

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of Saint John of Damascus and Saint Barbara -- December 4th

Welcome to St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church!

St. Michael's Parish is part of the world-wide Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. We are Eastern Catholics – Orthodox Christians living in full and visible communion with the See of Rome, under the leadership of Pope Francis and our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk. One need not be ethnically Ukrainian to worship with us. The Ukrainian Catholic Church comes from the Ukrainian people, but it is for the entire human race. *Welcome! We're very glad you're here!*

Divine Liturgy Schedule – Порядок Богослужень

Sundays: Usually 10:00 a.m.

Solemn Feast Days: Usually 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays

The schedule sometimes varies; please check the bulletin or website, or request email notifications from ndworian@comcast.net.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, the Divine Liturgy is typically celebrated primarily in English. On other Sundays and Feast Days, the Liturgy is primarily in Ukrainian. Preaching is usually bilingual: English and Ukrainian.

To schedule a Confession, please contact Father Andriy at (480) 217-8505.

Божественна Літургія щонеділі о 10:00 ранку

Звичайно перша і третя неділя місяця - головною англійською. Інші неділі – українською. Проповіді – на двох мовах. Тому, що отець парох часом змушений бути поза містом, порядок богослужень може мінятися. Прошу перевірити порядок поданий на вебсайті та в бюлетені. Про електронні пригадки можна зареєструватись по адресі ndworian@comcast.net.

Порядок богослужень у свята зазначений на вебсайті. Переважно о год. 7-ій вечора в будні дні, а о 10-ій ранку коли свято припадає в суботу. Про Тайну Сповіді прошу домовитися з Парохом.

Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy, Feast of St. Nicholas

**Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy, Conception of Saint Anne,
When She Conceived the Most Holy Mother of God**

Sunday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the Holy Forefathers,
followed by a St. Nicholas pizza party and a visit from St. Nicholas himself!

Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Saturday, December 24: Royal Hours, and Vespers with Divine Liturgy (times to be confirmed)

Sunday, December 25: 10:00 a.m. Excerpts of Great Compline followed by the Divine Liturgy

Scripture Readings for the Divine Liturgy

Today: Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 17:12-19 Next Sunday: Luke 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

*Rejoice, O Mary, Mother of God! For you have given birth to the King,
the Savior and Enlightenment of all ages!*

Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker
(Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.)

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (Asia Minor), was favored by God with the power of miracles, and is therefore called "the Wonderworker." He healed the sick, saved seafarers from danger, fed the hungry, and spared prisoners condemned to die. As a priest, Nicholas distributed his inheritance to the poor, performing his many acts of mercy in secret. His works of charity are still celebrated in the person of "Santa Claus" (whose name is a corruption of "Saint Nicholas"). Saint Nicholas likely took part in the Council of Nicea (325 A.D.), which condemned the heresy of Arianism and promulgated the beautiful Nicene Creed which we pray in the Divine Liturgy.

The truth of your deeds made you for your flock a rule of faith and an image of meekness, a teacher of continence. And so you gained the heights through humility, riches through poverty, father and bishop Nicholas. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls. (Troparion of St. Nicholas)

In Myra, O holy one, you proved yourself a priest. You fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable father. You laid down your soul for your people and saved the innocent from death. And so you were sanctified as a great initiate of God's grace. (Kontakion)

Rejoice, O saintly father (Nicholas), temple of the Trinity; pillar of the Church, protector of the faithful, helper of all in trouble. You are a star whose rays of prayer dispel the darkest trouble. You are a quiet harbor for the storm-tossed, for all adrift in the sea of life. Pray Christ to save our souls with His great mercy.

The Conception of St. Anne, When She Conceived the Most Holy Mother of God
(Divine Liturgy on Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.)

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-31 Gospel: Luke 8:16-21

Today the chains of barrenness are shattered, for having heard the prayer of Joachim and Anna, against all hope God has openly promised the birth of the Maiden of God, from whom the very Infinite One will be born as a man, the One who commanded the angels to cry to her: Rejoice O full of grace, the Lord is with you! (Troparion)

Today the whole world celebrates the conception of Anna, which was brought about by God Himself, for she has ineffably borne the One who will bear the Word. (Kontakion)

O my soul, magnify the most glorious conception of the Mother of God. Let us the faithful magnify the Mother of God, wellspring ever-flowing and life-receiving, the light-bearing lamp of grace, the living temple and tabernacle all pure, even more spacious than heaven and earth. (Irmos, instead of "It is truly right")

Prayers of Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

The little Divine Liturgy books in the church contain several "Prayers After Holy Communion." Praying one or more of these after the Liturgy has ended is a great way to deepen one's inner life.

One of the profound and beautiful Thanksgiving prayers was composed by Saint Basil the Great:

O Christ, our Master and God, King of the ages and Creator of all, I thank You for all the good things that You have given to me, and for the reception of Your most pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray You, therefore, O good Lover of mankind, keep me under Your protection in the shadow of Your wings. Grant that, with a pure conscience, until my last breath, I may worthily partake of Your Holy Things, for the forgiveness of sins and for life everlasting. For You are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, and the Bestower of blessings; and to You we give glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The last prayer asks for the intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God:

Most holy Lady, Mother of God, light of my darkened soul, my hope, my protection, my refuge, my comfort, and my joy, I am grateful that you have enabled me, unworthy as I am, to partake of the most pure Body and precious Blood of Your Son. You bore the true Light; give light to the spiritual eyes of my heart. You bore the Fountain of immortality; give life to me made dead by sin. Kind-hearted Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me. Give me compunction, contrition of heart, and humility of mind. Recall me from the distractions of my thoughts. Enable me to receive without condemnation and to my last breath the most pure and sanctifying Mysteries for the healing of my soul and body. Grant me tears of repentance and confession so that I may praise and glorify you all the days of my life, for you are blessed and glorified forever. Amen.

