

# ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us in worship this morning. If you desire any information about our parish, our diocese, or the Orthodox Church and Faith, please contact Fr. John Memorich. Check us out online or visit our Facebook Page which is updated regularly!

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## CHRIST IS RISEN! INĒD HĒ IS RISEN! THE PARALYTIC

EPISTLE READING	GOSPEL LESSON
Acts 9:32-42	John 5:1-15

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 23

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)  
\*Limit of 80 Parishioners in Church, 60 in Lower Level

#### Wednesday, May 26

7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Church Lower Level)

#### Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm Great Vespers (Live Stream TBD)

#### Sunday, May 30

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)  
\*Limit of 80 Parishioners in Church, 60 in Lower Level

#### Monday, May 31 – MEMORIAL DAY

<https://www.youtube.com/ArchangelMichaelOrthodoxChurch>  
<https://stmichaelscleveland.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsCLE>  
<https://boxcast.tv/channel/vxo86tccnrmoihghqkj>

### THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of the Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing.



### CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS & FLOWERS

#### FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Kathy & Jim Schrmack (42<sup>nd</sup> Anniv; 7-Day).....by the Louie family  
Joe & Kyra Shaluha (Anniversary).....by Ed & Karen Visocky  
Steve & Kristy Kovalak (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.; 7-Day) .....by Tom & Liz Herberth  
Donna, Melissa & Becky Tesar (Traveling) ..... by family  
Marge Dzmura & the Allen Family (Traveling).....by the Girls  
Marc Riha (Health; 7-Day) .....by Marge Kormos  
Karen Harley Reynolds (Health) .....by Tesar & Wienclaw Families  
Xavier Visocky (5<sup>th</sup> Birthday).....by Papa & Baba  
Adam Hanchuk (14<sup>th</sup> Birthday)..... by Pat Hanchuk  
Hudson Louie (18<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 7-Day).....by the Louie family  
Donna Tesar (Birthday) ..... by family  
Mary Jane Lucak (Birthday).....by the Girls

#### FOR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:

Alison Stedman (Departed).....by Marina Memorich  
Michael & Margaret Sabat (Departed) .....by Ed & Karen Visocky  
Nada Kostura (Dep. 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 7-Day) ..... by the Niezgod family  
John Kostura (Dep. 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 7-Day)..... by the Niezgod family  
Raymond Kogler Sr. (Departed 43 years; 7-Day) ..... by the Kogler sons

The Flowers on the Tetrapod are given in honor of **Michael & Paula Herzak** on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Lara Herzak, Michael & Mary and family and Dan & Kristy and family.

### May Attendance at Services (80 Main, 60 Lower)

### June Attendance at Services – 125 Main

Through the month of May, our church attendance limits are now as follows:

**Main Church** – We are allowing 80 attendees in the main church

**Lower Level** – We are allowing 60 attendees in the lower level

We will still require signing up through Sign Up Genius. We will no longer limit the number of services you may sign up for in a month – **HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ALLOW EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO BE UPSTAIRS, WE ASK THAT ONE OF YOUR SIGN UPS BE FOR THE LOWER LEVEL.**

**BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**, our attendance in church will raise to 125. In addition, please see the following updates to the rules as directed by Archbishop Paul:

- Masks are no longer mandated for those persons who *have been fully vaccinated*.
- *Those who are not fully vaccinated* should (not must) continue to wear masks in order to protect themselves and others from potential exposure.
- Those who have not yet received a vaccination or those who choose to not receive a vaccine, assume all and any risk by entering the temple without a mask.
- We will be returning to the use of ONE communion spoon.

For the complete list of directives, please read the letter from Archbishop Paul in this week's Bulletin.

### A Gift from God

Congratulations to Terry & Kathy (Schlekie) Speth on the birth of their son, **Mason Ryan**, who was born on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mason weighed 10lbs 3 oz and measured 21 ¾ in length. Many Years!

