



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: JULY 20th – JULY 26th, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 7/20	THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Susan Hohrun – by St. Nicholas Apostolate)
<u>Tue.</u> 7/21	Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and his fellow Ascetic John The Holy Prophet Ezekiel	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 7/22	The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdelene, Equal to the Apostles The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Thu.</u> 7/23	The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, and their Companions	6.00 pm	Great Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 7/24	The Holy Great Martyr Christine The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 7/25	The Dormition of the Holy Anna, Mother of the Theotokos	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Sandra Brewer – by Marlene Thomas)
<u>Sun.</u> 7/26	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and his Companions The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva	9.45 am 10.00 am 11.15 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Jessica Soderlund – by Marlene Soderlund) Holy Rosary

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



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.

ST. MICHAEL'S

PICNIC

with the

Catholic Schoolhouse

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

AFTER THE LITURGY

AT ST. MICHAEL'S PAVILION

JOIN US FOR:

FELLOWSHIP

with our parish family and Catholic Schoolhouse families

FOOD & FUN

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, drinks, and sweet treats!

THANKFUL HEARTS

building community in Christ

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your family, a friend, and a smile. We can't wait to celebrate together!

Good food. Great people. Stronger together.

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The person who belongs to Christ turns everything into prayer. He makes both difficulties and tribulations into prayer. Whatever happens to him, he begins, 'Lord Jesus Christ...'. Prayer is beneficial for everything, even for the simplest of things. For example, if you are suffering from insomnia, don't think about sleep. Get up and leave your bedroom and then come back in and lie down on your bed as if for the first time, without thinking about whether you will sleep or not. Then concentrate your mind, recite the doxology and then repeat the prayer, 'Lord Jesus Christ...', three times over and that way you will fall asleep. All matters are sorted out with prayer. But your prayer must be endued with love and fire. You mustn't have anxiety, but trust in God's love and providence. All things are embraced in spiritual life. All things are sanctified, both the good things and the difficult things, the material and the spiritual, and whatever you do, do for the glory of God.

Saint Porphyrios

Wounded by Love

	Parish Support July 11 & 12
Weekly.....	2,253.00
Candles.....	46.00
Total.....	\$2,299.00

FISH FRY

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PIROHI

EVERY

FRIDAY

4 – 7 PM

Volunteers are needed on Friday morning and evening.

Please contact Fr. Michal for more information.

THE EPARCHY OF PARMA
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The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly—a shared moment of praying, listening, and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. All are welcome to board the “Holy Flotilla” of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP, and StewardSHIP as we chart the course forward for our Church.

This public first phase offers the whole Eparchy a blessed opportunity to gather as one, strengthening our unity and deepening our synodal spirit. It also provides essential formation and context for those who have been formally convoked and will continue into the invitation-only canonical gathering that follows.

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Authority of the Council – Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturalization and a certain adaptation.

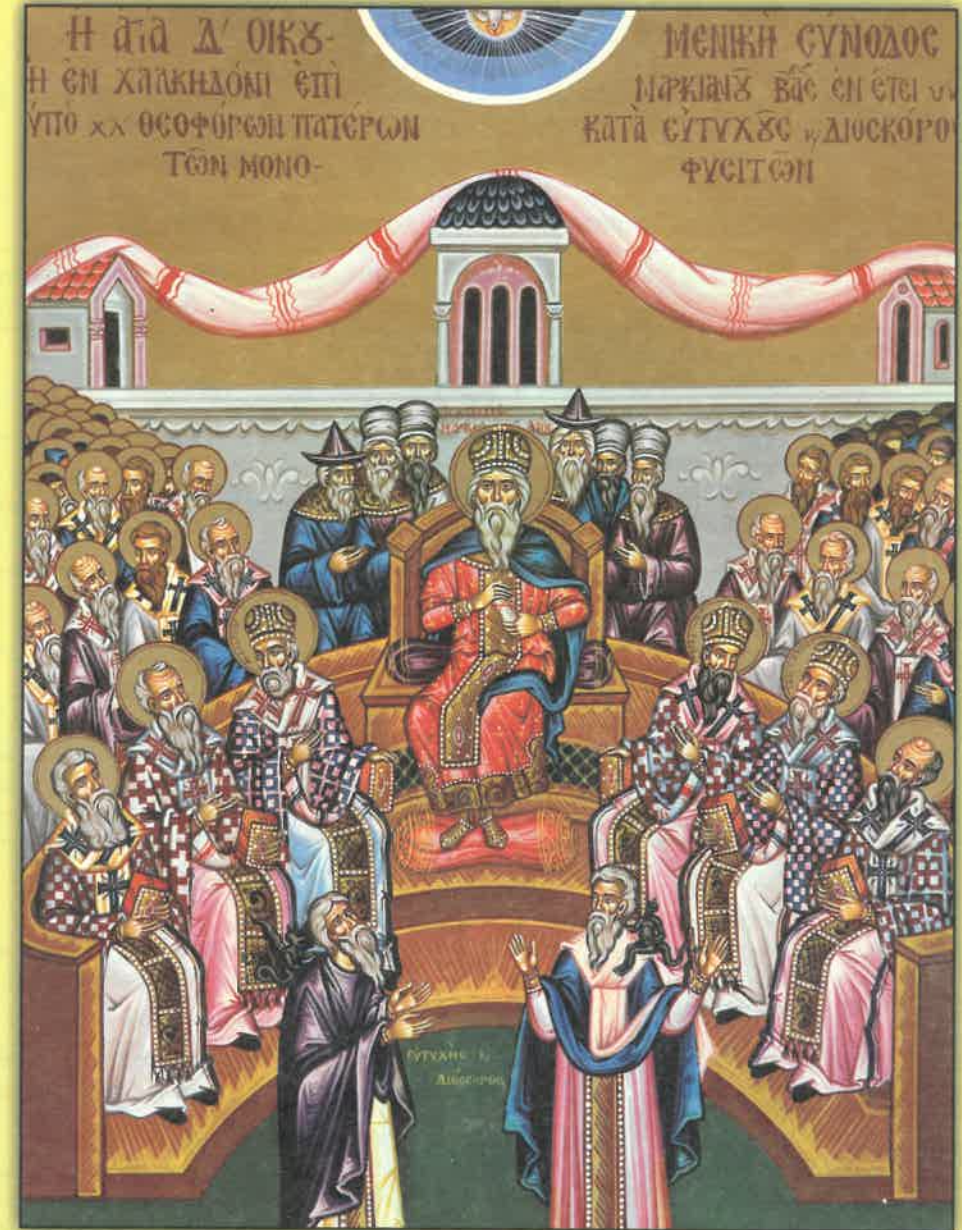
Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the Holy Fathers