

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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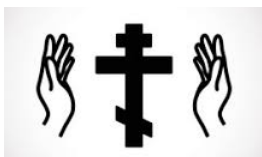
Social Center Hall #: 219-980-9074

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: JUNE 15TH – JUNE 21ST, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 6/15	The Holy Prophet Amos The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon	6.00 pm	Akathist to St. Michael
<u>Tue.</u> 6/16	Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis	10:00 am 6.00 pm	Office of Christian Burial + Robert Lesak Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 6/17	The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Thu.</u> 6/18	The Holy Martyr Leontius	6.00 pm	Great Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 6/19	The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 6/20	The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Jean Pega)
<u>Sun.</u> 6/21	THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus	9.45 am 10.00 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Robert Lesak)

HOLY CONFESSION is available on Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

“Come, wretched soul, with your flesh, confess to the Creator of all. In the future, refrain from your former brutishness and offer to God tears in repentance.” St. Andrew of Crete



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. MICHAEL'S:

Fr. Michael Evanick, Ann Libak, George Batcha, Edward Ivanyo, Casimir Laczkowski, Barbara Fedorchak, Susan Hlebasko, George Primich, John Olenik, Steve Zikmund, Anthony Slinker, Jackie Petyo, Jacob Soderlund, Veronica Bodak,

Elisabeth Babich, Rosemarie Stith, Nora Bloch, Nicholas Cuban, Nicholas Cuban Sr., Jennifer Adamo, Carol Zakutansky, Austin Gaydos, Todd Wert, Ed Moncada, Bridget Bowman, Matthew Malyj, and Gary Lazor.



EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S
2025-2026
STEWARDSHIP
APPEAL

TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.
THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026 **NOW JUNE 30, 2026!**

Parish Support June 6 & 7	
Weekly.....	2,449.00
Candles.....	75.00
Total.....	\$2,524.00

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia

Commemorated on June 17



**FISH FRY
 PIROHI
 IS
 CANCELLED
 FOR FRIDAY
 JUNE 17TH DUE TO POWER
 OUTAGE.**

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael, brothers by birth, were descended from an illustrious Persian family. Their father was a pagan, but their mother was a Christian, who baptized the children and raised them with a firm faith in Christ the Savior. When they reached adulthood, the brothers entered military service. Representing the Persian King Alamundar, they were his emissaries in concluding a

peace treaty with Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian received them with due honor and showed them his favor. However, when the brothers refused to take part in a pagan sacrifice, Julian became angry. He annulled the treaty and incarcerated the ambassadors of a foreign country like common criminals. At the interrogation he told them that if they scorned the "gods" he worshipped, it would be impossible to reach any peace or accord between the two sides. The holy brothers answered that they were sent as emissaries of their King on matters of state, and not to argue about "gods." Seeing their firmness of faith, the Emperor ordered the brothers to be tortured. The hands and feet of the Holy Martyrs were nailed to trees. Later, they drove iron spikes into their heads, and wedged sharp splinters under their fingernails and toenails. During their torments, the Saints glorified God and prayed as though they did not feel the tortures. Finally, the Holy Martyrs were beheaded, and Julian ordered their bodies to be burned. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. The ground opened up and the bodies of the Saints disappeared into the abyss. After Christians prayed fervently for two days, the earth gave up the bodies of the holy brothers, from which a sweet fragrance issued forth. Many of the pagans who had witnessed the miracle, came to believe in Christ and were baptized. This was in the year 362. Christians reverently buried the bodies of the Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael. Since that time the relics of the Martyrs have been glorified with miracles. The following year, when he heard about the murder of his emissaries, and that Julian was marching against him with a vast army, the Persian King Alamundar mustered his army and started for the border of his domain. The Persians vanquished the Greeks in a great battle. At this time, Saint Basil the Great was praying before an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, upon which Saint Merkourios was depicted as a soldier holding a spear. He asked God not to allow Emperor

Julian to return from his war against the Persians and resume his oppression of Christians. Suddenly, the image of the Holy Great Martyr Merkourios on the icon, next to the image of the Most Holy Theotokos, became invisible. Later, the image of Saint Merkourios reappeared with a bloodied spear. As it happened, Julian was wounded by the spear of an unknown soldier, who disappeared. As he lay dying, the mortally wounded Julian cried out, “You have conquered, O Galilean!”

Source:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2006/06/17/101743-martyrs-manuel-sabel-and-ismael-of-persia>