



# Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava vo v'iki!

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MAY 26, 2019

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

**Sun., May 26** **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.** Martyr Glyceria of Herakles  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida:* May Perpetuals: Michael Buddy (5/1). Anna Kopcho (5/5). Nicholas Lemesh (5/7). Julia Ragan (5/10). George Walak (5/20). John and Helen Buddy (5/22). Michael Dranchak (5/23). Mary Horgas (5/25). Joseph, Mary and John Bayus (5/27).

**Family Day at Camp Nazareth!**

**Mon. May 27** **Martyr Isidore of Chios**  
**Memorial Day**  
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**  
*Panachida:* Remembering the deceased members of the Armed Forces from our parish  
Grave Blessings at Monongahela Cemetery

**Sun., June 2** **Sunday of the Man Born Blind.** Martyr Thaleleus  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida:* Gregory Bodrog – Shirley Hrubic.

Mon., June 3 Emperor Constantine and his mother Helen, Equals-to-the-Apostles.  
7:00 PM **Monthly Parish Council Meeting**

**Holy Mystery of Confession:** Before Divine Liturgy and other services. If you cannot make a scheduled time, please let me know and we can make arrangements.

## PEOPLE STUFF

**Prayer List:** *Deceased:* Margaret Dufalla.

*Living:* Fr. Joseph Cervo. Pañi Dorothy Hutnyan. Pañi Donna Smoley. Pañi Eleanor Pribish. Dana Andrade. Gloria Andrade. Michael Artim. Gregory Michael Aurilio. Brooklyn Grace Banovsky and her parents Chris and Katie. Jane Barclay. Walter Bolbat. John Bonga. Donald Bodnar. Charlene Borsic. Jaime Budesa. Barbara Chappie. Steve Bournius. Rebecca, David & Bradley Noah Cozad. Mary Ann Crouse. Martha Danchak. George & Margaret Dorogy. Christina Duranko. Breanne Glass. Dorothy Glass. Eddie Gombos. Jennifer Hartrick. Shirley

Hrubic. Kevin Ianni. Gary Ingelido. Andrea Kerkentzes. Alisha Krass. Carson Krass. Savanna Lee Krass. Joan Martell. Brian Masterovsky. Michael Mehalik. Zoe Mehalik. Helen Mihalik. Bill & Patti Novotnak. Frank Palmieri. Diane Phillips. Millie and Edward Phillips. Michael Platt. Anna Senich. Bernice Sindak. Terry Slezak. Bill and Andrea Sovick. Margaret Stemler. Milton and Thelma Supak. Diana Terezis. Bobby and Dee Triffanoff. Josh Walendziewicz. Paul & Valerie Yednak. Jeanne Zajac. *Prospora Bakers*: Trudy Trifanoff. Delores Cubakovic, and their intentions.

**Welcome!** We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saint Michael Church. We invite *everyone* present today to chant the Liturgy along with the cantor. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

### F(E)ASTING

**THE FEAST THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** will be on Thursday, June 6. This is a Major Holy Day of the Church. Divine Liturgy will be at 9 AM.

### PARISH STUFF

**Reminder! Memorial Day Remembrances and Celebration:** Divine Liturgy and Grave Blessings! On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in memory of all deceased members of the parish who served in the Armed Forces. We will then go to Monongahela Cemetery where we will bless graves. All are welcome to participate in either both of these services! If you would like me to bless graves at other cemeteries, I will be happy to do so. Please contact me to make arrangements for day and time.

**Reminder! Lottery Ticket Raffle:** Lottery goes off on *Sunday, July 7*. You can buy your tickets from Carole Bushak et al. – they are still \$5.00 each. *Also*, we are asking for donations of lottery tickets to be included in the prize. Anytime you have a chance to pick up one or more tickets, of various denominations, please give them to Carole and help us out with this fundraiser!

**New! Parish Council Meeting.** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, June 3, at 7 PM.

**Church Repairs:** *We thank all of our parishioners* for your ongoing, active interest in the well-being of our parish. God bless us every one! So far, we have **\$3941** donated toward this new work. Total cost of this work was **\$3800**. *We thank you for your generosity. God bless!*

### DIOCESE, DEANERY AND ADDITIONAL STUFF

**New! Upcoming Events this year:** in our Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese. Please mark your calendars:

Sun., June 2: Camp Nazareth Annual Family Day.

Sun., July 7: here at St. Michael's: Lottery Tickets Raffle Drawn.

Sat., Aug 10: St. John's, East Pittsburgh, Annual Golf Tourney at Valley Green Country Club.

Sun., Sep. 8: here at St. Michael's: **Bring a Friend Sunday**

### Our Gifts to God and our Church

May 19, 2019

Attendance	38
Communions	21

#### Collections

Monthly	45.00
Sunday	730.00
Carpatho-Rusyn Soc. Dona.	150.00
All Votive Candles	214.00
Building Maintenance	20.00
Diocesan Membership	184.00
License Plate Sale	105.00

**Total Offerings: 1448.00**

*Building and Repairs Donations to Date*  
**\$3941! God bless your generosity!**

Sat., Sep. 28: St. John's, East Pittsburgh, Annual Food Festival.

Sun., Sep. 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Deanery Picnic!