### Wedding Bans – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 Announcements

Michael Merick will be wed to Megan Webner on Saturday, June 5 at 2:30 pm. The choir is requested to sing.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees meeting last week had to be rescheduled to THIS Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30 pm in the Church Lower Level. As always, BOT meetings are open to the parish to attend.

### Paschal Plants

Almost all of the plants used to decorate our church during this paschal season are perennials, and we would like to see them planted around the church. If you would like to help with this effort and do some light gardening, please contact Kathy Mindala at 440.526.9696

### Grave Blessings

Once again this year, there will be no formal Grave Blessings on Memorial Day Weekend. If you wish to have a grave blessed, please contact the Church Office at 440.526.5192 and set up a time for Fr. John to do so.

### Coffee Hour To Go

We are pleased to begin hosting "Coffee Hour To-Go" following Liturgy each Sunday. Thanks to Marge Dzmura and Kathy Mindala for leading this effort.

### Archangel Editor

Please note that we are looking for a new editor of the Archangel. Phil Tesar is looking to step away from this volunteer role as his involvement with the Video System has grown. Anyone interested should reach out to Phil in the church office at 440.526.5192 and discuss the opportunity. Some basic layout and writing skills are preferred, but not required.

### Help Wanted

Woodside is looking to hire Summer Student workers! Those interested must be 16 years of age or older and able to have reliable transportation to and from Woodside. Duties will include, but not limited to: Event Set Up, painting, cleaning, etc. Please call Kathy Mindala at 440.526.9696 for more information!

### Pastoral Visits

This past week Fr. John has finally been able to visit those parishioners in nursing homes or who are homebound, while still following all of the COVID protocols. If you would like Fr. John to come, visit, and administer the sacraments, please contact the church office at 440.526.5192.

### Attention Graduates

High School, Vocational School, College and any other institution of Higher Learning – please submit a photo of yourself to the Church Office for the bulletin board, by Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> by emailing it to [info@stmichaelscleveland.org](mailto:info@stmichaelscleveland.org).

### St. Vladimir's Summer Camp

ST. VLADIMIR SUMMER CAMP is right around the corner!

- Session 1 (Younger Kids / Age 8-10): June 27-July 3
- Session 2 (Tween / Age 11-13): July 4-10
- Session 3 (Older Kids / Age 14-18): July 11-17

Contact Deacon Dan or Catrina Kovalak (Camp Directors) with any questions, or you can also visit [www.stvladimirscampohio.com](http://www.stvladimirscampohio.com) for more information!

### Volunteers Needed

St Michael's is looking for volunteers who would like to help digitalize our Metrical Records (i.e. uploading them into a computer format). With our parish's 100th Anniversary next year, we are planning to hold a special parastas each month honoring all our parishioners who died during that month (January, February, March, etc.) so that we might pay respect and credit to our forefathers and foremothers who labored to build, support, and propagate our church, for these 100 years. If you are interested in helping with this project, please let Fr. John know as soon as possible by contacting the church office at: 440.526.5192. Thank you!

## ***St. James Prayer List – May***

***"The prayer of the righteous has great power in its effects" (St. James 5:1)***

*For the complete St. James Prayer List, please see the most recent issue of the Archangel.*

Add With Child – Richard & Rachel Kowalchik

Remove With Child – Terry & Kathy Speth

Add Health – Bruce Baughman (Vivian Plaza's father)

Add Departed – Sally Meklus, Michael Kochan

### **Stewardship**

Thank you for your Stewardship. May God bless you for your generosity.