Confession: Sacramental Preparation for Celebrating Our Lord's Nativity

A Reminder from Father Andriy

The Holy Mystery of Confession is celebrated by appointment with Fr. Andriy. Because our parish is very small and parishioners are so far flung across the Tucson metro area, we don't have a set time for confessions. Please do not conclude from this that Confession is somehow less important these days or that it is some way passé. That is not the case! We should never take lightly our constant need for repentance, and our desperate need for God's grace to be able to lead truly Christian lives in a radically secularized world. Do yourself a favor. Perform an examination of conscience and schedule a time for Holy Confession. Fr. Andriy will do everything possible to make himself available. If you feel more comfortable with another priest, or in an anonymous situation, that is fine. But please do not neglect Confession. It is crucial for Christian living. Contact Fr. Andriy at (480) 217-8505.

Reports • Prayer Requests • Announcements

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR: Many thanks to the **Liesmeyer Family** for providing a delicious lunch last Sunday, and to those who gave donations of \$94.00 to support the Sisterhood's work!

Dec. 4: Valentina Lautaire Dec. 11: St. Nicholas pizza party Dec. 18: Halyna Chirovsky

PREPARATION FOR ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION (December 11): Sviatyi Mykolay – St. Nicholas – will visit St. Michael Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church on Sunday, December 11, following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. We invite all parents with children to welcome him [please spread the word]! Parents are asked to bring a wrapped gift for each child and drop it off in the church hall before the Liturgy. Gifts should be clearly labeled with the child's first and last name. Please email St. Nicholas' assistant (ihor.kunasz@comcast.net) regarding special delivery arrangements, and provide him with some special secret known only to the child! So as to not have some children more privileged than others, please limit yourself to one gift per child. [Note: the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas will be celebrated this Tuesday, December 6, the actual Feast Day.]

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for Joe Cybulsky, Lubomyra Lutz, Zenon Korytko, Stefa Szubak, the Skibicky family, seminarian Martin Nagy and his son Elijah, Eparchial Administrator Fr. Richard Janowicz, and all those involved with selecting our next bishop.

NEW STAR ON-LINE: The December issue of New Star is now available in English and Ukrainian at esnucc.org/new-star. If you do not have access to a computer, please inform Nadya Dworian.

CATHOLIC TUITION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (CTSO): Persons who owe 2016 Arizona income tax may receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit by contributing to the CTSO, which helps low-income students receive a Catholic education. Single persons may contribute up to \$1,087 and couples up to \$2,173. You must choose a school to support; you may wish to select Immaculate Heart High School, where our parishioner David Maciborski teaches theology. For more information, visit www.ctso-tucson.org, call (520) 838-2558, or see the CTSO brochure in the church.

REMEMBER THE HUNGRY! Over 25% of Tucson's families and children live in poverty and suffer chronic hunger. Please bring fresh-dated non-perishable foods to the large box in the social hall; David McDonald will deliver them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the poor. Excellent choices are canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, nuts and seeds, granola or whole grain cereals, soy milk, raisins or other dried fruit, and whole grain pasta, tortillas, and crackers.

*Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You?"
And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of
these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:37-40)*

***You are the light of the world.... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Matthew 6:14-16)***

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

December 4, 2016

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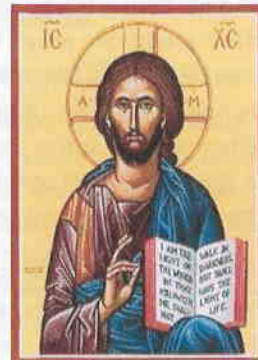
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When Christ Comes, God Will Be Seen by Men

There is one God, who by His word and wisdom created all things and set them in order. His Word is our Lord Jesus Christ, who in this last age became man among men to unite end and beginning, that is, man and God.

The prophets, receiving the gift of prophecy from this same Word, foretold His coming in the flesh, which brought about the union and communion between God and man ordained by the Father. From the beginning the word of God prophesied that God would be seen by men and would live among them on earth; He would speak with His own creation and be present to it, bringing it salvation and being visible to it. He would free us from the hands of all who hate us, that is, from the universal spirit of sin, and enable us to serve Him in holiness and justice all our days. Man was to receive the

Spirit of God and so attain to the glory of the Father.

By his own powers man cannot see God, yet God will be seen by men because He wills it. He will be seen by those He chooses, at the time He chooses, and in the way He chooses, for God can do all things. He was seen of old through the Spirit in prophecy; He is seen through the Son by our adoption as His children, and He will be seen in the kingdom of heaven in His own being as the Father.

The Spirit prepares man to receive the Son of God, the Son leads him to the Father, and the Father, freeing him from change and decay, bestows the eternal life that comes to everyone from seeing God.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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