



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: JULY 27th – AUGUST 2nd, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 7/27	The Holy Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon; Our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid	6.00 pm	Akathist to St. Michael
<u>Tue.</u> 7/28	The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 7/29	The Holy Martyr Callinicus	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Thu.</u> 7/30	The Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and their Companions	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 7/31	Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross The Holy and Righteous Eudocimus The Holy Joseph of Arimathea	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 8/1	The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solome and the Elder Eleazar The beginning of the Dormition Fast	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (* George & Carol Batcha – by The Batcha Family)
<u>Sun.</u> 8/2	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Translation of the Relics of the Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen	9.15 am 10.00 am	The Lesser Blessing of Water Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Fr. Steven Koplinka – by Christine & Mary Joe)

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, Gary Lazor, and Roger Libke.

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.

a strict fast.

According to tradition, our heavenly Mother in preparation for her death prayed and fasted. In imitation of her and for proper spiritual preparation for the glorious feast of the Assumption, the Church prescribes for her faithful a fasting period of two weeks.

Why do we have fasting seasons? The Scriptural foundation for the practice of Fasting is found in the Synoptic Gospels, when the Pharisees criticized the Apostles for not fasting, Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Our Lord, in this passage, was referring to his being taken to be crucified; but in the larger sense these words of the Lord are understood in terms of his Ascension into heaven, and his command to preach the Gospel, which can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting. The New Testament mentions the practice of fasting many times.

According to Eastern Christian teaching, by fasting we observe this time-honored Apostolic practice. We can also unite our lives more closely to the Mother of God through the Dormition Fast. By fasting, we can join in and show our appreciation for the sacrifices of the Theotokos. Our Lady sacrificed much to give birth to Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity - Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to raise Him, and to be with Him during His ministry, His crucifixion, and His resurrection.



Parish Support

July 18 & 19

Weekly.....2,140.00

Candles.....47.00

Total.....\$2,187.00



FISH FRY

PIROHI

EVERY

FRIDAY

4 – 7 PM

Volunteers are needed on Friday morning and evening.

Please contact Fr. Michal for more information.

THE DORMITION FAST

On August 1st we begin a two-week fast in honor of the Holy Theotokos, in preparation for the celebration of her holy Dormition. Our fast ends on August 14th, the Vigil of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Traditionally this is

<https://ephx.org/the-dormition-fast>



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Christ and Fear

For what purpose does He go up into the mountain? To teach us, that loneliness and retirement is good, when we are to pray to God. With this view, you see, He is continually withdrawing into the wilderness, and there often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us earnestly to seek such quietness in our prayers, as the time and place may confer. For the wilderness is the mother of quiet; it is a calm and a harbor, delivering us from all turmoils.

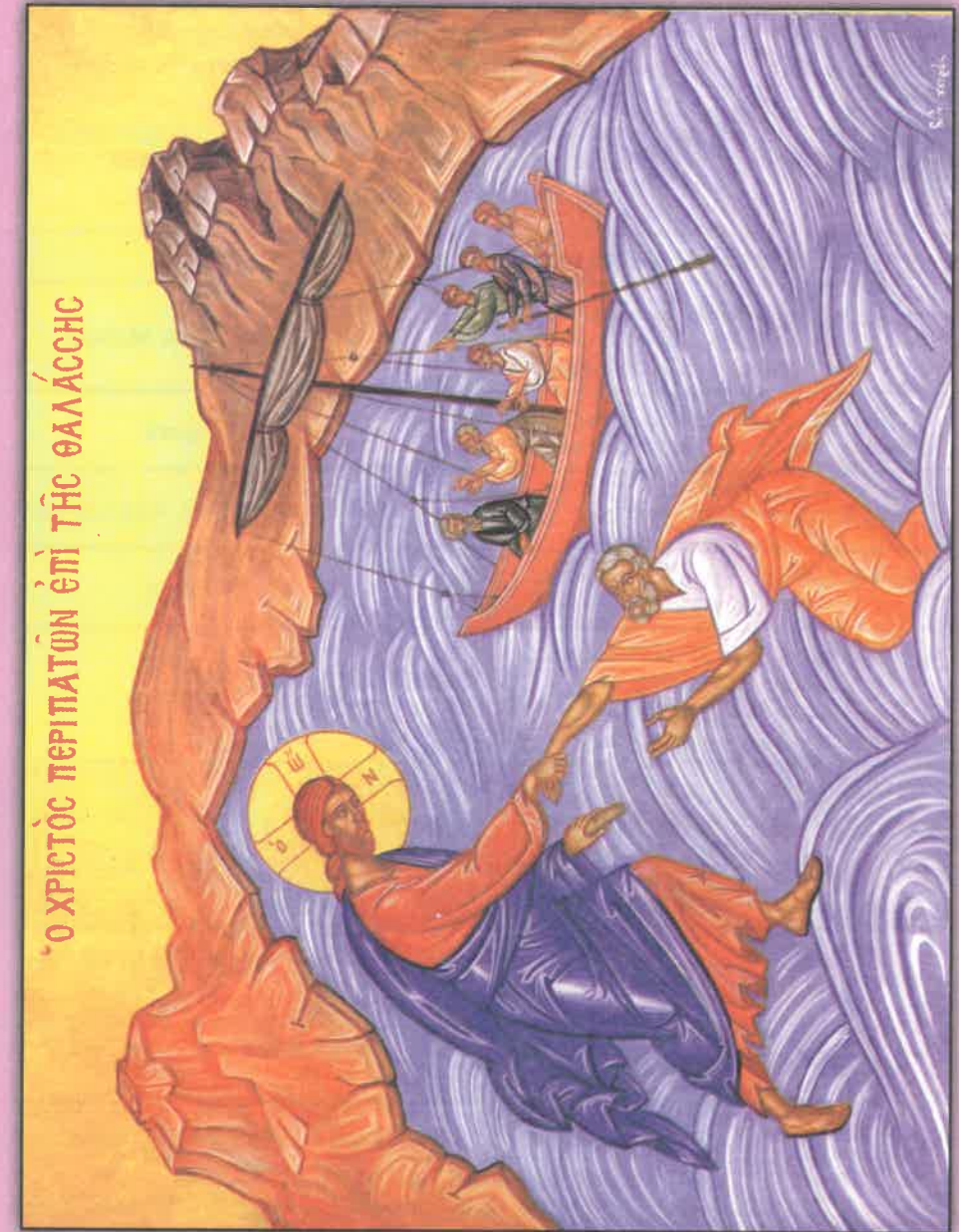
He Himself then went up there with this object, but the disciples are tossed with the waves again, and undergo a storm, equal even to the former. But whereas before they had Him in the ship when this befell them, now they were alone by themselves. Thus gently and by degrees He excites and urges them on for the better, even to the bearing all no-

bly. Accordingly we see, that when they were first near that danger, He was present, though asleep, so as readily to give them relief; but now leading them to a greater degree of endurance, He does not even this, but departs, and in mid sea permits the storm to arise, so that they might not so much as look for a hope of preservation from any quarter; and He lets them be tempest-tossed all the night, thoroughly to awaken, as I suppose, their hardened heart.

For such is the nature of the fear, which the time concurs with the rough weather in producing. And together with the compunction, He cast them also into a greater longing for Himself, and a continual remembrance of Him.

Saint John Chrysostom

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Walking on the Water