

Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Available before/after liturgies.
Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the parish office.
Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the parish office.
Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the parish office at least 8 months prior to wedding.
Religious Education Classes ECF classes every Tuesday 6-7:15 p.m. at our St. Michael Hall.
Youth Group All youth welcome; see Keri Vokish.
GCU Lodge 360 New Changes January 1, 2023; see Ed Stanko.
St. Michael's Civic Club Welcoming members to join; see Bill Ohlin.
St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road Call Parish Office For Rentals.
St. Michael Cemetery, Sanderson Avenue Call Jerry Shirilla at 330-534-9104.
Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.

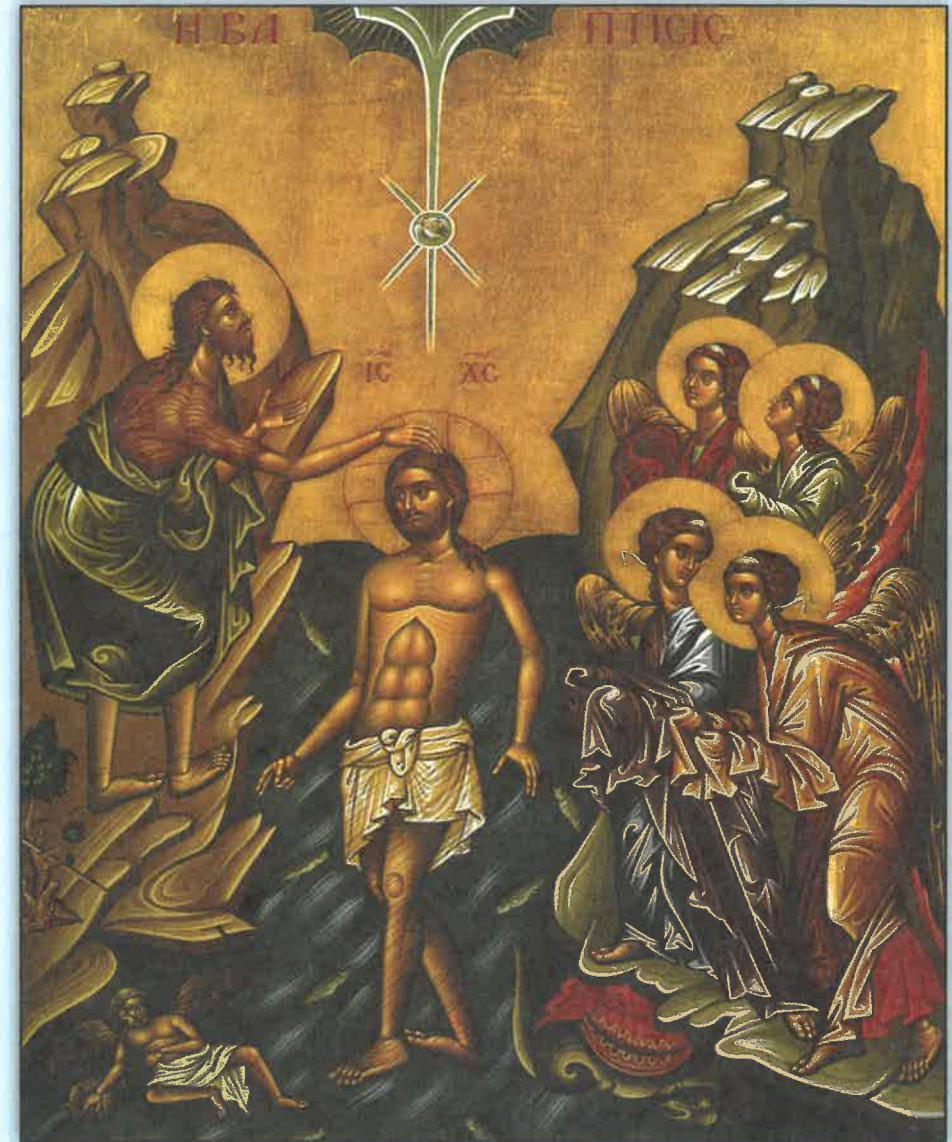
The Christ

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

Honor The Past,
Give Thanks To The Present,
Ensure The Future!

Christ Is Baptized!
In the Jordan!
Christós Krescajetsja!
Vo Jordani!



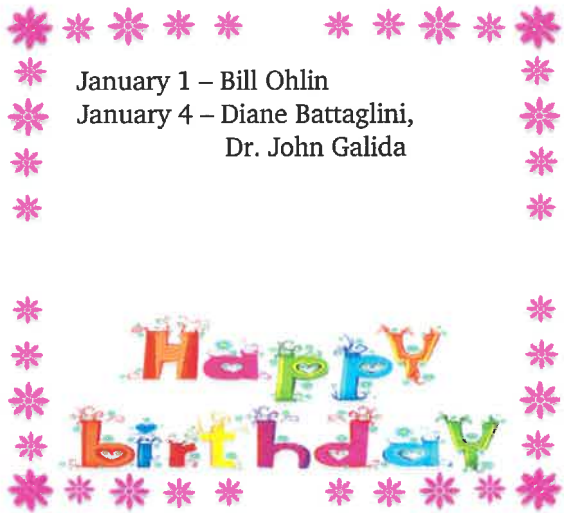
Sat., Dec 31
6:00 P.M. (VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)
+Dr. Paul M. Dubos requested by: Rachel, Peter, & Ava
(remembrance of birthday 12.28)