Sun., Oct. 6: Distinguished Diocesan Donors Dinner

Sun., Oct. 13 through Wed., Oct. 16: Triennial Diocesan Sobor

Sat., Nov. 16 & Sun., Nov. 17: St. John's, East Pittsburgh, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Celebration.

Sun., Dec. 8: Annual Deanery St. Nicholas Charity Dinner, to benefit Christ the Saviour Seminary

As new information comes in, we will be adding dates to the list. Keep it in mind!

**Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle!** Tickets are now available. They are, as always, \$20 each. Please see Carole Bushak to purchase your dozen or so.

**Reminder!** **Camp Nazareth Annual Family Day, Sunday, June 3, 2018.** Fellowship & fun all day! Music entertainment, swimming, craft activities, games and the Raffle Drawing.

10am -- DIVINE LITURGY

Lunch/Picnic following Liturgy. Menu: BBQ Chicken. Pot Roast. Mashed Potatoes. Glazed Carrots. Tossed Salad. Fresh Fruit. Chips/Dip. Homemade Desserts. Drinks. Vegetarian Option: Grilled Vegetable Wrap. ADULTS: \$10.00. Children under 13 : \$6.00. Children under 5: free. FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (includes 2 parents & all children under age 13)

Don't Forget About Family Camp June 1-3, 2018 - Register at [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)

**Faith Night at PNC Park** - this year *will not actually be at night*, **but an afternoon game! Saturday, June 22nd at 4:05** (Pittsburgh Pirates vs. San Diego Padres). Our sister parish of St. John the Baptist on the North Side is organizing a group of tickets (the price has not yet been determined). Please contact Wendy Martellotti at [martellotti11@verizon.net](mailto:martellotti11@verizon.net) or 412-583-6254 to reserve your tickets. (Please plan to pre-pay.) And Let's Go Bucs!

## HOLY MARTYR PHOTINA, KNOWN AS SVETLANA IN THE SLAVIC CHURCHES

### THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN

March 20 [From *The Menologion*]

*Ed. Note: Although St. Photina has her own Feast Day, it seemed appropriate to talk about her today.*

The Holy Martyress Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor named Photinos and Josiah, and the Martyress-Sisters Anatolia, Photo, Photida, Paraskeva, Kyriakia, Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyress Photina was that selfsame Samaritan Woman, with whom the Saviour conversed at Jacob's Well (Jn. 4: 5-42).

During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed an excessive cruelty in his struggle against Christianity, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Josiah and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her older son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and for his meritorious service was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor).

The Attalia city governor Sebastian upon meeting Saint Victor said to him: "I quite verily do know, that thou, thy mother and thy brother -- art followers of the teachings of Christ. But as a friend I advise thee -- submit to the will of the emperor, and thou canst receive the wealth of any Christians, which thou mightest inform on for us. Thou mother and thy brother I shalt write, that they not preach Christ openly. Let them secretly confess their faith". Saint Victor replied: "I myself want to be a preacher of Christianity, just like my mother and brother". To this Sebastian answered: "O Victor, we all do well know what woes await thee, and thine mother and brother,

in this". After these words Sebastian suddenly sense a sharp pain in his eyes, and he became dumbfounded and his face sombre.

For three days he lay there blind, and not uttering a word. On the fourth day he loudly declared: "Only the faith of the Christians is true, and there be no other true faith". To Saint Victor, who came there next beside him, Sebastian said: "Christ doth call unto me". Soon he was baptised and immediately regained his sight. The servants of Saint Sebastian, witnessing the miracle, were themselves then baptised on the example of their master.

Reports of the occurrence reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him for trial at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said: "I shalt be with ye, and Nero wilt be vanquished, and all who serve him". To Saint Victor the Lord announced: "From this day henceforth thy name wilt be Photinos -- "Lightning-flash", since that many, enlightened by thee, wilt turn to Me". To Saint Sebastian the Lord spake in encouragement: "Blest be he that endureth to the end". Saint Photina, having been informed by the Saviour concerning the forthcoming sufferings, herself set off in the company of several Christians from Carthage to Rome and joined in with the confessors.

At Rome the emperor gave orders to bring him the saints and he asked them, whether actually and truly they believed in Christ. All the confessors resolutely refused to renounce the Saviour. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the palms of the hands of the holy martyrs. But at the time of the torments the confessors sensed no pain, and the hands of the Martyress Photina remained unharmed. Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Josiah be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina with her five sisters -- Anatolia, Photo, Photida, Paraskeva and Kyriakia -- be sent off to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. But Saint Photina converted to Christ both Domnina and all her servants, who then accepted holy Baptism. She also converted to Christ a sorcerer, who had brought poisoned food to kill her.

Three years had passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him, that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Josiah -- who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were constantly visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place wherein God was glorified. Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints and over the course of three days and also to beat them upon their bared bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see, whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants forthwith fell blind. During this time an Angel of the Lord freed the martyrs and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants and by their prayers to the Lord restored them to sight; those healed then came to believe in Christ and were soon baptised.

In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyress down a well. The Martyrs Sebastian, Photinos and Josiah, had their legs cut off, and were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photida: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees, which when cut loose tore apart the martyress. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina they extracted from the well and locked up in prison for 20 days.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked, whether she would now give in and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said: "O most impious of the blind, thou profligate and stupid man! Wouldst thou reckon me so much deluded, that I should consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as thee?!"

Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyress down the well, where she offered up her spirit to the Lord (+ c. 66).