

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 26th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Saturday, December 14th 8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
3:30pm- +Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol
- Sunday, December 15th 10:30am- +His Beatitude Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky
- Tuesday, December 17th** 9:00am- +Michael Latuda by John & Mary
6pm-7pm Confessions
- Wednesday, December 18th 8:00am- +Richard Tarashuk by Mr & Mrs Don Brickley
- Saturday, December 21st 8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
3:30pm- +Michael & +Anna Kaczmarczyk by Anne Evans
- Sunday, December 22nd 10:30am- +Joseph & +Elizabeth Jurgill by Mr & Mrs Michael Fletcher

SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Saturday, December 14th 5:30pm- God's Blessing on His People
St. Nicholas Day
- Sunday, December 15th** **11:30am-** +Catherine & +Joseph Panchison & Daughter, +Sandra by the Panchison & O'Connor Families
- Monday, December 16th 8:00am +Dawn Erdock by Lucy O'Connor & Theresa Panchison
- Wednesday, December 18** **6pm-7pm Confessions**
- Thursday, December 19th 8:00am - +John,+ Margaret,+ Jack & +Jerry Tomko by Elaine & Jerry Tomko
- Friday, December 20th** **NO DIVINE LITURGY**
- Saturday, December 21st 5:30pm- +John & +Anna Skrincosky Sr by Skrincosky Family
- Sunday, December 22nd 8:30am- God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, December 14 th | Col 3:4-11 | Nancy Sawka |
| Sunday, December 15 th | Col 3:4-11 | Michelle Caputo |
| Saturday, December 21 st | Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, December 22 nd | Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 | Paul Caputo |

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, December 14 th | Col 3:4-11 | David Toth |
| Sunday, December 15 th | Col 3:4-11 | Theresa Panchison |
| Saturday, December 21 st | Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 | Bernadette Bremer |
| Sunday, December 22 nd | Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 | LeeAnn Smulligan |

Announcements

St. Michael:

Pierogie Sale Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with pierogies this month. We had parishioners from St. Michael's, St. Nicholas and some wonderful friends who helped to make this a successful fundraiser. Our profit for this sale was \$1,471.25. Great Job Everyone !!!!

Confessions- Tuesday, December 17 from 6 to 7pm

Christmas Cleaning and Decorating – We will be decorating and cleaning the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 16th starting a 9am --- any and all help is appreciated. It'll be fun too!

2020 Envelopes and Calendars are in the back of the Church – if you do not have a set in the back – feel free to take a blank set. Please let the rectory know of any address errors or missing envelopes . Please do not return 2020 envelopes till after the first of the year. Thank you.

Christmas Lector – Anyone interested in reading on Christmas & Christmas Eve should contact the rectory

St. Nicholas:

Confessions- Wednesday, December 18 from 6 to 7pm

Divine Liturgy Cancellation- If there is a two hour delay or cancellation of the St. Clair schools due to bad weather, we will not have Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas.

Memorial Fund- The following Friends and relations have contributed to the memorial fund in memory of Andrew Skrinkosky. *1- Anita, Michelle, Michael & Jacob Tobin, *2- Harry & Diane Brown.

Christmas Lector – Anyone interested in reading on Christmas & Christmas Eve should contact the rectory

Both Churches:

Rectory Office Hours Rectory hours this week – **Monday & Thursday** 10am to 2pm. *Hours are subject to change.* Please, call before coming to the rectory office to be sure someone is there to meet your needs. The rectory will be closed in inclement weather. The office will be closed December 24th – December 29th

Divine Liturgy requests are now being taken for 2020. Please submit requests in writing when possible, please include a daytime phone number in case of questions . If you are unable to make your request in writing , please contact the rectory during open hours, Thank you.

Bible Study -In the spring, we will have a Bible study on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Check your bulletin in the coming weeks for more information. Study is to be held at St. Michael's, but is open to anyone with a desire to learn.

Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols, which will be held on Sunday, January 12th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia.

