



## ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: JULY 6<sup>th</sup> – JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|                     |                                                                                                                                   |                               |                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Mon.</u><br>7/6  | Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great                                                                                             | 6.00<br>pm                    | Akathist to St. Michael                                                                                   |
| <u>Tue.</u><br>7/7  | Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder"                                                     | 6.00<br>pm                    | Vespers                                                                                                   |
| <u>Wed.</u><br>7/8  | The Holy Great Martyr Procopius                                                                                                   | 9.00<br>am                    | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom                                                                     |
| <u>Thu.</u><br>7/9  | The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina                                                                                    | 6.00<br>pm                    | Great Vespers                                                                                             |
| <u>Fri.</u><br>7/10 | The Holy Forty-five Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia<br><b>Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves</b>          | 9.00<br>am                    | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom<br>(+ John Dunda – by Elizabeth & Mary)                             |
| <u>Sat.</u><br>7/11 | The Holy Martyr, the Illustrious Euphemia<br>The Passing of Olga, Princess of Kiev, baptized Helen                                | 5.00<br>pm                    | Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom<br>(+ Nancy Hlebasko – by Susan Hlebasko)                     |
| <u>Sun.</u><br>7/12 | <b>THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br>The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary<br>Our Venerable Father Michael of Malein | 9.45<br>am<br><br>10.00<br>am | Third Hour<br><br>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom<br>(* Christine Buczek – by the Sosnowski Family) |

**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 Laczowski, 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.

THE EPARCHY OF PARMA'S ANNUAL

# FAMILY LITURGY & LIFE CAMP

Join families from across the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma for a week of faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp programming will focus on the four "ships" described in Bishop Robert's teaching, *Christ God our Hope: Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship, and Stewardship*.

**\$250 PER ADULT (18+)**  
**\$60 PER CHILD (4-17)**  
FREE for children ages 3 & under  
Registration fee includes the cost of basic lodging & all meals.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Daily Prayer
- Age-Specific Programming
- Joyful Fellowship
- Outdoor Games
- Campfire

**EVENT DATE**

**AUGUST 9-14, 2026**

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| Parish Support<br>June 27 & 28 |            |
| Weekly.....                    | 2,070.00   |
| Candles.....                   | 79.00      |
| Total.....                     | \$2,149.00 |

ATTENTION

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS!

Stay connected with your parish!

Sign up for our parishioner email list to receive important updates, parish news, event reminders, and spiritual encouragement.

PARISH UPDATES | EVENT REMINDERS | IMPORTANT NEWS | SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT

**SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION**  
Committee Members  
Agnes Chrenak  
Yarekko Family  
John and Becky Coleman  
Betty Ortiz  
Jo Ann Ortiz  
Jova Hrevilla  
Geraldine Dundalsky  
Jesse Vasquez

VITÁME VÁS!

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- Geronda, why do we burn incense?  
- We burn it to praise God. We glorify Him and we are grateful to Him for His abundant benefactions to us and to the entire world. Incense, like the candle, is also an offering... You must put your heart into it, whether it is an expression of gratitude or a request. With each candle I say, "My God, with all my heart I ask You to do me a favour." And with the incense I say, "I thank You God with all my heart for all Your gifts. I thank You for forgiving my many sins and the ingratitude of all the people and my own abundant ingratitude." Cultivate your devoutness and your modesty as much as you can. This will help you receive the Grace of God.

**Saint Paisios**  
Spiritual counsels, II

## Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

SALVATORIAN SHRINE • 5755 Pennsylvania Street • Merrillville, Indiana

10:00 A.M. **HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS** - Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine  
Celebrant Rev. Gregory Holicky & Visiting Priests

11:00 A.M. **AFTER MASS:** "Ethnic Foods" available for purchase • CASH BAR

1:00 P.M. **BY VARIOUS TALENTED SLOVAK MUSICIANS** - John Prozin Musician

2:30 P.M. **CASH RAFFLE DRAWING**

### 45 Holy Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia Commemorated on July 10

The Forty-five Martyrs of Nicopolis in Armenia suffered during the reign of Emperor Licinius. He fiercely persecuted Christians and issued an edict to put to death any Christian who would not return to paganism. When the persecutions began at Nicopolis, more than forty of those being persecuted for Christ decided to

appear voluntarily before their persecutors, to confess their faith in the Son of God openly, and to accept martyrdom. <https://www.o.ca.org/saints/lives/2046/07/10/101984-45-holy-martyrs-at-nicopolis-in-armenia>



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### *They Marveled and Glorified God*

Do you see how He is shown to be Creator of both souls and bodies? He heals the paralysis in both soul and body. The healing of the soul is made evident through the healing of the body, even while the body still remains a creature crawling on the ground. The crowds were slow to recognize who He was: “When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to humans.” ... He proceeded by His daily actions to arouse them and lift up their thinking. It would have been no small thing for Him to be thought greater than all others, as having come from God. If they had established this adequately in their own minds, they would have known in due order that He was indeed the Son of God.

But they did not grasp these things clearly. Because of this they did not come close to recognizing who He was. For again they were saying, “This man is not from God! How can this man be from God?” Their minds churned over these statements continuously. Which thing many now also do; and thinking to avenge God, fulfill their own passions, when they ought to go about all with moderation. For even the God of all, having power to launch His thunderbolt against them that blaspheme Him, makes the sun to rise, and sends forth the showers, and affords them all other things in abundance; whom we ought to imitate, and so to entreat, advise, admonish, with meekness, not angry, not making ourselves wild beasts.

St. John Chrysostom

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Healing the Paralytic*