

SAINT MICHAEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
123 North Morris Street, Saint Clair, Pennsylvania 17970
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Sunday – July 19, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday, July 19th 10:00 am - God’s Blessings on His People
Sunday, July 26th 8:30 am - God’s Blessings on His People
11:00 am - Hierarchical Liturgy at St. Nicholas, Primrose

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday, July 18th 4:00 pm - God’s Blessings on Very Rev. Elijah Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Monday, July 20th **Elijah the Prophet** 9:30 am - +Thomas Stock by Sleepy Hollow Rod & Gun Club
Saturday, July 25th 4:00 pm - +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka

Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 18 th	1 Cor 1:10-18
Sunday, July 19 th	1 Cor 1:10-18
Saturday, July 25 th	1 Cor 3:9-17
Sunday, July 26 th	1 Cor 3:9-17

St. Michael

No Divine Liturgy
Michele Caputo
No Divine Liturgy
No Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas

Lucille O’Connor
No Divine Liturgy
Angela DeMario
No Divine Liturgy

Weekly Income

Sincere thanks for supporting your churches!

St. Michael: Collection \$490.00 Candles \$48.00
Seminary \$105.00 **Total \$668.00 Cemetery \$25.00**
Thank you!

St. Nicholas: Collection \$510.00 Candles \$9.00
Seminary \$10.00 Basket for Seminary Day \$70.00
Total \$599.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank you!

Sanctuary Light

St. Michael – God’s blessings on all the donors and helpers

St. Nicholas – In memory of +Joseph Smith by wife, Julian, daughters, Steph and Jaclyn and grandchildren

St. Michael

Candles by 4 Icons – In memory of +Dorothy & +George Minarchick, +Jason Mitchell, & +Robert Kalavage

2 candles by altar & by 2 Icons – Special Intention

St. Nicholas – Icon of the Blessed Mother – Special Intention
Icon of St. John the Baptist – Special Intention

St. Michael’s – Candles 2026

Sanctuary Lights - \$15.00 - 7/26, 8/2, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/20, 9/27
Seven Branch Candle - \$35.00 - 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30

Weekly Bible Study – Reading Through the Scriptures

St. Michael’s Parishioners – Tuesdays - 4:00 PM

St. Nicholas’ Parishioners – Wednesdays – 10:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE – July 26th

Divine Liturgy at St. Michael Church will be at 8:30 am

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am
St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose

All are invited to attend the Divine Liturgy
celebrated by Archbishop Borys
and the priests of the deanery.

Seminary Day Chances – Must be submitted by July 20th

Kindly take envelopes with the chances for the Seminary Day Raffle. Your help in selling these chances is greatly appreciated.
Chances are \$1.00 per chance or 6 chances for \$5.00

Remember to Support our Seminarians

92nd Seminary Day

Sat., July 25th – volunteers for set-up beginning at 9:00am
Dessert are needed!

Please make your favorite cake or cookies!

Work Schedule - Outside Kitchen – July 26th

St. Michael, Shenandoah...11:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Nicholas, St. Clair... 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Haluski Preparation for Seminary Day

St. Michael & St. Nicholas Parishioners
St. Nicholas Annex - St. Clair

Please see the sign-up sheet for various jobs to volunteer.

Blessing of Cars – Feast of St. Elijah

St. Nicholas Church – July 18th – 5:00 pm
St. Michael Church – July 19th – 11:00 am



Prayer Requests: Please remember in your prayers – those who are sick that God will restore them to health, those who are homebound, and those who requested prayers for special intentions. Thank you!

St. Michael: Mary Bickowski Mary Luscavage Andrea Pytak Michelle Pasinski Dolores K. Paul Kerrick Kathy Lynch
Dolores O’Connell Leahy Richard Michalik Irene Acalin Gerald Acalin Stephen M. Tom Prete Charlie Calise Nancy Sawka
Teddy Weinrich Michael Welikonich Susan Chernesky Anna Demanski Catherine Mozdy Jennifer Mackeravage Sally Litwak

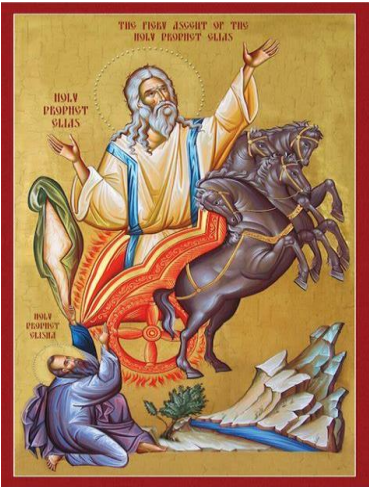
St. Nicholas: Mary Mistishen Jim Rehnert Elaine Naradko Georgine Draovitch Marie Plasha
Marie Carol Unuscavage Elizabeth Jansson

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils



Today we celebrate the memory of the church teachers and pastors who in six councils held over three plus centuries (325-680) defined for us and for our faith who Jesus our Lord is. The central affirmation was in the Council of Chalcedon, whose fathers professed: “we all with one voice teach the confession of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and a body; of one essence with the Father as regards his divinity, and the same of one essence with us as regards his humanity; like us in all respects except for sin; begotten before the ages from the Father as regards his divinity, and in the last days, for us and for our salvation, the same born of Mary, the virgin God-bearer, as regards his humanity.” Even though the Oriental Orthodox Churches did not accept this council for political and semantic reasons, there is no doubt that they believe that our Lord is truly God and truly a human being, because this is essential for our faith. This feast reminds us that we are through faith truly united with God, who transforms us and restores the divine likeness.

