



ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: OCTOBER 12th – OCTOBER 18th, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 10/12	The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus; Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maiuma	6.00 pm	Akathist to St. Michael
<u>Tue.</u> 10/13	The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus and Agathonica	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 10/14	The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus; Our Venerable Mother Paraskeva of Trnovo	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Agnes Schurg – by the Schurg Family)
<u>Thu.</u> 10/15	Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger; The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 10/16	The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Sat.</u> 10/17	The Holy Prophet Hosea; The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Gerald T. Siadek – by Susan Hlebasko)
<u>Sun.</u> 10/18	THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke	9.45 am 10.00 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom w/ the Chrismation of William and Michael (* Jennifer Adamo & F. – by Carol Polomchak)

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, 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 Mahy, Gary Lazor, and Roger Libke.

Venerable Paraskevi (Petka) of Serbia

Commemorated on October 14

Saint Paraskevi (Paraskevė) the New was born into a pious family, living during the eleventh century in the village of Epivato, between Silistra and Constantinople. Her older brother Euthymius became a monk, and later he was consecrated as Bishop of Matidia. One day, while attending the divine services, the words of the Lord pierced her heart like an arrow, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself" (Mt. 16:24). From that time, she began to distribute her clothing to the needy, for which reason she endured much grief from her family.

Upon the death of her parents, the saint was tonsured into monasticism at the age of fifteen. She withdrew to the Jordanian desert where she lived the ascetic life until she reached the age of twenty-five. An angel of the Lord ordered her to return to her homeland, so she stayed at Epivato for two years.

Saint Paraskevi departed to the Lord at the age of twenty-seven and was buried near the sea. Because of the many miracles which took place at her grave, her relics were uncovered and found to be incorrupt. They were placed in the church of the Holy Apostles at Epivato, where they remained for about 175 years.

Saint Paraskevi's relics were moved to Trnovo, Bulgaria, in 1223 and placed in the cathedral. Patriarch Euthymius wrote her Life and established the day of her commemoration as October 14. The Turks occupied Bulgaria in 1391, and her relics were given to Mircea the Elder, Prince of the Romanian Land (one of the districts of Romania). In 1394, the relics were given to Princess Angelina of Serbia (July 30), who brought them to Belgrade. For 120 years, Saint Paraskevi's relics rested in Constantinople in the patriarchal cathedral. On June 13, 1641, her incorrupt relics were transferred to the Monastery of the Three Hierarchs in Jassy, Romania, where many healings took place. On December 26, 1888, after being rescued from a fire, Saint Paraskevi's relics were moved again. This time they were placed in the new cathedral at Jassy, where they remain until the present day.



Parish Support October 3 & 4

Weekly.....2,415.00
Candles.....41.00
Religious Retirement.....50.00
Total.....\$2,506.00



FISH FRY PIROHI EVERY FRIDAY 4 – 7 PM

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

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
557 W 57th Avenue, Merrillville

Fall Fest

October 25 11:30 to 2:30

John Pruzin & His Tamburitians band

Menu
Stuffed Cabbage • Hainshky • Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes • Bratwurst • Bread & Butter
Desserts: Nut roll & Pumpkin Pie

\$15 for ticket
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The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th