

**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, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 -- Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm God's Blessings and Health on all the Living Mothers
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am In Memory of all the Deceased Mothers
Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm + Tryphena Thelmon by the People of St Michael's
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm +Matilda Chonskie by Charles & Helen
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Michael & +Helen Zitka by Daughter Carol
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am + Michael Dudish by Wife & Children

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Kathryn Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon & Family
	5:30pm In Memory of all the Deceased Mothers
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings and Health on all the Living Mothers
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am + Mary Butcavage – Legacy Liturgy
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Catherine Yaroikak by Anna Tellup
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Peter Stock by Stock & Kubeika Family
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

**Important Announcements**

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

Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:1-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:1-11	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:1-11	Susan Miller
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2:1-11	Theresa Panchison

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

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### ***St. Michael:***

**Pierogie Sale** : The next pierogie sale will be Monday May 20th . Call 462-2424 to order. \$7.00 a dozen . Order soon before we sell out !

**Fundraising Meeting** will be Wednesday May 22nd at 5:00pm. Wrap- up for American Girl Doll and Kick- Off for Basket Raffle.

**Sanctuary Light** – The following dates are available- 5/26, 6/9, 6/30, 7/7 & 7/14 Please reserve your date in the back of the Church. Donation \$15.00.

**Candles** are available for the Crucifix, Iconostas and Tetrapod. Please contact the rectory about available dates.

### ***St Nicholas:***

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**Sanctuary Light** – The following dates are available 6/2, 6/16, & 6/30.

### ***Both Parishes:***

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**Memorial Day** : The schedule for **Graveside Services** are as follows :

St. Nicholas, Mahanoy City- Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

St Nicholas, Saint Clair & Holy Trinity- Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

St Michael, Shenandoah- Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**Parish Office** – Please note the summer hours of the parish office will be Monday – Thursday 10:00am until 3:30. This also means that the bulletins will be done on Thursdays – so please have any announcements to the rectory by Wednesdays at 12 noon.

**Icon Lecture**- Topic Holy Icons Images of Hope. Presenter Rev. Damian Higgins- May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Rd, Fox Chase Manor PA. Donation \$25.00 Respond by May 6<sup>th</sup> 215-780-1227 . We have someone who would like to attend this lecture and are willing to car pool – contact rectory for more info.

**“ The Great Adventure- A Journey Through the Bible.”**- Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm This course guides you through 14 narrative books of the Bible, helping you to see and remember the “big picture”, basically “Bible 101”. Contact the rectory at 462-0809 with any questions. Classes to be held at St Michael’s Church Hall 300 West Oak St Shenandoah. All are welcome to attend !

**Bible study**- there will be NO Bible Study on Tuesday May 14th due to the Seminary Day Meeting.

**Positions Available** – Ascension Manor Apartments is looking for a Social Services Coordinator, an Assistant Site Manager and a part-time Office Assistant . Ability to speak Ukrainian, Spanish or Cantonese is highly desirable. Pre- employment background check and drug testing are required. Fax cover letter, salary requirements and resume to 215-922-3735 or for a more information contact the rectory.

*Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil. Eph 4:26-27*

***Both Parishes***

**UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY:** We invite everyone from near and far to attend. An initial planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM The 79th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 28th at St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. Your participation is greatly desired and appreciated.

**Prayer Group** will be Wednesday at 6:30 pm . All are welcome

**"Follow Me"** weekend from May 17 19, 2013 for young women from the ages of 19 -40 at St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, NY. There is no cost for this weekend and it is for any young woman who wants to follow Jesus closer however she is being called. It is an opportunity to develop new friendships, deepen your relationship with God as well as enjoy yourselves with other young women and with the Sisters Servants.. Flyers and registration forms are available through the Pastor or by contacting Sr. Cecelia at 315-252-6356 srcelia@yahoo.com

**Kielbasi Festival** will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5pm. Live Polka music, Eastern European foods & crafts. Kielbasi making contest for those that make homemade Kielbasi. For more information call Downtown Shenandoah at 462-2060.

