend the 11am Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia followed by a dinner. Flyers/ registration forms are in the back of the church. Please register by September 30th.

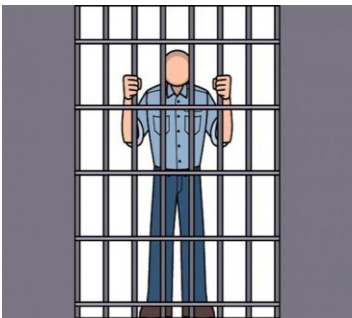
Both Churches:

Festival - On Saturday, September 16 Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church will be hosting their 4th annual Ukrainian Day Festival. Would you please inform your parishioners of our special. The festival will be from 11am until 5pm at 401 Fairview Street. The Kazka Dancers will perform at 12pm with more entertainment throughout the day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either through email or my cell phone at 484-429-4787.

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.

The Fifth Annual Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference “Rusyn History and Culture from A to Z”. Join us on Saturday (9/30/2017) from 9AM-4PM at King’s College Campus Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Speakers include Father Joseph Bertha (Pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church, Trumbull, CT) ; Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi (Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Toronto and the John Yaremko Chair of Ukrainian Studies); John Righetti (Founding President of the National Carpatho-Rusyn Society); and Dr. Paula Donson (Retired University of Alaska Statewide Association VP for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Strategic Planning), They will provide an array of thought provoking presentations such as Father Bertha’s talk on “The Lachrymose Mariapocs icon, an American connection?!” Professor Magocsi will address “Carpatho-Rusyns: Myths & Stereotypes”. John Righetti will focus on “Rusyn history from Immigration to the present.” Finally, Dr. Paula Donson will explore what it meant “Growing up Rusyn”. This conference costs \$45.00 and includes a breakfast buffet and lunch. An Eastern European Market, translators, and a basket raffle will be available. Please RSVP by September 22 to: Sharon Jarrow (shangp@rcn.com • call 610-759-2628) or mail check made to C-RS Eastern PA to Sharon Jarrow~599 Fehr Rd. ~Nazareth, PA 18064. We look forward to seeing you!

Food Bank – PLEASE HELP – OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. We appreciate everyone who donates to our food bank. This good work helps many people in the community. The issue is that it is the end of summer and our donations are down. 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.



“For punishment to be fruitful... it must have a horizon of hope otherwise it remains closed in itself and is just an instrument of torture; it isn’t fruitful” *Pope Francis in a video message August 24th to inmates at the Ezeiza penitentiary in Argentina*

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

"Tranquility" is not peace - Tuesday, 16 May 2017

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 22, 2 June 2017)



Today's world offers a "tranquil, artificial and anaesthetized peace" in which anyone can put up his own "do not disturb" sign to create his own personal version of tranquility, yet this is not the true peace that Jesus offers: this thought lay at the heart of Pope Francis' reflection during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday, 16 May. The peace that Jesus offers is "a real peace" because it is rooted in the Cross, and therefore enables one to overcome all of life's many daily tribulations, including suffering and illness, without falling into mere stoicism or playing the martyr. In this regard, Pope Francis offered the wisdom of Saint Augustine who characterized Christian

life as "a journey between the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God" (De Civitate Dei XVIII, 51).

In his meditation, the Pope drew inspiration from the Gospel of John (14:27-31) proposed by the day's liturgy. Francis observed that "Jesus was at supper with his disciples, the Last Supper, and he said to them: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you'". The Lord, said the Pope, "gives them peace", and then told them: "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid because I give you my peace".

In this way, Pope Francis explained, "the Lord begins to take leave" of his disciples, precisely "with this gift, with the gift of peace". Furthermore, the Pope continued, "we have also heard the passage from the Acts of the Apostles" (14:19-28) which recounted "the journey which Paul and Barnabas made from Antioch and then their return to Antioch, where we heard about the things that they suffered". The Pope thus wondered: "is this the peace which Jesus gives us?" Paul and Barnabas, in fact, "preached at Lystra"; but — the Acts tell us — "there came from Iconium some who convinced the crowd that what Paul was preaching was not true". And immediately the crowd "was persuaded against him: they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, believing that he was dead".

Thus, the Pope asked, "is this the peace which Jesus gives? Or did Paul not receive this peace?" The Acts then recount that Paul, "when the disciples gathered about him, rose up and entered the city", since he was not dead, and he continued to proclaim the Gospel". In the saint's unique way, Francis explained, Paul "had cultivated a considerable number of disciples and, before leaving them, he ordained priests, elders, that they might take care of that community". In effect, Paul then "continued to work". And faced with this reality, Paul urged them to "continue strong in faith, because through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God".

Therefore, the Holy Father affirmed, "it is a peace amid tribulations". And for this reason, "when Jesus gave this gift and said to the Apostles: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you', he added: 'not

as the world gives, do I give to you”’. In actual fact, the Pope explained, “the peace which the world offers is a peace without tribulations: it offers an artificial peace, a peace which, more than ‘peace’ is better called ‘tranquility’”. That is to say: “Please do not disturb me; I want to be left in peace”.

