

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, November 12 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. For The Parish Family
(Church)

Monday, November 13 John Chrysostom (Archbishop)
No Liturgy

Tuesday, November 14 Philip (Apostle)
8:00 a.m. + Agnes Sirochman
(Church) Req. by Robert & Melba Gillingham

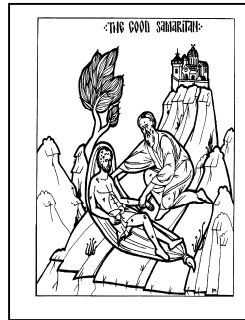
Wednesday, November 15 Gurias, Samonas and Habib (Philippian Fast Begins)
No Liturgy

Thursday, November 16 Matthew (Apostle – Evangelist)
8:00 a.m. Special Intention for John Larko
(Church)

Friday, November 17 Gregory (Wonderworker-Bishop) (Simple Abstinence from Meat)
8:00 a.m. + Margaret Duranko
(Church) Req. by Don & Diane Santore

Saturday, November 18 Plato and Roman (Martyrs)
5:30 a.m. + Michael & Louise Oleksik
(Church) Req. by Family

Sunday, November 19 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. For The Parish Family
(Church)



PRO-LIFE PRAYER

That we may remember the right to life is the most important issue of all, we pray to the Lord.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 11/5/17

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>Archdiocesan</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>
\$2425.00	\$189.00	\$145.00	\$1968.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>R&B</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>			
\$4787.00	\$684.00	\$60.00			

PRAYER LIST – Troy, Snookie, Fr. Roy, Mary Ellen, George, Frances, Donna, Chris, Jamie, Mike, Cindy, Dianne, Joe, Emily, Nancy, Susan, Beth, Adam, Jen, Erica, Tammy, James, Ashley, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Janet, Diane, Darlene, Riley, Jim, Mary Ellen, George, Kris, Charlene, Monica, Jack, Marie, Sister Rita, Sister Gertrude, Sister Joretta, Dann, Michael, Joey, Mickie, Patty, Ken, Doris, Jeff, PJ, Robert, Father John, Father Joe, Father Dennis, Cathy, Helen, Shirley, Tillie, Ted, Vladka, Janet, Butch, Mary Ellen, George, Kay, Janet, Georgia, Kristine, Amelia, Louis, Norma Jean, Kathy, Seth, Will, Michael, George Jr, George Sr, Diana, Emil, Fr. Eugene, Shirley, James, Ken, Dolores, George, Mary Ann, Maureen, David, Joe, Myra, Bruce, Tammy, Ashley, Morgan, Mara, Michael, Josh, Sherry, Ernie, Nanny, Luci, Monty Sr, Amy, Mark, Fr. Bob, Dave, Barb, Patty, Bill, Michelle, Wilma, Irma, Ambrose, Bob, Wally, Helen, Ann, Betty, John.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Frank Adams on the death of his mother Anna Adams, who will be buried from our parish this Monday. May the Lord grant her repose among the Saints and may He console those whom she left behind.

GREAT LAKE SCRIP CARDS - The Social Ministry is once again selling Scrip Cards for December. The order forms for the last of the year will be due December 10, 2017. The forms are in the Narthex of the Church. Thank you for your participation.

CANNED GOODS – for St. Vincent DePaul are being collected on the weekend of November 18 and November 19.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED – Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, which will be held Saturday, December 2 from 12 noon – 5 PM and Sunday, December 3 from 10 AM – 1 PM, would be most welcome. Your delicious homemade items are an excellent fundraiser for our church. Baked items may be brought to the social hall on Thurs., Nov. 30 (9AM-1PM), Fri., Dec. 1 (9AM-1PM), or to the upstairs hall on Dec. 2-3 (10AM through sale times listed above). You may call 724-438-8412 (M-F 6-8PM) for other arrangements. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKET – St. John Social Ministry has put together a Christmas theme basket to be awarded on Sun., Dec. 10. This basket includes many food and decorative items for the Christmas season. Ticket sales begin Sun., Nov. 12 at the November Coffee Social and at Pirohi making (Thurs, 9AM-1PM) and Pirohi sales (Fri, 9AM-1PM). To purchase tickets please see a Social Ministry member. Proceeds benefit St. John Social Ministry. Thank you.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR 2018 - Liturgy intentions for the year 2018 will begin being taken at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Liturgy requests will be taken for the entire next year, January through December. This will once again be done on a first come, first served basis. You may continue to request intentions at any time after November 14, if the dates are still available. Certain special days (All Holy Days, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.) have their own special intentions and will not be available for individual intentions. You may schedule as many regular weekday liturgy intentions per deceased as you wish. To schedule liturgy intentions, or if there are questions, please call the church office at 724-438-6027, on Tuesday, November 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR 2018 - The candles that burn in front of the icons on the iconostasis and the sanctuary candle will be available to offer for intention in the year 2018. Candle intentions will begin being taken on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. by calling the church office at 724-438-6027. No requests will be accepted before this time.

BULLETIN COVERS FOR 2018 - Bulletin cover sponsors for the year 2018 will begin being taken at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 by calling the church office at 724-438-6027. (No request will be accepted before this time.) This sponsorship is open to all parishioners to sponsor bulletin covers on a month to month basis, and parishioners can sponsor bulletin covers for a certain month January through December 2018.