The God With Us Online webinar series continues Wednesday, December 18, 2019 8-9 pm EST with the program The Gift of God Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity. The program is free but you must register at EasternCatholic.org. The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/GodWithUsEC>

Christmas Community Service Project

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th

This holiday season the parishes of St. Michael & St. Nicholas would like to help families in need by providing groceries to make their Christmas special. We are asking that you find it in your heart to help those in your community that are not blessed with the ability to provide a holiday meal for their family.

Ways you can help include:

- Monetary donations** will be used to buy food, and gift cards for perishable items.
- Canned and pantry items** such as : stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, mac & cheese, olives, gravy, veggies, soup, mash potatoes, canned hams, tuna , pasta, sauce, cereal, pancake mix, pop tarts, oatmeal, bake good mixes, candy, and those things that make the holiday wonderful in your home. Personal hygiene items (including toilet paper, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant etc....) are also welcome. Pet food too.
- Gifts certificates and coupons.**
- Contact Local Businesses and Friends to donate.** (*letters are in the back of the church if you need additional letters , please contact the rectory*)

If you are aware of a family that could benefit from this project, please speak to Msgr. or contact the rectory.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS WEEKEND, OR CONTACT THE RECTORY THIS WEEK.
THANK YOU .**

In this Season of Advent, St. Philip's Fast, we are in a time of fasting and abstinence as we prepare spiritually for the season of Christmas and the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

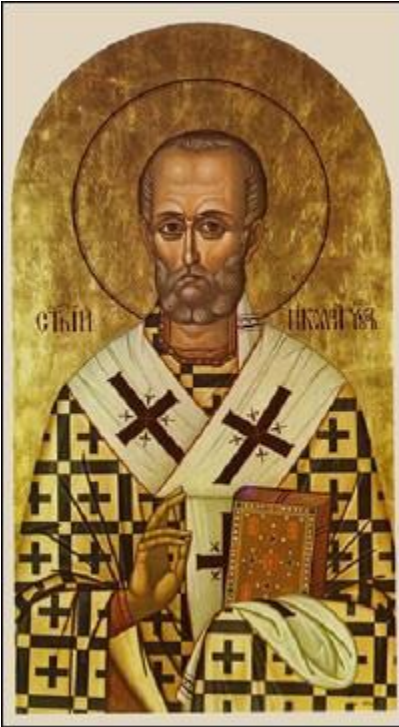
Our Church has spiritual bouquets available and may be purchased in the memory of or in honor of a loved one. They will be remembered in the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. Poinsettias will also be purchased to beautify our church during this season of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Donations will also be accepted in memory of or in honor of a loved one and will help defray the cost of the flowers.

Spiritual Bouquet- In Memory of / In Honor of

Christmas Flowers- In Memory of / In Honor of (living)

From

Please print your requests, and circle in Memory of (deceased) or in Honor of (living). Feel free to use additional paper if more room is needed. **Submit by December 16th** , requests not received by the 19th will not appear in the Christmas bulletin. Submit your request via the collection basket, or contact the rectory. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

“The sincerity of your deeds has revealed you to your flock as a teacher of moderation, a model of faith, and an example of virtue. Therefore, you attained greatness through humility, and wealth through poverty. O Father and Archbishop Nicholas, ask Christ God to save our souls.” - Troparion

The Church highly regards St. Nicholas as a model of faith and an example of virtue. Nicholas lived in the fourth century. He is a personification of a shepherd, a defender and an intercessor. St. Nicholas had become a bishop of Myre in Lycia. He was always a man of faith, showing us what the virtue of humility is and teaching us the values of moderation and poverty. St. Nicholas is one of the most honored saints among Ukrainian Catholics. Many parents name their sons “Nicholas” and many a church has been named in honor of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

Nicholas was born about 270 A.D. in Patara, a small town in the province of Lycia (present-day Turkey). He was the only son of wealthy parents. However, already from his youth, Nicholas shunned his inherited wealth. His attraction was to the religious

life. He would share what he possessed with the less fortunate and performed works of charity.