**Kielbasi- Pierogie Golf Tournament** , Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mountain Valley Golf Course. Registration at 11 am , Lunch 12 pm Shot Gun at 1pm. Four man scramble. Fee \$70.00 if paid before June 8<sup>th</sup> , \$75 after June 8<sup>th</sup> , Includes golf, prizes, lunch, dinner and refreshments . Not a golfer join us for dinner & Madness on the Mountain \$25.00. Call 462-2060

**Trinity Academy May procession-** Everyone is invited to join Trinity for the school's annual May procession on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St Josephs on Ashland. Honoring Mary through the May procession is a wonderful evening of prayer

**Concert- Bach Handel Chorale-** May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Tamaqua Community Arts Center. Doors open at 2:30, first come first serve . Free will offering. For info call 668-1192

Remember the people who have touched  
your life.

Memorial Day Memorials

In Memory of (deceased)

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Letter from His Beatitude Sviatoslav  
to the Beloved Mothers of Priests  
serving in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church throughout the world.

Dearly Beloved Mothers,

Christ is Risen!

During my life as a layman, priest and bishop, I've come to realize that perhaps the most solemn and awe-inspiring moment that can be experienced by a faithful member of our Church is to have the privilege of being present at the ordination to the Holy Priesthood of a young man, and to receive his first priestly blessing at the conclusion of the Holy Rite of Ordination. Truly, it is difficult to imagine an event that is more joyous for the Church! The hearts of everyone present: bishop, celebrating priests, parents, family, friends and faithful, are invariably filled with unspeakable happiness and awe as they witness the solemn transforming action of the Holy Spirit upon one who has been chosen and taken from among themselves and consecrated to a life of service.

There is normally one person present, however, whose joy is incomparably greater than anyone else's, whose heart is literally bursting with pride and love, whose eyes spill over with tears of joy, whose lips burn with sentiments of praise and thanks to the Lord. This person is the mother of the priest, and she feels these sentiments so much more deeply than anyone else, because she is closer to the new priest than perhaps any other human being. In fact we can say that she, in a very real way, takes responsibility more than anyone, for the new shining knight in the army of Christ that stands before the congregation of the day of his ordination. Perhaps in the soul of each mother at this moment is born the same feeling that the Mother of the Great Priest of our Church – Metropolitan Andrew had, in her memoirs about the First Divine Liturgy of her son in their native Prylbychi she writes: "You cannot express with words the beauty of this Divine Liturgy, his blessing and spiritual uplifting of all present...when he blessed laying his hands on our heads we kissed them, those hands sanctified by the Lord's Sacrifice..." Perhaps as for each believing mother, for Sophia Fredro-Sheptytsky the vocation of her child, "to serve at Christ's altar", using her words became "the most precious among the blessing of the Lord".

Today is Mother's Day, the day in which we express our love for our earthly mothers in a special way, and offer our prayers for their health and blessings if they are still with us, and pray for the repose of their souls if the Lord has already taken them to Himself. And today I bow my head in humble gratitude before every mother of every priest. With special love I would like to embrace today my mother who always has been watching over me since the first moment of my life. With her heart she feels all of my joys and tribulations, she dedicates, on behalf of me, her health and her prayers, she is a companion in my priestly service on all of the paths of God's Providence.