One might say, Pope Francis continued, that the world offers us “a peace that looks only to its own concerns, to its own securities”, so as to ensure “that nothing is lacking”. In this regard the Holy Father referred to the “figure of ‘Dives’ (the rich man), that man who lived in peace, happy, always with friends, but who were ‘so-called’ friends since they visited him because in his house they ate well; there were parties”. And thus, “they were tranquil”, but also, “closed in: they did not look beyond”.

“The world teaches us the path of peace with anesthesia” the Pope reiterated. And the world “anaesthetizes us so that we do not see another reality of life: the cross”. For this reason, “Paul says that on the journey, we must enter the kingdom of heaven through many tribulations”. But, the Pope asked, “Can there be peace in tribulation?” He responded, “on our part, no”, because “we are not capable of creating a peace which is tranquil, a psychological peace, a self-made peace, simply because there are tribulations”, which ‘for one person’ may be “pain; for another, disease; for another, death”.

But “the peace that Jesus gives is a gift: it is a gift of the Holy Spirit”. And “this peace undergoes tribulations and [yet] goes forth. It is not” — the Holy Father clarified — “a sort of stoicism, that of ‘playing the martyr’”. It is really “another thing entirely; it is a gift that helps us to keep going”. Thus, “Jesus, after having said this, went up to the Garden of Olives, as he had told them: ‘I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming’”. And, having said these words, “he went to suffer, to be tempted: he offered everything to the Father’s will and suffered, but God’s consolation did not forsake him”. In the Gospel, in fact, we read: “there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him”.

Behold then, the Pope explained, that “the peace of God is a real peace which is part of the reality of life, which does not negate life”. Since “life is thus: there is suffering, there are sick people, there are many awful things, there are wars; but that peace which comes from within, which is a gift, is never lost”, and helps us “to go forth, bearing the cross and the suffering”. All this with the knowledge that “peace without the cross is not the peace of Christ: it is a peace which can be bought”. Perhaps “we can create it ourselves, but it is not long-lasting”; it eventually comes to an end.

Reflecting then on the daily life of each of us, the Pope explained that “when I get angry and lose my peace, when my heart is unsettled, it is because I am not open to the peace of Jesus: because I am not able to live life as it happens, with the crosses and the sadness that occur: because I am not able to ask: ‘Lord, give me your peace’”. And this, Pope Francis said, “is a beautiful grace to ask for today, listening to this passage about Jesus and those words of Saint Paul: “through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God”. The Pontiff therefore urged the faithful to pray for “the grace of peace, so as not to lose that interior peace”. Concluding, Francis offered the following prayer as an example: “May the Lord help us to correctly understand this peace which he has given to us through the Holy Spirit”.

Don’t judge someone because they sin differently than you !

Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



Introduction- The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

Background- In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of

Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

Icon of the Feast- The icon of the Feast of the Precious Cross tells the story of the finding of the Cross and of its Exaltation. Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine

In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in Jerusalem in 355 to commemorate the dedication of the Basilica of the resurrection. When the true cross of Jesus was found shortly afterwards, this event was commemorated on the same day. In time, the Feast of the Exaltation supplanted the feast of the dedication.

In 395, St. John Chrysostom wrote of three crosses which were discovered beneath Golgotha by the Empress Helena. Many other writers speak of miracles which occurred through contact with the true cross. It was through one of these miracles that the true cross was recognized by St. Helena and St. Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem.

The Holy Cross was kept in the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem until 614, when the Persians conquered the city and burned the church. In 628, Emperor Heraclius III defeated the Persians and returned the Holy Cross to Jerusalem. A portion of the cross was taken to Rome in the seventh century by Sergius I, a Pope of Byzantine origin.

Icons of the Feast usually portray St. Macarius in the center of the Icon, elevating the Holy Cross and showing it to the people. This elevation or uplifting of the Cross shows its prominence as the sign of victory. Hence the name "Exaltation" or "Elevation of the Holy Cross."

St. Constantine the Emperor, and St. Helena, his mother, are frequently shown, although some icons depict only St. Helena. Gathered about the Cross with St. Macarius and St. Helena are bishops, priests, and hymnographers. With them, too, we are joined in oneness of mind and purpose as we sing: *"We bow to Your cross, O Lord, and we praise Your holy resurrection.*

(God With Us Icon Study)



UNENDING TREASURE *Leontis Shaffer*

*Most Holy Mother you bring joy to my heart.
A love that transcends the hate and the dark.
And I thank thee for interceding unceasingly for me.
You bring joy to my life, glory to thee.
God crowned you with honor and joy from above.
A blessing from heaven descends like a dove.
Holy Theotokos you are one of God's greatest pleasures.
Please fill us with love and unending treasures.
Amen.*

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 -\$ 1,031.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 634.00 Cemetery \$60.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Fr Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +John Sawka by Daughter, Paula Sawka

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas-

Lamps of the Crucifix- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene Mc Andrew

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**
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	Irene Yaroma

St. Nicholas

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

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