Sun., Jan 1, 2023
11:00 A.M. The Sunday Before Theophany – The Feast Of The Circumcision Of Our Lord & The Feast Of St. Basil the Great — New Year's Day
+Raymond Tirpack requested by: Keri Vokish

FRI., JAN 6
6:00 P.M. The Feast Of The Theophany Of Our Lord - His Holy Baptism — The Great Sanctification Of Water — Holyday of Obligation
+Paul Hospodar requested by: Son: Dave & Annette
(14th anniversary of passing 1.7)

Sat., Jan 7
6:00 P.M. (VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)
+Sr. Leocadia Sevachko, OSBM requested by: Pam & Jim Vasilchek
(40th day of passing 1.1)

Sun., Jan 8
11:00 A.M. The Sunday After Theophany
+Donna Jean Canja requested by: Andria & Robert Shevetz & Family
12:00 P.M. Breakfast at Hall / Closing of our Centennial Year



January 1 – Bill Ohlin
January 4 – Diane Battaglini,
Dr. John Galida

Church Tithing From:
December 24 & 25, 2022

Sunday Offering \$3,045.00
Loose Currency \$90.00
Candles.... \$147.00
Holydays.... \$100.00
Christmas.... \$9,815.00
TOTAL: \$13,197.00



Last Weekend's Roof Donations
December 25 - \$170.00



HEY JESUS, I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ... I'M BRINGIN'
LOTS OF WATER

Church Attendance

Christmas Eve – 68 (9:00 pm)
Christmas Day – 55 (11:00 am)
Monday 12/26 – 18 (11:00 am)
Tuesday 12/27 – 15 (11:00 am)

Pray For Our Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: December 30, 2022
RESIDING AT HOME – Jerry Arendas, John Cochran, Florence Galida, Ron Kinnick, Francis Kotasek,
Dorothy Leone, Patti Pancoe, Ken Payne, Marge Shabella, Betty Stanko, Steve Zackasee.
Assumption Village (9800 Market Street, North Lima, OH 44452) – Helen Palusak.
Vista Center At The Ridge (3379 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, OH. 44440) – Ken Zahorsky.
Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Road, Columbiana, OH 44408) – Rosemary Dubos, Anne Thomas.

New Year's Word Search

BALL
BALLOONS
CALENDAR
CELEBRATE
CHEERS
CONFETTI
DANCING
FIREWORKS
GAMES
HAPPY
MEMORIES
MIDNIGHT
PARTY
RESOLUTION
SPARKLERS
STREAMERS
TRADITION

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The Feast Of Our Lord's Circumcision - January 1



The eighth day following His birth, the Divine Child was presented in the Temple and circumcised according to the Law existing in Israel since the time of Abraham. On this occasion, He was given the name Jesus, which the Archangel Gabriel announced to the All-Holy Virgin Mary. The Old Testament circumcision was the prototype of the New Testament baptism. The circumcision of our Lord shows that He received upon Himself the true body of man and not just seemingly, as was later taught of Him by heretics. Our Lord was also circumcised because He wanted to fulfill the entire Law which He Himself gave through the prophets and forefathers.

The Feast Of St. Basil the Great - January 1

Basil was born during the reign of Emperor Constantine. While still unbaptized, Basil spent 15 years in Athens where he studied philosophy, rhetoric, astronomy and all other secular sciences of that time. His colleagues at that time were Gregory the Theologian and Julian, later the apostate emperor. In his mature years he was baptized in the river Jordan along with Euvlios his former teacher. He was Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia for almost ten years and completed his earthly life fifty years after his birth. He was a great defender of the true faith, a great light of moral purity, a religious zealot, a great theological mind, a great builder and pillar of the Church of God. Basil fully deserved the title "Great." Numerous works of this Father of the Church are preserved; they include theological, apologetical, ascetical and canonical writings as well as the Holy and Divine Liturgy named after him. This Divine Liturgy is celebrated ten times throughout the year. St. Basil died peacefully on January 1, 379. A.D.



The Sunday Before Theophany



St. Mark begins his Gospel with St. John the Baptist preaching the need for repentance and baptism. As it is written in Isaiah the Prophet, "Behold I send my messenger before 'you to prepare your way: a herald voice in the desert, crying, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path.'" He ends today's Gospel with the theme of his preaching: "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie His sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." During that time Jesus came to Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. Immediately on coming up out of the water, Jesus saw the sky rent in two and the Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens saying, "You are My beloved Son. On You My favor rests." What, in turn, does John say about *himself*? When the Jews sent priests and Levites to ask, "Who are you?" John responded, "I am *not* the Messiah." "Who then, Elijah?" "I am *not* Elijah," he answered. "Are you the Prophet?" "No," he replied. "What do you have to say for yourself?" John replied quoting the Prophet Isaiah, "I am a voice in the desert, crying out: 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" The Pharisees then proceeded to question him further: "If you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet, then why do you baptize?" John answered, "I baptize with water. But, there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is to come after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten." Here we have a beautiful example of the humility of John the Baptist. He desires not to be considered more than he really is, for he says, "I am *not* the Christ," Secondly, he says "I am *not* the prophet." John is a true example of humility, a model for us to follow.