I thank the mother of every priest for everything she is, for all the sacrifices she makes, but primarily, for her faith, a lived faith, a loving faith, which she has taken and lovingly grafted onto the heart of her son, who has become a priest. The vocation to the priestly and religious life is a gift of God and, at the same time, a mystery. The Holy Spirit “blows where it wills” (Jn. 3:8) and no one knows for certain where or when or upon whom it will descend. But certainly the seed of God’s call sprouts more quickly in soil that is fertile and watered. The voice of God is heard more clearly and accepted more readily in a heart of a young boy whose mother, since the time he was a small baby, has lovingly cupped his little hands in hers and traced the sign of the Cross on his breast each morning and evening. The voice of God is heard more readily by the boy who, at his mother’s knee, has been taught the prayers to God, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and who, at every opportunity, has been led by her to the parish church where he has often taken a burning candle from her hand to place before the icon and has kneeled down beside her to pray beneath it. The voice of the God is heard more readily in the heart of a young boy, who, following the example of his mother, has frequently approached the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist for the cleansing and rejuvenation of his soul. For your faith as the mother of the priest, I thank you.

I also thank the mother of every priest today for her constant prayers for her son, who has become a priest. A mother always prays for her children. The prophet Isaiah asks: “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?” (Is. 49:15) The answer, of course, is ‘no’. No matter what happens, the heart of a mother remains true. She can never forget her child, from the moment she feels it stirring for the first time in her womb, until the day, surrounded by her children, she closes eyes for the last time in this world. Nothing is stronger or more insistent or more efficacious than the prayer of a mother for her children.

Because of your prayer, the prayer of a mother, your son has not only heard the call of God in his heart, but has had the courage walk against the current of modern society and answer this call. Because of your prayers he has withstood the temptation of the Evil One to abandon this call, to rationalize it as something not meant for him, but for some else. Because of your prayers he has been persistent in his pursuit of knowledge and holiness of life; because of your prayers he has come to know that the service of God and one’s neighbor is the most exalted goal for which one can strive in this life. And because of your prayers he is supported and sustained in all the joys and consolations, and through all the sorrows, hardships and temptations he will experience in his priestly life and service. For your prayers for all your children and especially for your son who is a priest, I thank you.

Today, as we concentrate our thoughts and prayers in thanksgiving to all the mothers of priests, we know that Mary, the Mother of God stands near us, praying with us. She is the supreme image of priestly motherhood and each mother of a priest is a reflection of her motherhood. Who better than she, the mother of Christ the Divine Priest, understands the joys and consolations as well as the sufferings and sacrifices that comes with being the mother of a priest? Who, more than she, is the model of faith and prayer for every mother of a priest?

Think of the faith in God she displayed on the day of the Annunciation. Standing before a mystery that cannot be understood by human thought, in total faith and love she said ‘yes’ to the Father. Yes, she said. I agree to become the mother of the Messiah in a manner that passes all understanding. “May it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38) Think of the intensity of her prayer for the safety of her child, when her 12-year old son, Jesus, was lost for three days in Jerusalem, where she and Joseph had brought him for the Feast of Passover. Think of the depth of her sorrow, when, standing at a distance, she watched helplessly as her beloved Son was scourged, spat upon, and nailed upon the Cross by sinful men, to die a horrible, painful death. And think of the joy that filled her heart when the angel appeared to her, telling her of His Resurrection from the dead, as we sing in the triumphant Paschal hymn: ‘Ангел звістив’.

My dear beloved mothers! Each one of you, each and every mother of a priest has shared in some way, in the joys, the sorrows, the prayer and the faith of the Most Holy Mother of God. Each one of you, on your life’s journey as the mother of a priest, have had the occasion along with Mary, to “ponder all these things her heart”. (Lk 2:51) Each one of you, as Mary was, has been a willing instrument of God in the mystery of the priestly vocation of your son.

In a very real sense, the priest does not belong to himself. He does not even belong to his mother. The priest belongs to everyone, because he serves everyone. The priest belongs to God, because he serves God. Every priest can rightly say along with the prophet Isaiah: “the Lord called me from birth, from my mother’s womb he gave me my name.” (Is 49:1) What a privilege it is, to be the mother of a priest! What a noble vocation it is, to share in God’s work for the salvation of the world by being the mother of a priest!

