

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am +Eugene Rehnert by Jim & Anna Rehnert
Tuesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Michael & +Anna Govera Kaczmarczyk – Legacy Liturgy
Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Joseph Lutzkanin by Elizabeth Lutzkanin
<i>Birth of the Mother of God</i>	
<b>Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am God's Blessings on His People</b>
Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Charles & +Mary Lazusky by William & Irene Mc Andrew
Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am +Leonard Seroka by Wife, Anna

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Barbara Kull by Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am + John Yaroshak by Mr & Mrs Steve Mistysyn & Family
Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +William Covach Sr. by Bernadette Bremer
Thursday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +George Jansson by Mrs Robert O'Connor
<i>Birth of the Mother of God</i>	
<b>Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00pm 40<sup>th</sup> Day +Sandra Sninsky by Sister, Theresa Panchison</b>
Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary +Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy & Family

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

Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 6:11-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 6:11-18	Paul Caputo

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	David Toth
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Cor 16:13-24	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 6:11-18	Mike Prokop
Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 6:11-18	Leeann Smulligan

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Holiday Bingo – We have changed our Christmas Bingo to a HOLIDAY BINGO-** The Bingo will be Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping with the event should talk to Michelle Caputo, Theresa Krajcirik or Stephanie Rarick.

**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.

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

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**Sanctuary Light** – Available Dates: 10/1, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12

### *Both Churches:*

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**Rectory Hours-** The hours for this week will be Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 2:30 Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.

**DATE CHANGE Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Auxiliary Bishop** - Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that our newly nominated Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be ordained by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during the Opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Synod of Bishops to take place on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 in St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine at 11 a.m.



## **Both Churches:**

**Beginning Genealogy And Exploring Eastern European Ancestry-** The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society is very pleased to announce that Tom & Kathryn Peters, two outstanding professional Genealogists, will present an all day seminar for beginning and experienced genealogists at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus located at 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley, PA 18034 on **September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The price including an assorted breakfast tray, refreshments, and a boxed lunch is \$35.00.

Kathryn's "Beginning Genealogy 101" will be a boot camp for those trying to get started on discovering their heritage. Tom will provide his expertise on researching Eastern European Ancestry including Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Hungary. Both will address the latest genealogy tools and technology, and be available to answer any questions and review documents. Seating will be limited. Reservations are required. Contact Chuck Schneider at 610-691-2658 or e-mail [cfsomni@aol.com](mailto:cfsomni@aol.com) no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## **"MEMO FROM GOD"**

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not require your assistance. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter has been placed in the box, do not continue to hold onto it or remove it. Holding on or removal will only delay a resolution of your problem. If you believe you can handle the situation, please consult me in prayer first to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

## **Pope St. John Paul famously said, shortly before being elected the first non-Italian pope in centuries:**

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel. We must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not-too-distant future; trials that will require us to be ready to give up even our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it. ... How many times has the renewal of the Church been brought about in blood! It will not be different this time."



## Archeparchy of Philadelphia Welcomes

### Father Andriy Rabiychuk as new Auxiliary Bishop



Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Auxiliary Bishop John Bura, together with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia joyfully welcome the Holy Father's appointment of Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk, a priest of our archeparchy, as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. He has been assigned the Titular See of Germaniciana. Pope Francis concurred with the recommendation of the appointment offered by the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops.

Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk has studied for the priesthood at our St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, receiving his philosophical and theological studies at The Catholic University of America and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood within our archeparchy and has served with enthusiasm and dedication at a number of parish assignments. Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk returned to The Catholic University of America for advanced studies in canon law and has served in our Archieparchial Marriage Tribunal. His care and concern for the souls of faithful living in locations not close to existing parishes resulted in his beginning a successful new mission parish in Lancaster, PA, St. Andrew the Apostle Ukrainian Catholic Mission Parish. Recently, he successfully transferred the location of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church from a downtown location to a more suitable suburb location offering a full range of facilities for the parish. Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk serves as Vicar General and Vice-Chancellor of our Archeparchy, in addition to his ministry at his parishes. Our Archeparchy and our Ukrainian Catholic Church will be well served by the vibrant and dedicated ministry demonstrated by our newly nominated candidate to the episcopacy. We congratulate him. We commit ourselves to support him with our prayers, words of encouragement, and joyful sharing in his episcopal ministry. God bless Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk richly in ways only He can as he undertakes his new ministry as a bishop of the Church. Our heartfelt welcome and 'Mnohaya Lita'!

