

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, December 29th, 2019 Sunday After Christmas

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28 th	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- +John Evans by Anne Evans
Sunday, December 29 th	10:30am- +Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk
Tuesday, December 31 st <i>Circumcision of Our Lord</i>	9:00am- God's Blessings on Nicholas by Family
Wednesday, January 1 st	9:00am- God's Blessings on Michael Fletcher by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fletcher <i>No Fast</i>
Friday, January 3 rd	
Thursday, January 2 nd	8:00am God's Blessings on Helen Lyons by John & Mary
Saturday, January 4 th	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- +Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky
Sunday, January 5 th	10:30am- Gods' Blessings on Peter Olanich by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fletcher

SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28 th	5:30pm- +Mary Skrincosky Antonio by the Skincosky Family
Sunday, December 29 th	8:30am- God's Blessing on His People
Monday, December 30 th <i>Circumcision of Our Lord</i>	8:00am- +Catherine Kalyan by Theresa Panchison
Tuesday, December 31 st	4:00pm- God's Blessings on His People
Friday, January 3 rd - <i>No Fast</i>	8:00am- Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, January 4 th	5:30pm- God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, January 5 th	8:30am- +Andrew Zubar – Legacy Liturgy

St. Michael Lector Schedule:

Saturday, December 28 th	Gal 1:11-19	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, December 29 th	Gal 1:11-19	Alice Breznik
Saturday, January 4 th	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 5 th	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	Michael Fufila

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, December 28 th	Gal 1:11-19	Mike Prokop
Sunday, December 29 th	Gal 1:11-19	Susan Miller
Saturday, January 4 th	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	David Toth
Sunday, January 5 th	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	LauraLee Sadusky Marshall

Announcements

St. Michael:

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.

St. Nicholas:

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

The 2020 calendars and weekly envelopes are available in the Church hall

Thank you to everyone that assisted with the St. Nicholas banquet and the preparations for the Christmas holy days in our Church

Both Churches:

Rectory Office Hours Rectory hours this week – **Thursday January 2nd from .** 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.

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.



UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK- MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH
CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans, God-loving Bishops,
Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in Ukraine and throughout the world,

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy! Lk 2:10

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

Today the angels in heaven sing and celebrate, all creation is filled with joy, for the Saviour and Lord is born this day in Bethlehem of Judea. This joy, which we especially experience with today's illustrious feast, is an integral part of being for every believing Christian, a visible sign and fruit of God's unceasing presence. The joy of the Saviour's coming on earth dissipates all the fears and uncertainties of human life, for "God is with us," once and for all!

In the Gospel narrative the light of God's presence initially causes fear, as a human being by nature is afraid of the unknown, the unexpected or the uncertain: " And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear" (Lk 2:8-9). But the word spoken by the angel "Fear not!" and the good news about the birth of the Saviour takes away that fear: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (2:12). The shepherds readily go to the place indicated by the angel, there they bow before the newborn Saviour, and in turn, themselves become proclaimers of joy.

The Newborn Saviour is the incarnate Love of God, who as the only and eternal source of joy dispels fear. Authentic love is not a temporary or passing human emotion, but a lifegiving power, the expanse of life, given and guaranteed by God Himself. Only in the space of Divine love and joy can human beings fully live, develop, and be themselves. God does not desire for His creation to be afraid, and thus in the Nativity, He comes to us as a vulnerable child. The Son of God allows Himself to be laid on hay in a manger, He allows Himself to be embraced by human hands, to be fed at the human breast of the Mother of God. The Almighty God, who needs nothing, makes Himself needy, helpless, and dependent on the warmth and tenderness of human love! Today He makes us capable of opening our embrace to God and neighbour without fear.