Nicholas lived during the reign of Diocletian (284-305) under whom Christians had suffered persecution. Nicholas himself was imprisoned for his Christian faith. His faithful regarded Nicholas as a “Confessor of the Faith. During the peaceful reign of Emperor Constantine the Great, Nicholas was chosen to become Archbishop of Myre. Archbishop Nicholas showed great pastoral zeal and charitable heart to those in need. Many a good deed was done in secret, so that others would not know it was he. He assisted the poor, protected the innocent, comforted the sick and those in suffering.

At the Council of Nicaea, Archbishop Nicholas defended the Church against the influence of paganism and the error of the Arian heresy. Tradition has it that Nicholas on several occasions saved his flock from immanent starvation. Even prior to his death, many miracles occurred due to his intercession. His faithful regarded Nicholas as a holy man, a “saint”.

Tradition has it that Nicholas died on December 6 about the year 342. Following his death, numerous miracles were attributed to the saintly man, Nicholas. During a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, St. Nicholas calmed a violent storm and prevented certain shipwreck. St. Nicholas appeared in a dream to Emperor Constantine and warned him of pending injustice and saved three officers, who were innocent, from being executed.

Having the charism of healing, Nicholas had restored to good health innumerable people who suffered from incurable diseases. The most known story known to Christians today is

how the saintly Nicholas provided a dowry for three poor girls, destined by their father to a life of impropriety in order to provide the father with a steady income. He threw a sack of gold coins at night through the window for three nights, one who each girl's dowry.

Public veneration of the saintly Nicholas had begun shortly after his death. Already in the fifth century we have records as to how his gravesite became a frequent site of numerous pilgrimages. Pilgrims from afar came to venerate his relics and implore his efficacious intercession. Indeed, St. Nicholas is to this day one of the most venerated saints in our Ukrainian Catholic Church as well as the Byzantine and Roman-rite Churches.



St. Michael Church

Christmas Eve * Tuesday, December 24 * 3:30 PM

Christmas Day * Wednesday, December 25 * 10:30 AM

Feast of St. Stephen * Friday, December 27 * 8:00 AM

St. Nicholas Church

Christmas Eve * Tuesday, December 24 * 8:00 PM

Christmas Day * Wednesday, December 25 * 8:30 AM

Synaxis of the Mother of God * Thursday, December 26 * 9:00 AM

Confession Schedule: *Confessions are heard from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM*

Mon., December 16 - Assumption, Centralia * Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel * Nativity
BVM, Middleport * Transfiguration, Shamokin

Tues., December 17 - St. John, Maizeville * Patronage, Marion Heights * St. Nicholas,
Minersville * St. Michael, Shenandoah

Wed., December 18 - St. Michael, Hazelton * Protection, McAdoo * St. Michael, Frackville *
St. Nicholas, St. Clair

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 \$ 589.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,193.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas – In Memory of +Ronald Kreiger by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael – In Memory of +Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol.

Seven Branch Candlestick - In Memory of + Dorothy & +George Minarchick, +Jason Mitchell, & +Robert Kalavage.

4 Lamps of the Iconostas- Blessings on the People of St. Nicholas & St. Michael's.

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

Lights of the Tetrapod - In Honor & In Memory of the Unscavage & Perri Families

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

Carol Zitka	Helen O'Connell	Susan Enders	Lori Bright
Eva Koch	Helen Beddall	Dolores O'Connell Leahy	Dolores Kozie
Demetrius Grabowsky	Maude M	Helen Bereschak	William McAndrew
Mary Goodlunas	Tom Prete	Michael	Andrea Pytak
Sandy Bankes	Susan Chernesky	Jane Sittnick	Annie Morrissey
Shannon's Mom	Pat Sittnick**	Charlie Calise	Matthew Morrissey
Marilyn Stefanski	John Bright	Baby Dean Michael	Patrick Morrissey
Ron Lusavage	Joseph Chowanes	Meg Saunders	Wanda M.

St. Nicholas

Mary Mistishen	Elizabeth Gulas	Jim Rehnert	Eleanor Laguna
Catherine Krepps	Margaret Mistysyn	Alex Hnatishion	Wassil Draovitch

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