### Biography

On Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, His Holiness, Pope Francis appointed Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk as Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk currently serves as Vicar General and as Vice-Chancellor for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, and as a Dean of the Lehigh-Schuylkill Deanery, PA. He is also a member of the College of Consultors, the Archieparchial Finance Advisory Council, the Presbyteral Council, the Archieparchial Administrative Council and Administrative Board at the Pennsylvania Conference of Bishops.

Very Rev. Andriy Rabiychuk was born on October 1, 1975, in the city of Lviv, Ukraine. His parents, Anton and Iryna Rabiychuk reside in Zymna Voda, Lviv region of Ukraine. He has one younger brother, Vitaliy, who is married with Iryna. They have two children, Andrian and Yuliana, and reside in Ukraine.

Very Rev. Andriy graduated from Zymna Voda High School #1 in 1992. In the fall of 1992 he entered Ivano

Frankivsk Seminary where he studied philosophy for two years. In August of 1994 he moved to the United States to continue his studies at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary while attending classes at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC. Following completion of a one year program studying English at the Metropolitan College of the Catholic University, he was enrolled in the School of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the same university. In May of 1999 he graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Philosophy. In September of 1999 Fr. Andriy continued his theological studies at the Dominican House of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Andriy Rabiyy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on December 19, 2001.

*Article from the Way 08/13/17 (Photos from "The Way" January 20, 2002)*

### ***The Church in Your House***

ST PAUL WROTE MOST OF HIS EPISTLES to communities rather than individuals. Often, however, he would end an epistle by extending greetings to people whom he knew in that community and from people known to them. Among the latter mentioned in 1 Corinthians are Priscilla and Aquila "and the church that meets at their house" (1 Cor 16:19). We first meet this couple in Acts 18 where we are told, "Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them" (vv 1-3). They became close friends of St Paul and left Corinth with him when he continued his travels. "Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila" (v. 18). Their journey to Syria would take them down the coast of Asia Minor where there were several Christian communities. Priscilla and Aquila remained in Ephesus, half-way to Syria. St Paul greets them at the end of his Second Epistle to Timothy, who was in Ephesus at the time. The Jews, expelled from Rome in AD 49, were allowed to return in the year 54. Priscilla and Aquila seem to have returned to Rome at that time. In his Epistle to the Romans St Paul greets them as "my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life" (Rom 16:3-4).

The Church in Their House We learn from St Paul's Epistles that, both in Ephesus and in Rome, the local gathering of Christians assembled at the home of Priscilla and Aquila. During the age of persecution in the Roman Empire there were no church buildings as we know them; Christianity was illegal so believers met in private homes. St Paul does not specify what the believers did there, but the description of the first Christians in Jerusalem probably applies everywhere in the first century: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). As Jews, Priscilla and Aquila probably attended prayers in the synagogue but gathered Christians in their home for the breaking of bread and to hear the Apostles' teaching. When and where Christianity was tolerated, the Church not only met in homes, it acquired houses for community use. In the 20th Century such a house-church was excavated in the ruined Syrian city of Dura-Europus. This house-church, dating from the 3rd Century, was extensively decorated with frescoes much like later Byzantine churches. It even had a separate room dedicated as a baptistery: a pattern which would be employed once church buildings became common.