So, where does this fear come from? Above all, humans are fearful because, being separated from God through sin, they feel abandoned and lonely: confronting the unknown world alone and unprotected before its hostility. When people are closed to the love of their Creator, they are fearful of Him, erroneously perceiving God as a hostile and foreign power, which seemingly might threaten them, and so they seek to build their life without Him. They hide before their God and Lord, as once did Adam in paradise following his sinful fall. We read in the book of Genesis: "But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?' And he said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was

afraid . . ." (3:9-10). The life of a person without God's love is transformed into "a space of anxiety and restlessness." A human being, having distanced himself or herself from the face of God, falls into a place of constant fear for their life in the face of death. It is this fear that is the tool of evil, which inevitably takes over and paralyzes a person, takes away his or her freedom, deprives them of joy and hope. A person without God is also afraid of his or her neighbour, the foreigner, the emigrant, as subconsciously they see them as competitors for their illusory space of security and plenty. In the end, such persons fear themselves, their weaknesses and limitations. They are afraid of failing to fulfil the expectations of others, they are afraid of being a failure in learning and work in the context of increasingly aggressive competition in the world. And so today the voice of the heavenly angel resounds in our present night of fear and insecurity: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy!" (Lk 2:10).

The Son of God was born in a human body in order to overcome the very reason for a person's alarm, fear, and uncertainty. This day, in His Nativity, with His liberating divine love He enters into the cold and dark cave of human existence, into our world, increasingly filled with anxiety, into our personal expanse of life. He is born in our midst in order to remove the paralyzing power of our contemporary fears and anxieties, and to say to the person of the XXI century, to say to each one of us: "Fear not!" We read of this in the Epistle to the Hebrews: "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." (2:14-15).

Christmas is the source of victory over today's fears: fear of the future and the unknown, fear of others, fear of death. In celebrating the birth of our Saviour, His joyful entrance into the horizons of humanity today, let us not allow anyone to frighten us. The word of angels spoken today "Fear not!" is also directed to the Ukrainian people in the midst of the challenges we face in this historical period of our nation's existence. If "God is with us" then who can frighten us, take away or imprison our will to defend our country and people, our desire for true justice, dignity, and liberty? St. John writes: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:18-19).

Christmas in the unification of God with humankind: God Himself enters into human living space and begins living as a human being, accepting all discomforts, challenges, and threats. Let us rejoice, therefore, for we are the ones whom Christ in His Nativity has liberated from fear, granting us joy in love. He will also renew our capacity to love God and neighbour. In Him are the foundations of our national, state, and ecclesial existence.

Dear Brother and Sisters. With Christ's birth, I sincerely greet you all: those in Ukraine and abroad, those who celebrate together with loved ones and those who are far from family, the young and the old, children and parents, the healthy and the infirm, the wealthy and the poor. Today we are all rich in the joy and love of the newborn Saviour. In thought and heart, I am with those who suffer bodily and spiritual wounds. Those who have doubts and are searching in the midst of the dangers and anxieties of today's world, who thirst for true peace and joy - receive my Christmas greeting and my loving embrace. Today, in a special way I unite myself in prayer with those who fearlessly stand on the frontlines and defend our country.

On the occasion of this feast, I express my gratitude and impart my blessings on our battle-worn veterans. May the words of our carol-koliadka speak to the heart of each of you:

*Let us imitate the shepherds,
Let us bow to the One Born
That He deign to grant us peace
Transform sorrows into joy,
For those who believe, who believe in Him (Vselennaya Veselysia)*

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a cheerful celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

+SVIATOSLAV

at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ

on the day of the all- praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First –called the 13th of December in the 2019th Year of our Lord .

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

HOUSE BLESSING 2020

Msgr. Myron:

I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home if possible this year during the Theophany (Jordan) Season. (2020)

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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 \$ 1,242.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 1,198.00 Cemetery \$160.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas – In Gratitude for Blessings Bestowed on our Parishioners & Families

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael – God’s Blessing on a New Year for Both Parishes

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas- In Celebration of the Blessings of the Lord

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

Eva Koch

Demetrius Grabowsky

Mary Goodlunas

Sandy Bankes

Shannon’s Mom

Marilyn Stefanski

Ron Lusavage

Irene McAndrew

Helen O’Connell

Helen Beddall

Maude M

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Pat Sittnick**

John Bright

Joseph Chowanes

Susan Enders

Dolores O’Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Michael

Jane Sittnick

Charlie Calise

Baby Dean Michael

Meg Saunders

Lori Bright

Dolores Kozie

William McAndrew

Andrea Pytak

Annie Morrissey

Matthew Morrissey

Patrick Morrissey

Wanda M.

St. Nicholas

Mary Mistishen

Catherine Krepps

Elizabeth Gulas

Margaret Mistysyn

Jim Rehnert

Alex Hnathion

Eleanor Laguna

Wassil Draovitch

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