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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: AUGUST 17th – AUGUST 23rd, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 8/17	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Martyr Myron		
<u>Tue.</u> 8/18	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus		
<u>Wed.</u> 8/19	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and his Companions		
<u>Thu.</u> 8/20	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Prophet Samuel		
<u>Fri.</u> 8/21	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Apostle Thaddeus The Holy Martyr Bassa		
<u>Sat.</u> 8/22	Post-festive Day of the Dormition The Holy Martyr Agathonikus and his Companions	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Sun.</u> 8/23	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Leave-taking of the Dormition The Holy Martyr Lupus The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons	9.45 am 10.00 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Sharon Benjamin)

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
Laczowski, Barbara Fedorchak, Susan Hlebasko, George Primich, John Olenik,
Victoria Berch, 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.

Martyr Myron the Presbyter of Cyzicus

Commemorated on August 17

The Holy Martyr Myron was a presbyter in Achaia (Greece) and lived during the third century. He suffered in the year 250 under the emperor Decius (249-251). The presbyter was gentle and kind to people, but he was also courageous in the defense of his spiritual children.

On the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy. The local governor Antipater came into the church with soldiers so as to arrest those praying there and to subject them to torture. Saint Myron began to plead for his flock, accusing the governor of cruelty, and for this the saint was delivered over to be tortured.

They took Saint Myron and struck his body with iron rods. They then threw the presbyter into a red-hot oven, but the Lord preserved the martyr, but about 150 men standing nearby were scorched by the fire. The governor then began to insist that the martyr worship idols. Saint Myron firmly refused to do this, so Antipater ordered the leather thongs to be cut from his skin. Saint Myron took one of the leather thongs and threw it in the face of his tormentor.

Falling into a rage, Antipater gave orders to strike Saint Myron all over his stripped body, and then to give the martyr to wild beasts to be eaten. The beasts would not touch him, however. Seeing himself defeated, Antipater in his blind rage committed suicide. They then took Saint Myron to the city of Cyzicus, where he was beheaded by the sword.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2009/08/17/102309-martyr-myron-the-presbyter-of-cyzicus>



Parish Support
August 8 & 9

Weekly.....2,282.00
Candles.....42.00
Dividend.....157.50
Total.....\$2,481.50



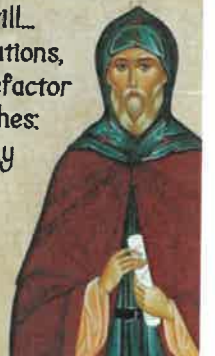
**FISH FRY
PIROHI
EVERY
FRIDAY
4 – 7 PM**

Volunteers are needed on Friday
morning and evening.
Please contact Fr. Michal for
more information.

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It is no small feat to struggle against the spirit of sadness, for it can drive our spirit into perdition and despair... all things that befall us are not contrary to divine Providence... And if what is sent to us does not seem to us at the time helpful, it will later be seen clearly to have been truly beneficial for us, not as we ourselves wish, but as God arranges. We should, therefore, not exaggerate with our human ideas these hardships, but we should believe with all our heart that the eye of God sees all and that nothing can happen to us without his will... Therefore, being in the throes of temptations, we should give thanks to God, our Benefactor and Savior, for these. As St. Isaac teaches: "Lips that give thanks always are worthy to be blessed by God and such a grateful heart walks in grace."

St. Nil Sorsky
The Complete Writings



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Heirs of God

Whosoever fears God and keeps His commandments, is the servant of God. And in this service is not perfection, but the righteousness which leads to adoption. For this cause the prophets also and the apostles, the holy band whom God chose, entrusting to them the apostolic preaching, by the goodness of God the Father became prisoners in Christ Jesus. For Paul says, "Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle" (Eph 3: 1; Rom 1: 1): so that the written law works with us in a good servitude, until we are able to master every passion, and to become perfect in the good ministry of virtue through this apostolic state.

For if a man draws near to grace, then Jesus will say to him, "I will no longer call you servants, but I will call you my friends and my brothers: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (Jn 15: 15). For those who have drawn near, and have been taught by the Holy Spirit, have known themselves according to their intellectual substance. And in their

knowledge of themselves they have cried out and said, "For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom 8: 15): that we may know what God has given us – "If we are sons, then are we heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with the saints" (Rom 8: 17).

My dear brothers and sisters, and joint heirs with the saints, not foreign to you are all the virtues, but they are yours, if you are not under guilt from this fleshly life, but are manifest before God. For the Spirit enters not the soul of one whose heart is defiled, nor the body that sins; a holy power it is, removed from all deceit.

Truly, my beloved, I write to you as to reasonable people, who have been able to know yourselves. For he who knows himself, knows God: and he who knows God, is worthy to worship Him as is right.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Napkin