#### **Sunday, May 16 Collection**

##### **GENERAL FUND**

Pledge	\$	1,840.00
Children Envelopes		
Candle Desk	\$	56.00
Candles / Prayers	\$	75.00
Church Special Events		
Easter Flowers		
Easter Offering	\$	260.00
Flowers		
Memorials		
Offerings	\$	130.00
Special Collection		
Other Income		
Reimburs. From Sp. Funds	\$	4,832.10
Sunday School		
Special Gifts		
Special Occasion Offering		
<b>Weekly INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,193.10</b>
<b>Weekly EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,542.00</b>
OVER	\$	651.10

##### **SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME**

Other		
Charity	\$	25.00
Improvement		
Video System		
Renovation		
Endowment		
Grave Sale		
Library		
Tuition Assistance		
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25.00</b>

\*\*Weekly expenses are based on the current approved budget, divided by 52 weeks in the year.\*\*



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DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

19 May 2021

*Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, & his companions*

№. 78

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest:

Christ is risen!

As you may have heard, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its recommended protocols concerning the use of masks. Essentially, masks are no longer mandated for those persons who *have been fully vaccinated*. This means that those who have received their final COVID vaccination (one or two, depending on the vaccine) and waited two weeks no longer need to wear masks indoors or outdoors, in large or small groups or gatherings, and without concern for social distancing. This would seem to include gatherings in church. The CDC also recommended and advised that *those who are not fully vaccinated* should (not must) continue to wear masks for the time being in order to protect themselves and others from potential exposure.

In addition, most if not all of the governors in the Midwest have rescinded mask mandates and lifted all restrictions effective today, or in early June. There are some local municipal authorities that have not rescinded mask mandates but may do so by mid-June.

Given the above information, I am rescinding the mask mandate directive for all parishes in the Diocese of the Midwest effective today or on the date any municipal authority lifts the mandate that effects your parish.

With the reality that masks will now be recommended but not mandated for those who have not had the vaccine, how do we address this? *I will not support any idea* that involves some kind of vaccine passport where people need to show they have been vaccinated to gain entrance. I think the time has come to allow people to be in church and not *have to* wear a mask in order to stay. With this letter I have attached something that I want parish clergy to read before the next liturgy begins in your parish and post it at the entrance. In cases where local municipal mask mandates are

still in place, you can wait until those are lifted and then read the attached disclaimer from me to the parish and then post it on your entrance. I still have no problem, though, with priests encouraging those who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask as this is the CDC recommendation and my recommendation.

There is no realistic way to monitor this new provision, i.e. to determine who has or hasn't yet been vaccinated. Indeed, this is a matter of personal concern which many would not want to share. In the parish context, this puts our clergy in the unenviable and unfeasible position of monitoring something which is impossible to monitor. Because of this, I ask that individual parishioners and families, whether wearing masks or not, monitor themselves in this regard, always in a manner that is respectful of others in the parish community.

With the lifting of the mask mandate, I am also directing all parishes in the Diocese to return to the practice of giving communion with one spoon. Use of multiple individual spoons or several spoons sanitized in alcohol are to be discontinued. If this poses concerns for some clergy, please contact me and we can talk.

As to social hour, if hot food is served, it should still be served by a select group of people wearing masks and gloves when they serve the food. I still think it is best to serve catered meals as they have been properly prepared. I hope this could end by September.

This has been a tough burden for all of us to bear in the last year. I knew once we got through Pascha, I would need to address this issue. The events of the last 10 days presented the opportunity to do so and I have. Many thanks to all my clergy and parishioners who have shown patience through this process. Let us pray for each other and bear each other's burdens as we move forward in opening up our parishes.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you. With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+PAUL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

On May 13, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) updated their guidance stating the following, “if you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.” In accordance with this guidance, I am lifting the mandate to wear masks while in the churches of the Diocese of the Midwest. Wearing a mask is recommended, but not mandated. This will be left up to personal discretion and consultation with one’s physician.

While the vaccine is recommended by the CDC, those who have not yet received their vaccination, or those who choose not to receive a vaccine, assume all and any risk by entering the temple without a mask and going against the recommendations of the CDC which are also mine.

I request that everyone who enters the church exercise good judgement and utilize sanitary measures as we have done throughout this past year.

Yours in Christ

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