



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: JULY 13th - JULY 19th, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 7/13	The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel; Our Venerable Father Stephen of the Saint Sabbas Monastery; Our Holy Father Julian, Bishop of Kenoman	6.00 pm	Akathist to St. Michael
<u>Tue.</u> 7/14	The Holy Apostle Aquila	6.00 pm	Great Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 7/15	The Holy Martyrs Quiricus and Julitta his mother The Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, baptized Basil	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Gerald T. Siadek – by Susan Hlebasko)
<u>Thu.</u> 7/16	The Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste, and his Ten Disciples	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 7/17	The Holy Great Martyr Marina	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 7/18	The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris The Holy Martyr Emilian	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Sun.</u> 7/19	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of our Holy Father Basil the Great Our Venerable Father Dios	9.45 am 10.00 am 6:00 pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Lawrence Bella – by Letitia Bella) Great Vespers with Litia

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

Through confession, a person discards everything that is useless within and becomes spiritually fruitful. One day I was digging in my garden to plant a few tomatoes. Right then someone came and said to me, "What are you doing, Geronda?" "Well, I am confessing my garden," I told him. Puzzled at my remark, he asked, "Does a garden need confessing, too?" "Of course it does! I have discovered that when I confess it, that is, when I remove the rocks, the weeds, the briars, and so on, it then produces healthy vegetables; otherwise the tomatoes are yellowish and sickly!"

St. Paisios the Athonite



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.

Saint Quiricus and his mother Julitta

Commemorated on July 15

The Holy Martyrs Quiricus and Julitta lived in the city of Iconium in the province of Lykaoneia in Asia Minor.

Saint Julitta was a Christian, descended from an illustrious family. Widowed early on, she raised her three-year-old son Quiricus on her own. During Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians, Saint Julitta fled the city with her son and two trustworthy handmaidens, leaving behind her home, her property, and her servants.

Concealing her noble rank, she went first to Seleukeia, and then to Tarsus, where she was recognized, arrested, and brought to trial before the ruler Alexander. Strengthened by the Lord, she answered the judge's questions and firmly confessed her faith in Christ.

The ruler ordered Julitta to be stretched out and beaten. During her torments, Saint Julitta kept repeating, "I am a Christian, and I will not offer sacrifice to demons."

The little boy Quiricus cried when he saw his mother being tortured and wanted to go to her. The ruler Alexander tried to sit him on his lap, but the boy kicked him in the stomach and shouted, "Let me go to my mother, I am a Christian."

Infuriated, Alexander took the child by the foot and threw him down the stone steps of the tribunal, and so Saint Quiricus struck his head on the sharp edges and died. Saint Julitta, seeing the broken body of her son, gave thanks to God that He had allowed her child to be perfected before her, and to receive the unfading crown of martyrdom. After her sides had been raked with hooks, and hot pitch had been poured over her feet, Saint Julitta was beheaded with a sword in the year 304 or 305. Secretly, her two maids buried the bodies of the Martyrs in a field.

We pray to Saints Quiricus and Julitta for family happiness, and for the restoration of sick children to health.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/07/15/102041-saint-quiricus-krykos-and-his-mother-julitta>



Parish Support July 4 & 5

Weekly.....2,106.00
Candles.....12.00
Peter's Pence30.00
Total.....\$2,148.00



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They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

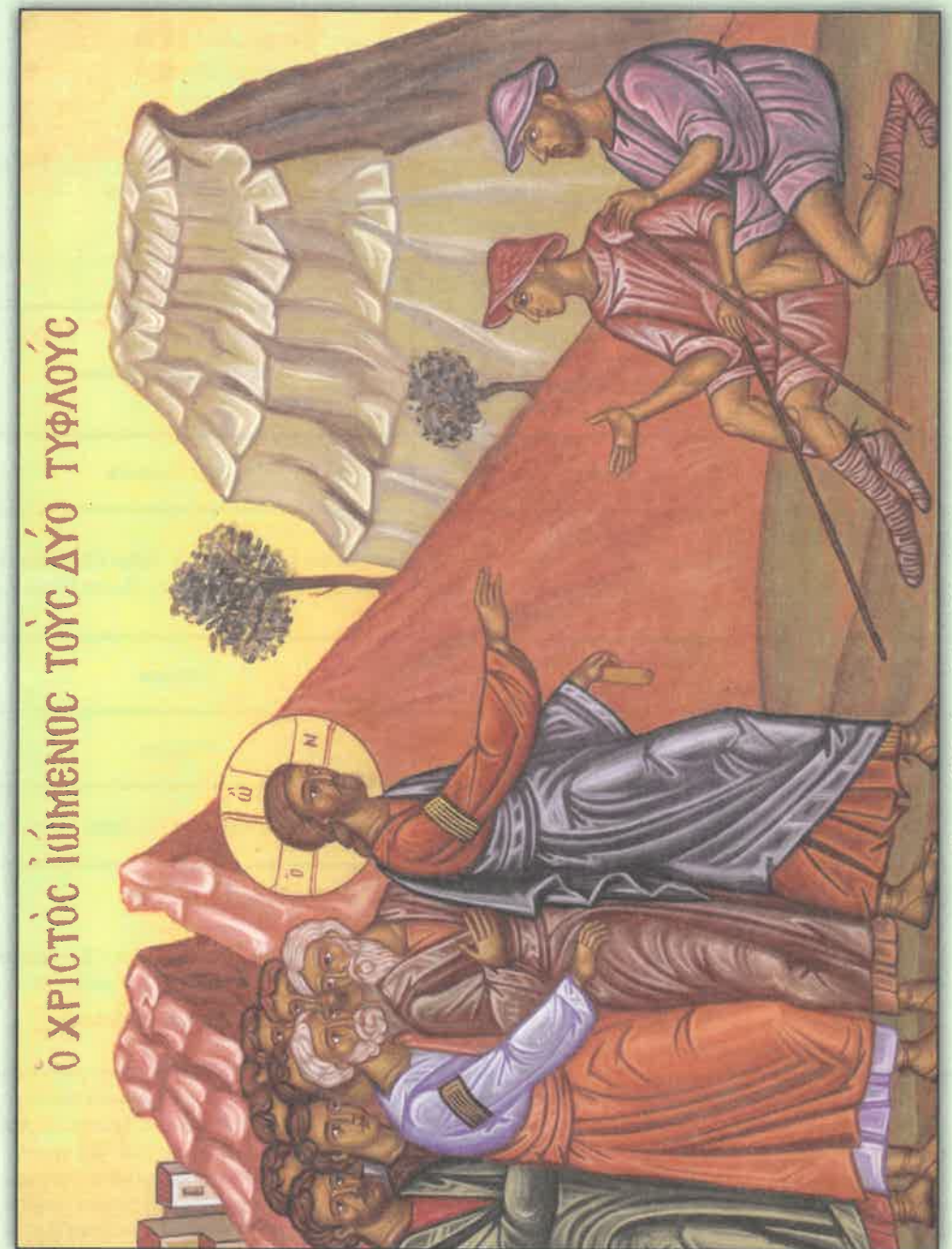
To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men