

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: OCTOBER 19TH – OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

Mon. 10/19	The Holy Prophet Joel; The Holy Martyr Varus; Our Venerable Father John of Rila		
Tue. 10/20	The Holy Great Martyr Artemius		
Wed. 10/21	Our Venerable Father Hilarion the Great		
Thu. 10/22	The Holy Bishop Abercius of Hieropolis, Equal to the Apostles, Wonderworker The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus		
Fri. 10/23	The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God	**6.00 pm**	**Vespers**
Sat. 10/24	The Holy Martyr Arethas and his Companions	**5.00 pm**	**Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** (+ Donna Ivanyo – by Ann Libak)
Sun. 10/25	**THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius	**9.15 am** **9.45 am** **10.00 am** **6.00 pm**	**Holy Rosary** **Third Hour** **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** (+Rose Consorti-Botsko – by Michelle Kluba) **Great Vespers with Litia**



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

"Enter the Church and wash away your sins. For here there is a hospital and not a court of law. Do not be ashamed to enter the Church; be ashamed when you sin, but not when you repent." ~ St. John Chrysostom

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.

Venerable Hilarion the Great

Commemorated on October 21

Saint Hilarion the Great was born to pagan parents in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Thabatha near Gaza. As a young man, he was sent to Alexandria for his education. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great, Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Saint Hilarion went forth into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the Saint endured violent struggles with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind, and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them through heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten him with phantoms and apparitions. While he was praying Saint Hilarion would sometimes hear children crying, women wailing, and the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. He understood that the demons were causing these terrors in order to drive him out of the wilderness. He overcame his fear by resorting to fervent prayer. Once, some thieves fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their lawless life by the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine heard about Saint Hilarion and of the miracles he worked. The Lord granted the holy ascetic the power to cast out unclean spirits.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2014/10/21/103009-venerable-hilarion-the-great

Parish Support
October 10 & 11

Weekly……1,834.00
Candles……38.00
Total……$1,872.00



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The Works of Jesus

Those who believe in one God the Father Almighty ought to believe in His only-begotten Son. Jesus says: "I am the door. No one can come to the Father but by me" (Jn 10: 9; 14: 6).

Anyone who does not accept the door cannot possibly reach the Father. Anyone who wishes to pray to the Father should adore the Son, or his prayer is not accepted.

The Son is called Christ, which means anointed, that is, consecrated. He was not anointed by human hands but consecrated by the Father to become a priest forever. He died, but He did not remain, as all human beings do, in the underworld. He is the only one free among the dead.

The Savior becomes all things to all, according to the need of each: to those who ask for joy, he becomes the vine; to those who wish to enter, he becomes the door; to those who are under the weight of sin, he becomes a lamb, a lamb slain for them. He becomes all things to all, but He remains nonetheless what He is.

He is called by a twofold name: Jesus because He gives us salvation, and Christ because He is priest. He is the healer of bodies and the doctor of souls. As He made whole those who were physically blind, so He gave light to their minds. As He gave the lame the chance to walk, so He urges the steps of sinners in the direction of the way of penitence.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Icon of Saint Luke -- October 18th