St. Maximus the Confessor especially emphasizes this in his theology, in many places, as in his Ambigua 4,8: “For there is nothing more unified than He, who is truly one, and apart from Him there is nothing [1045A] more completely unifying or preserving of what is properly His own. Thus, even when He suffered, He was truly God, and when He worked miracles the same one was truly man, for He was the true hypostasis of true natures united in an ineffable union. Acting in both of these natures in a manner suitable and consistent with each, He was shown forth as one truly preserving them unconfused, while, at the same time, preserving Himself without change, insofar as He remained impassible by nature and passible, immortal and mortal, visible to the eyes and known by the intellect, as God by nature.



The Holy Prophet Elijah, July 20th

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern Europe. The prophet, whose name means "strength of the Lord" was a man aflame with the fire of the love of God and was uncompromising in his faithfulness to the one true God. He was a powerful and courageous figure who had been given power over the elements: rain, wind, fire, etc.

St. Elijah lived during the reign of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (875-854 B.C.). The king had married Jezebel, the pagan daughter of the king of Tire. She brought with her hundreds of pagan prophets (ritual priests) to Samaria and introduced the worship of the Phoenician deity, Melkart, also known under the general name of Baal. Apart from the sacrifices they offered as part of their priestly function, they observed a special ritual dance accompanied by musical instruments.

Every spring they had a ceremony of fire to mark the awakening of their god who had slept through the winter. They enkindled a great fire from which the god was supposed to renew his strength. During this time, the priest-prophets of Baal danced and whirled faster and faster in a frenzy, even to wounding themselves with swords and spears on their arms and legs. Under the influence of Queen Jezebel, the true prophets of Israel were persecuted and the Israelites became divided in their loyalty between Baal and Yahweh. They thought they could worship both, the God of their fathers and the pagan god, Baal, whom the Queen favored. Elijah's' strong and determined opposition to this divided loyalty earned for him the hatred of the queen. St. Elijahs' loyalty to God and uncompromising faithfulness is a model for those who are straddling between loyalty to God and to the world.

St. Elijah ascended into heaven as the Second Book of Kings describes it: “...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles. Now each year, we bless our cars on or near the feast of St. Elijah (July 20th)

St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church Annual Parish Picnic – McAdoo
Wonderful ethnic food, music, community, and fun!



Friday, July 31st- 5pm – 10 pm – music by The Legends – 6pm – 9 pm
Saturday, August 1st- 2 pm – 11 pm – music by The 81 Crew Polka Band – 2 pm – 5 pm
Sunday, August 2nd – 11am – 4 pm – Outdoor Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am
Polka Joe Manjack/WMGH live 10 am – 1 pm Vox Ethnika – 12 pm – 3 pm

Dear St. Nicholas Family,

In preparation for the upcoming church anniversary activities we are asking your help. We are planning a display table of photographs and memorabilia that commemorate the growth of our Church.

You can help with this by going through your saved family photos and choosing a special picture (or two) that will celebrate parents, grandparents, first communions, weddings, baptisms, Christmas dinners, blessing of Easter baskets, picnics, etc.

Please share these beautiful commemoratives for display at Saint Nicholas Hall (Primrose) on 20, September 2026. A history of the church can be achieved by having a visual display as inspiration and keeping alive our gratitude for their hard work over the past one hundred twenty years.

Please have your pictures available by **Saturday, 29 August, 2026**. Pictures can be framed or not, and will be returned after our celebration. Please print your name on the back of the picture to assist with returning the photos. Pictures for display can be dropped off downstairs to the kitchen area of our Church. Your pictures will provide a visual history of the physical and spiritual growth of Saint Nicholas Church.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.



JOIN US!!! SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

120TH ANNIVERSARY

**ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH - ST. CLAIR, PA
123 NORTH MORRIS STREET, SAINT CLAIR, PENNSYLVANIA 17970**



HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

- 12:00 NOON

Presided by Metropolitan-Archbishop:

BORYS GUDZIAK

followed by

CATERED LUNCHEON - 4:00 PM

Saint Nicholas Hall -

855 Sunbury Rd, Minersville, PA 17954

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

If you wish to join us afterwards and celebrate together, please
register! **\$50.00** per Adult (Children under 10 go for free)

(More details on the back)

To register please fill this out and mail it back by **August 31st, 2026!**

Mail it to: **Attn. Mrs. Susan Naradko**

315 Wilson Ave. Port Carbon, PA 17965

Name(s) _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Kids (under 10) _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Phone Number _____-_____-_____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 11:00 AM Church doors open
12:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy main celebrant: Metropolitan-Archbishop: Borys Gudziak
2:30 PM Group Photo
3:00 PM Travel to **St Nicholas Hall**, Primrose, PA
GPS: 855 Sunbury Rd, Minersville, PA 17954
Cash Bar/ Reuniting with "old friends"
4:00 PM Food Service
5:30 PM Program and Special Guest Speakers
7:00 PM Closure and Safe travels
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COST OF MEAL \$50.00 PER PERSON

- 3:30 PM Arrival at **St. Nicholas Hall**, Primrose, PA
Cash Bar Available (beer, wine, soda, mixed drinks)

4:00 PM Food Service:

- Family Style Meal Served
- Butlered Hors d'oeuvres
- House Salad
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- City Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Honey Glazed Carrots
- Coleslaw
- Ice Cream & Dessert
- Coffee, Tea, Soda

*GLUTEN FREE MEALS need to be arranged directly in conversation with
St. Nicholas Hall Director, Mrs. Sherri Quandel. She can be reached @ 570-527-0899.

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 EAT FREE OF CHARGE - covered by St. Nicholas Church.

Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers, French Fries or Mac&Cheese