Let this realization be a consolation for you during those times, when perhaps, the priest, your son, is far from you, or seems to have forgotten about you amidst the obligations of his priestly service. Remember that he prays for you, remember that the bishop prays for you, the entire Church prays for you in humble gratitude for the gift of your son in the service of the Lord. May God bless you and keep you in good health and happiness!

Bowing my head before you with thanksgiving and deep reverence I call upon you and all of your relatives the blessing of Almighty God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Given on the 26th day of April 2013 A.D. in the City of Kyiv,  
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ



*“Be patient in all things except in your zeal to bring the Word of God to all men & women.”* M Kelly

### Metropolitan Stefan's Reflection on Mothers' Day



Today, we give thanks to our mothers for their gift of life and nurture by remembering them especially in our prayers, and with acts of affection and goodness. We fondly and gratefully recall their living as bearers of light in our earthly life. Mothers give special witness as active bearers of the light of faith to their children, to their spouse, and to the entire family.

Jesus said that a person does not light a candle and then put it under a basket for no one to see. The gift of our faith, the light of our faith is meant to shine brightly. It is meant to be a source of rekindling the faith in others around us who may be struggling. Mothers seem to be blessed with a compelling grace to actively teach and model their life-giving faith to their children and to others. They plant the early seeds of faith in Jesus Christ and nurture it throughout their lifetime. They do not surrender to being passive in the celebration of their faith for which all of us are so grateful. They are steadfast in their faith as witnessed by their steadfast participation in the Church.

The best testimony you and I can give to the gift of our mothers is to ourselves become bright bearers of the light of faith. Choose to nurture the seed of faith planted within you by your mother by learning more about your faith, your Church. Choose to actively share your faith with those whom you have been given to love and nurture in your life. Celebrate your faith energetically and enthusiastically, and without reservation, in imitation of your mother's gift to you. Choose to put aside your passivity! It only limits and constrains the gift so freely given to us by our mother.

The Blessed Mother of God gave her passionate and unconditional 'yes' to celebrate God's plan through her. It led to a gift for all of us beyond our comprehension – God's saving plan for all of us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. The love and unconditional commitment of our earthly mother has given you and me opportunity to celebrate life and all its wonders as recipients of God's love. In testimony to our loving mothers, let us live as bright bearers of light!

God bless all of our mothers in ways only He can for many blessed and happy years! May the souls of our loving departed mothers be granted eternal peace with Jesus Christ!

+ Stefan Soroka  
Metropolitan-Archbishop

## Church Information

**Rectory Hours-** Monday – Friday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809

**Baptisms:** Please contact the rectory a week or more in advance.

**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 is 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, 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:** Contribution \$ 897.75 Thank You !

**St. Nicholas:** Contribution \$ 995.00 Thank You ! \$ 675.00 Cemetery

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

**St. Nicholas-** In Memory of +Josephine Talpash by Talpash Family

**Seven Branch Candlestick-** God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas-** For all the Living & Deceased Mothers – A parishioner

**Lamps of the Crucifix-** For the Health of Verna Gray

**Tretrapod-** For St Michael's Parish and the Donor's Intentions

**God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!**

*Prayer Requests: Please remember our shut-ins and all those who have requested our Prayers:*

**Our Military Friends Serving Our Country,**

### St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak  
Patricia Forgotch  
Pat Sittnick  
Martha Hysock  
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Anna Smetana  
Helen Sims  
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Helen Mitchell  
Edward Sion  
Mary Mazur  
Susan Chernesky  
Kelly Jones  
Maya Usewicz  
Mary Mazur  
Irene Flaherty

Irene Bura  
Eva Koch  
Susan Enders  
Dolores O'Connell Leahy  
Christine Lenhart  
& Rosemary (Mother)  
Roseanne Nause  
Tiffany Roshoe

### St. Nicholas

Helen Salak  
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Walter Mistishen  
Mary Kadingo  
Joseph Luckenbill  
Andrew Skrincosky

Peter Kadingo  
John Tomko  
Mary Mistishen  
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