



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: SEPTEMBER 14th - SEPTEMBER 20th, 2026

Mon. 9/14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Tue. 9/15	Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas	6.00 pm	Vespers
Wed. 9/16	Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Ray Bond – by Marlene Thomas)
Thu. 9/17	Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; The Holy Martyr Sophia and her three Children, Faith, Hope, and Charity	6.00 pm	Vespers
Fri. 9/18	Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Our Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna	6.00 pm	Vespers
Sat. 9/19	Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedont	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Michael Botsko – by Michelle R. Kluba)
Sun. 9/20	SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS The Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions; The Holy Martyrs and Confessors, the Great Prince Michael and his Counselor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov	9.45 am 10.00 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (* Andrew Gaydos – by Angie and Michael Gaydos)

HOLY CONFESSION is available on Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment. "If you have sinned, acknowledge the sin and repent. God will forgive the sin and once again give you a new heart...and a new spirit (Ez. 36:26). There is no other way: Either do not sin, or repent." + St. Theophan the Recluse



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, 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.

Come Sing With Us!

St. Michael's is starting a new choir for children and adults, ages 7 and up. No experience necessary.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH RAFFLE

Annunciation is having a raffle of \$15,000 worth of prizes! Tickets are \$100; each ticket has multiple chances of winning! Share the cost of a ticket with family or a friend. Purchas by Sept. 27. Drawings will be 10/11, 11/15, 12/12, & 12/13.



Parish Support September 5 & 6

Weekly.....2,526.00
Candles.....82.00
Dormition.....25.00
Religious Retirement.....405.00
Total.....\$3,038.00

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting
will be held on Sunday,
September 27, after Divine Liturgy.
All members are invited to attend!

St. Nicholas Apostolate Meeting
The St. Nicholas Apostolate will hold
its next meeting on Sunday,
September 20, after Divine Liturgy.
All members are invited to attend!

**RENEWED EPARCHIAL
MIDWEST PILGRIMAGE 2026**
St. Mary, Whiting, Indiana
October 2 – October 4

Martyr Porphyrius the Actor

Commemorated on September 15

The Holy Martyr Porphyrios suffered during the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363). Porphyrios was an actor and on the Emperor's birthday he was performing in a play at the theater, where he was supposed to mock the Mystery of Holy Baptism. During the play Porphyrios immersed himself in the water and said: "The servant of God, Porphyrios, is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." By the grace of God, which he received after speaking these words, he emerged from the water and confessed himself a Christian before the entire audience. Julian ordered him to be tortured, and after being subjected to torture, he was beheaded. This took place in the city of Ephesus in the year 361.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/09/15/102620-martyr-porphyrius-the-actor>



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Drawing All to Himself

O the marvelous power of the cross, the glory of the passion! No tongue can fully describe it. Here we see the judgment seat of the Lord, here sentence is passed upon the world, and here the sovereignty of the Crucified is revealed.

You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when You stretched out Your hands all the day long to a people that denied and opposed You, until at last the whole world was brought to proclaim Your majesty. You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when all the elements combined to pronounce judgment in denouncement of that crime; when the lights of heaven were darkened and the day was turned into night; when the land was shaken by unwonted earthquakes, and all creation refused to serve those wicked people. Yes, Lord, you drew all things to Yourself. The veil of the temple was torn in two and the Holy of Holies taken away from those unworthy high

priests. Figures gave way to reality, prophecy to manifestation, law to gospel. You drew all things to Yourself in order that the worship of the whole human race could be celebrated everywhere in a sacramental form which would openly fulfill what had been enacted by means of veiled symbols in that single Jewish temple.

Now that the multiplicity of animal sacrifices has ceased, the single offering of your body and blood takes the place of that diversity of victims, since you are the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and in Yourself you fulfill all the rites of the old law, so that as there is now a single sacrifice in place of all those victims, so there is a single kingdom formed of all the peoples of the earth.

St. Leo the Great

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th