

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> , 2020 Sunday Before Theophany**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- +Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am- Gods' Blessings on Peter Olanich by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fletcher
<i>Theophany of Our Lord</i>	
Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am +Michael & +Mary Demanczyk by Daughter, Irene Sipes
Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am- God's Blessings on Jamie Fletcher by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fletcher
Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Fast</i>
Saturday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- +Ed Kalavage by Daughter-in-Law
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am- +Leonard Kozlosky Sr. by Son, Len & Dolores Kozlosky

**SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm- God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am- +Andrew Zubar – Legacy Liturgy
<i>Theophany of Our Lord</i>	
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm- God's Blessing on His People
Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No Fast</i>
	8:00am- Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm- God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am- +Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Daughter, Sandra

**St. Michael Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	Michael Fufila
Saturday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:7-13	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:7-13	Michelle Caputo

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	David Toth
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	2Tim 4:5-8 & Mk 1:1-8	LauraLee Sadusky Marshall
Saturday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:7-13	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:7-13	Dolores Sadusky

## *Announcements*

### **St. Michael:**

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**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:**

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**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.

**Sanctuary Light-** available dates 3/1, 3/15, 4/12, 4/26.

### **Both Churches:**

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**Rectory Office Hours** Rectory hours this week – **Monday & Wednesday 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.

## **HOUSE BLESSING 2020**

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by January 6th. Thank you

## **WHY DID JESUS ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE BAPTIZED?**

John's baptism was not a baptism of salvation; it was a baptism of repentance for sinners. The Jews held a unique belief about repentance. This belief held that if Israel could repent perfectly for even one day, the Messiah would come. It was only the hardness of their hearts that was delaying the coming of God's Redeemer into the world. John was aware of this conviction, and his actions cemented his reputation as the forerunner of the Messiah.

An interesting feature of John's baptism was the fact that Jews did not need baptism. Only converts to the Jewish religion were baptized. No Jew ever conceived that he or she, a member of the Chosen People, a son or daughter of Abraham assured of God's salvation, could ever need baptism. Yet Jews, after hearing John preach his message of repentance, were submitting to his baptism as a way of demonstrating their change of heart and of experiencing God's forgiveness of sins. When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified himself with his people's search for God.

Identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized at the hands of John to demonstrate his solidarity with the people and to signal the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised. After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished and Jesus took center stage.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to go baptize all nations. This baptism would not be a baptism of repentance but a baptism of water and the Spirit, which would signify that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

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### **Theophany**

197 At the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan, the public ministry of the Saviour begins (see Mt 3; Mk 1). John the Baptist points to Christ in the Jordan and identifies Him as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). During the baptism of Jesus, the Most Holy Trinity is made known: "Worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming you the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty."<sup>167</sup> "The voice of the Father" is the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the "Spirit in the form of a dove" is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Christ, revealing him to be the Son of God. For this reason, Church tradition refers to the Baptism of Jesus Christ as the Theophany (from the Greek, meaning divine appearance).

### **Catechism**

198 The Theophany at the Jordan is liturgically connected with the feast of the Nativity. In her celebration of both these events, Church tradition emphasizes that both the Incarnation and the Baptism of the Lord are when God appears (in Greek, theophania). In accordance with the text of the Great Blessing of Water at Theophany, "in the preceding feast we have seen you as a babe, and in this present feast as perfect human, appearing as our perfect God." At the Nativity, God the Word "was born," but now he "appears in the flesh to the human race." At the Nativity, the "Sun of Righteousness" rose, and now it "shines forth." In the liturgical tradition of the Church, the feast of Theophany is also called the feast of Illumination. The sticheras of the feast of Theophany elucidate the bond between the feasts of the Nativity and Theophany: What was announced by the angel is now announced to the people by the Baptist; the spilling of infant blood caused Bethlehem to become childless, but through the sanctified waters of baptism, the Jordan now has many children. What was announced by the star to the Magi in Bethlehem is now revealed to the world by the Father himself. *Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha, #197-198*

## 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 \$ 10,851.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$ 5,108.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas** – In Memory of +Frank Homa Jr. by Wife, Dorothy

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael** – In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

**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

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