The Baptism of Jesus, Holy Theophany – obligation

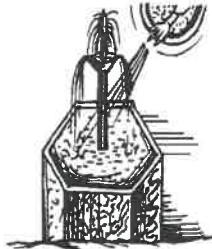


It was on January 6th that Christ was made known as the Son of God. It was on this day that our Lord appeared before John the Baptist in the River Jordan and asked to be baptized-not that He was sinful or needed to be cleansed through Baptism, but that He might teach us the importance and necessity of this great sacrament. While He was being baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased." Thus on this day not only does Heaven tell us that Christ is God, but we see God manifested in the Holy Trinity. We have before the three persons of the

Godhead: the Son, being baptized in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and the voice of the Father in heaven: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the meaning of the great feast of Theophany - the showing forth of God in three Persons. At Christmas, we saw Christ as a new-born babe. This week on Theophany, we will see Him a full-grown man of 30 beginning His ministry among people. Today the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is expanded into a full celebration. It is in this act of coming forth from the Holy Altar and carrying the Gospel aloft, that the priest represents Jesus Christ coming forth to bring the Gospel of Salvation to all. The Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is in reality a Little Theophany. On this great Feast of the Theophany, the Church of Christ calls all of us to go together to the river Jordan to witness the manifestation of God and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. There we shall see, with the eyes of our soul, our Lord immersing Himself once again in the waters of the River Jordan, and thus sanctifying the oceans and the rivers and the lakes of all the world. **Join us on Friday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Obligation Holyday Divine Liturgy.** *The Holyday will also be offered at St. Michael's in Hermitage on Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m.*

The Great Sanctification of water on Friday

The most outstanding liturgical aspect with regard to the Feast of the Holy Theophany is the Great Sanctification of Water. The colorful and elaborate ceremony for sanctifying the waters commemorates Jesus' descent into the River Jordan and begins with the reading of three paremias taken from the Holy Prophet Isaiah which foreshadow the baptism of Christ. A lengthy prayer that is attributed to Saint Sophronios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, is interrupted three times: once when the priest blesses the water with the trojca, a three-branched burning candlestick; then again when he breaths upon the water in the form of a cross; and finally when he blesses the water by making the sign of the cross with his hand in it. At the end of the ceremony, he submerges the hand-cross into the water, making the sign of the cross with it while singing the troparion of the feast. The priest then sprinkles the church and the entire congregation with the newly-sanctified Jordan waters. The faithful then come forward to be blessed with the water, to drink it, and to take some of it into their homes.



Seasonal Christian greeting thru January 14th

The greeting that we salute each other with is **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!** (Christós Krescajetsja) The response is **IN THE JORDAN!** (Vo Jordani!). This is also the greeting we use for mirovanije.

No fasting this Friday January 6th

Our Byzantine Catholic Church requires no fasting or equivalent penance this **Friday, January 6th** in celebration of our Lord's Baptism. Celebrate and feast!

Closing of our 100th Anniversary next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 8th at the 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we will officially close out our Parish's 100th Anniversary Year. Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, a special breakfast will be held to close out our Centennial year. Please sign the list in the narthex if you are coming to the breakfast by TODAY, January 1st. Also, please be committed to attending if you are signing up.

Special thanks from our pastor

Fr. Kevin states: "Thank You so very much for the Christmas cards, gifts, and foods. It is greatly appreciated and means a lot to me. Your thoughtfulness touches my heart forever. Thank you for making my Christmas great!"

Contribution Statements 2022

Enclosed in today's bulletin is a form to request your contribution statement from 2022. If you need it, please fill out the form and submit it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish. Your statement will be sent to you in the coming weeks. All donations collected from now on are credited to 2023.



House Blessings

One of our Byzantine Catholic traditions following Theophany is to have our homes blessed. If you would like your home blessed this year, please contact our pastor by phone.

ECF Classes resume in 10 days

It's hard to believe how fast Christmas break went. Just a reminder that ECF classes will resume in person on **Tuesday, January 10th** at the hall. We look forward to a great second half!

Pick up items for 3-Tier Auction during sale days

Just a reminder that there are many bargains out in the stores now...If shopping, consider picking up a gift or two for our parish's 3 Tier Auction. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 2023.

**The world is all
caught up in what
offends everyone.
We should be
worried about what
offends God.**

***Request Form For Your
Financial Statement from the
year 2022***

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
Campbell, Ohio



**Yes, I would like my contribution statement sent
to me from 2022!**

I prefer: _____ **regular mailing**
 _____ **e-mail**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You may submit this form in the collection basket or
mail it to the church. Your statement will be sent to
you by your preferred choice.