NO ABORTION BOND ACT - On October 25, 2017, Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) formally introduced the No Abortion Bonds Act, which prohibits the use of federal tax-exempt bonds to finance construction of abortion clinics. Please ask your member of the House of Representatives to pass this needed bill.

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT - This bill has still not been voted on in the Senate. Please contact Senator Casey at <https://www.casey.senate.gov/contact/> or (202) 224-6324 and Senator Toomey at <https://www.toomey.senate.gov/?p=contact> or (814) 266-5970 to urge their support for this bill with a "yes" vote.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st WEEK: SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS – ST. PHILIP'S FAST – We begin our first full week in our journey through the PHILIPPIAN FAST. It is

called the Philippian Fast (Filipovka in Church Slavonic) since it begins the day after the Apostle Philip's Feast. It is comparable to the Western Rite's Advent Season. The Byzantine Catholic Church does not use the Latin Language to describe this penitential season, since its traditional language is based on Greek. This minor penitential period directs us to prepare ourselves for the spiritual meaning of Christmas. May we allow him to be reborn in our souls by sanctifying the temple of our body. Through prayer, abstinence, almsgivings of mercy, frequent confession of sins, and additional attendances at the Divine Liturgies we can accomplish this end. Together as a parish, let us collectively begin our practice of Simple Abstinence (no meat) or an equivalent penance (your choice) on Wednesdays (recommended) and Fridays (required) for the intention for the return of our beloved back to Church.

AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION - for Byzantine Catholics in the southwestern PA Presbyterate, will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017, from 2 pm - 4 pm, at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, Leisenring. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Church Foyer.

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM - The vocation icon is given to a household in the parish. The family or individual accepting the icon for a week agrees to pray during that time for vocations to the Presbyterate, Diaconate, and consecrated life. Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayers for vocations. A sheet is posted where you may sign up to participate for the week you select.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - Start your Christmas shopping at the St. Elias Church, Munhall, Christmas Market on Sunday, November 12, from noon to 6 p.m. St. Elias specialty nut, poppy seed, apricot, apricot/nut, and lekvar rolls and many other surprises are available. Enjoy stuffed cabbage or chicken paprika for lunch/dinner as well as a visit from St. Nicholas. *Our St. John's Craft Club will be participating.*

ST. MARY'S TURKEY BINGO - Sunday, November 19, 1 PM - 4 PM, at St. Mary's Center, Route 981, Trauger. Admission is \$5.00. Door prizes, 50/50, and the kitchen is open!

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SCHEDULE AND RESERVATIONS -GCU - ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY - The 61st Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration to benefit the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril &

Methodius will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at Saint John Cathedral & Center in Munhall. This year's program highlights our seminarians and their call to the priesthood. Reservations are priced at \$40 per adult ticket and \$18 per ticket for child 12 and under. If you plan to attend, please register with Steve Petruska at 724-438-9308.

THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

The Holy [Archangel](#) Michael is one of the most celebrated of the [Angels](#) and bodiless powers; he is called the Archistrategos, or chief commander, of all the bodiless powers. According to [Holy Scripture](#) and [Tradition](#), he has interceded for humanity multiple times and continues to serve as the Defender of the Faith. St Michael is most often invoked for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He is celebrated primarily on [November 8](#), the [Synaxis](#) of Michael and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven; [September 6](#) also marks the miracle of the Archangel at Colossae.

SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION - The name Michael means "like unto God" or "Who is like unto God?"

Michael first appears in the [Old Testament](#) in the book of Joshua's account of the fall of Jericho. Though Michael is not mentioned by name in the text, it is said that Joshua "looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand." When the still unaware Joshua asks which side of the fight the Archangel is on, Michael responds, "neither...but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come" (Joshua 5:13-14)¹.

In the book of Daniel, Michael appears first to help the [Archangel Gabriel](#) defeat the Persians (10:13). In a later vision it is revealed to Daniel that "at that time [the end times] Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then..." (Ch. 12)¹. Michael thus plays an important role as the protector of Israel and later of his chosen people, the [Church](#).

The [Church Fathers](#) also ascribe to Michael the following events: During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; the power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185 thousand soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3: 24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Dan 3:22-25). Through the will of God, the Chief Commander Michael transported the Prophet Habbakuk (December 2) from Judea to Babylon, to give food to Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 14:33-37). The Archangel

Michael disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9).

In [New Testament](#) times, the holy Archangel Michael showed his power when he miraculously saved a young man, cast into the sea by robbers with a stone about his neck on the shores of Mt Athos. This story is found in the Athonite Paterikon, and in the Life of St Neophytus of Docheiariou (November 9).

Perhaps his most famous miracle, though, is the salvation of the church at Colossae. Here a number of pagans tried to destroy this church by diverting the flow of two rivers directly into its path. However, the Archangel appeared amongst the waters, and, carrying a cross, channeled the rivers underground so that the ground the church stood on would not be destroyed. The spring which came forth after this event is said to have special healing powers.

Russians in particular have a special veneration to Michael, along with the [Theotokos](#). According to [OCA](#), "Intercession for Russian cities by the Most Holy Queen of Heaven always involved Her appearances with the Heavenly Hosts, under the leadership of the Archangel Michael. Grateful Rus acclaimed the Most Pure Mother of God and the Archangel Michael in church hymns. Many monasteries, cathedrals, court and merchant churches are dedicated to the Chief Commander Michael. In Rus there was not a city where there was not a church or chapel dedicated to the Archangel Michael."

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