Every Home a Church In the first centuries AD the home was the usual meeting place of the Church. In later centuries it came to be seen that the Christian family was itself a Church, a “domestic church.” St Paul taught that the family was an image of God the Father and His family: the Son and all those who in Christ have become adopted children of God: “I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph 3:14-15). The Church is the heavenly family, uniting all who are in Christ to the heavenly Father. In the same way a Christian family takes its identity (its “name”) from God. It is formed by God at the Mystery of Crowning and is the place where family members are meant to encounter God and help one another draw closer to Him. In our Eastern tradition, because the home is the icon of the Church, the home becomes a domestic church. The Mystery of Crowning is where the domestic church is consecrated. It is not just a coincidence at a wedding, as the bride and groom circle the sacramental table, and that the same hymns are sung as at an ordination when the priest-to-be is led around the holy table. As we read in *A Guide for the Domestic Church*, published by our diocese, a wedding in the Christian East is “an ordination for service in the domestic church. Husband and wife are called to a unique sharing in Christ’s priesthood by their holy crowning. Their home is their church with a little ‘c’.”

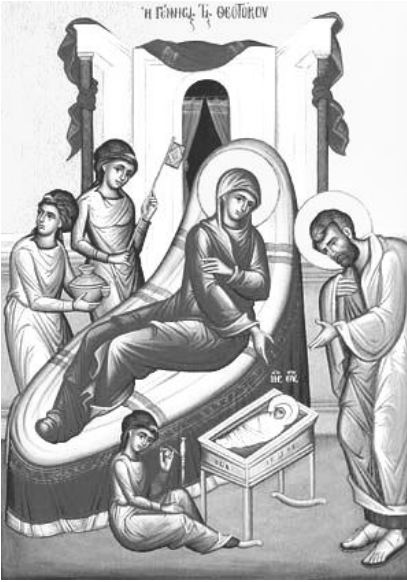
Now a church is known not so much by its architecture or its interior design but by the function it plays, the activities it nurtures. A church must be hallowed by the blood of gracious sacrifice, perfumed by the incense of fervent prayer, echoing God’s word and re-echoing man’s response in humble adoration. Anything less and we have Shakespeare’s “bare ruined choirs”.

Our mothers and fathers must rediscover their role as priests of the home and exercise their sacramental powers: the father by blessing his children and the food that nourishes them, by preaching the most eloquent of sermons by the nobility of his conduct; the mother by enabling her family to celebrate the fasts and feasts of the year and by her tending of the light burning before the icons. The children, too, should learn to assume roles in the domestic church as soon as practicable: they can help read the daily scripture passages and assist in the preparation of the foods proper to our tradition.” *A Guide for the Domestic Church* offers specific suggestions on implementing many of these practices over the course of the year. The *Publicans Prayer Book*, available online from Sophia Press at [www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org) (at “publications”), is designed as a prayer book for use in the domestic church of the home. Another useful resource for living as a domestic church may also be found at [www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org). Download the “At Home” kits for each of our Church’s fasting seasons (“Great Fast at Home,” “Apostles’ Fast at Home,” etc.) for reflections, prayers and activities you can use to keep the spirit of these seasons alive in your house church.

Pass On Your Family Traditions As the passing on of Holy Tradition is one of the main tasks of the priests of the wider Church, so too passing on of the family story is an important role for parents, the priests of the domestic church. The way we tell our family stories can be a great help in bringing our children to see that God is working in your lives: If, with St. Paul, “We know that in all in both the good and bad events of our lives to bring us to where we are in our life now. And so we can tell our stories with a sense of destiny: that God has been at work in our family and is still working, calling us to grow in His love and service. As God worked in the past to bring us to this place in the same way He is preparing us for something else.

**SEPTEMBER 8**

## **Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**



The Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Background**

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

### **Icon of the Feast**

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents, and the Mother of our Lord as an infant. Saint Anna is in the middle of the icon with her right hand extended toward her daughter. Likewise, Saint Joachim, Mary's father, is gazing upon the young child with his right hand extended toward her. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.



## 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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$707.80 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$ 723.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** God's Blessing for the Victims of Hurricane Harvey

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** Special Intentions for the Families Impacted by the Hurricane

**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

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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