

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 on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group All youth welcome; see Keri.

GCU Call Ed Stanko at 330-758-4190.

St. Michael's Civic Club Call Nick DuBos at 412-726-8527 or email him at nicholasdubos@gmail.com.

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.



DIVINE LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 P.M. Sun: 11:00 A.M.

Holydays: 6:00 P.M.

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful

Perhaps no other attribute of God, besides His love, attracts us to Him as does His mercy. This quality distinguishes Him from all false gods. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the endless procession of saints extols His mercy, repeating the refrain: "His mercy endures forever!"

His mercy caused Him to devise a plan of redemption that would reach every human being, moved Him to give His only Son as a ransom for all sinners, established His kingdom and His Church, inspired the Scriptures, provided the sacraments, forgives all our transgressions and heals our diseases, and gives us peace, joy, and hope and time for repentance. Great is His mercy!

That indescribable, overflowing, and undeserved mercy melts away all our pride and arrogance, fills us with gratitude, and gives us a new birth, a new life, a new will, and a new viewpoint. Now we look at our fellow inhabitants of the earth with the eyes of our merciful Father.

And so the chain reaction goes on from God to us to others. As His mercy endures forever, so may our mercifulness – as that of His children – be likewise enduring.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching the Apostles



Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

Sat., SEPT. 30

6:00 P.M.

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY) — Mirovanije

+Geraldine Testa
(remembrance of 84th birthday)



requested by: Lori Swantek

Sun., OCT. 1

11:00 A.M.

The Feast Of The Holy Protection Of The Theotokos — Mirovanije

+John S. Stanko
(remembrance of 81st birthday)

requested by: Daughter: Regina Sferra

Tues., Oct. 3

6:00-7:15 P.M.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall



Sat., OCT. 7

6:00 P.M.

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY) Fr. Bryan Eyman, Celebrant

+Edward "Mama" Vasilchek
(7th anniversary of passing 9.18
& remembrance of 97th birthday 9.2)

requested by: Jim & Pam Vasilchek

Sun., OCT. 8

11:00 A.M.

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+Steve J. Dimoff
(remembrance of 48th birthday 9.20)

requested by: Carolyn & John Kordupel



October 2 – Judy Gozur,
Terri Katula
October 3 – Ken Tirpack
October 4 – Dolly Dubos
October 6 – Jim Testa

Church Attendance

Saturday 9/23 – **33** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 9/24 – **no count taken** (11:00 am)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: September 29, 2023

RESIDING AT HOME – Gail Clark, Lindsay Hospodar, Francis Kotasek, Betty Stanko.

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.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Boulevard, Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.

Center for Rehab at Hampton Woods (1517 E Western Reserve Road, Poland, OH 44514) – Julie Brozman.

North Carolina Basnight Cancer Hospital (101 Manning Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514) – Jim Cebula.

Church offerings from September 23 & 24, 2023

Sunday Offering \$1,665.00

Loose Currency \$20.00

Candles \$71.00

Holydays ... \$10.00

TOTAL: \$1,766.00



September 24th TOTAL:

\$441.00



Thanks to Colin Nelson

**I USUALLY SAY TO NOT BELIEVE
EVERYTHING THAT YOU READ, BUT THIS IS
AN EXCEPTION**

Quote of the Week

"I find television very
educational. Every time
someone turns it on, I go in the
other room and read a book."

-Groucho Marx



Oktoberfest

Word Search



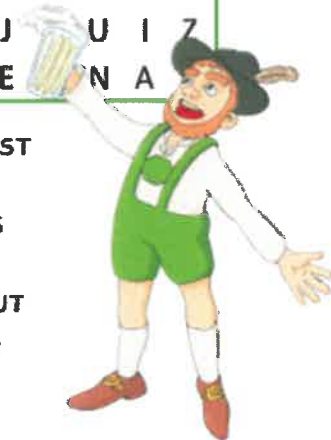
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid.
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



ACCORDION
AUTUMN
BAVARIA
BEER
BIERGARTEN
BRASS BAND
BRATWURST
CAROUSEL

COSTUME
DANCING
DIRNDL
DUMPLINGS
GERMANY
KEG
LEDERHOSEN
MUNICH

OKTOBERFEST
POLKA
PRETZELS
RADISH
SAUERKRAUT
SINGING
TANKER
TENT



The Protection of our most holy Lady and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary October 1

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in Church, Our venerable Epiphanius, the friend of Saint

Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

During our Divine Services we have become accustomed to seeing clergy, choir, and parishioners in attendance, but we have completely forgotten that others are invisibly present: God's holy Angels, His holy Saints, the Most-holy Virgin, and our Lord Himself, are there as well. Our venerable fathers Andrew together Epiphanius, and many other righteous ones could see this. We do not see, because it is "the pure in heart (who) see." It is only the pure in heart that are capable of beholding what mystically transpires within the Church; only they behold those who stand alongside us in Church. I suppose that we could not bear the actual sight of the spiritual world as it really is. The more one grows spiritually, the more one can see and understand. For our part, we occasionally hear "Now the Hosts of Heaven invisibly worship with us." The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God-Pokrova reminds us that Heaven reaches all the way to the earth.

In times of national misfortune, as in times of individual trials and sorrows, the faithful rush to God's temples, rush to the Protection of the Mother of God, and ask of the Queen of Heaven her defense and assistance: *"Remember us in thy supplications, O Virgin Lady and Theotokos, that we not perish because of the multitude of our sins. Protect us from all evil and grievous perils, for in thee do we put our trust, and honoring the feast of thy protection, we magnify thee."*

*O Most Holy Theotokos – Cover us with thy wondrous omophorion,
and preserve us from all evil!*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH, OCTOBER

Every October the universal Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Byzantine Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Byzantine Metropolia dedicated to the Theotokos' Protection



On October 1st, we celebrate the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos. It was on October 6, 1974, the late Metropolitan +Stephen (Kocisko) blessed and dedicated the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. and placed our entire Metropolia (all 4 eparchies) under the Protection of the Mother of God. If you go to our nation's capital, go to the lower level of the National Shrine and pray at this beautiful chapel.

Pastor attends Clergy Retreat this week

Our pastor will be attending the annual Clergy Retreat this week held at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA. You may call or text his cell phone if you need him. The cell reception there is not the greatest, so he will get back to you when he can.

Reverse Raffle THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday, October 7th will mark the 5th annual parish Reverse Raffle. A special Thank You to those who already bought tickets as well as those who took tickets and sold them to others. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The raffle will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on our parish facebook page. Other side games will be played.



Set-up schedule for Reverse Raffle

Volunteers are asked to help out on:

Thursday, October 5th - 5:30 p.m. (cover tables, set-up stations and supplies)

ALL volunteer workers for the Reverse Raffle day of are to be at the Hall by 4:30 p.m.

Pirohi making continues



Our St. Michael Church will continue making homemade pirohi for upcoming fundraisers and sales: **Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00-9:00 p.m.** All are welcome to help out with prep and pinch. Bring family and friends.

PAC meeting forthcoming

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) will hold a meeting on **Monday, October 9th at 6:15 p.m.**

Sympathy extended

+**PETER E. PATELLIS SR.**, 83 of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, September 21, 2023. He is the father of parishioners Peter Jr. (Salena) Patellis and grandfather of Michael and Logan Patellis. May God grant to His departed servant, +Peter Sr., blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

Our Archbishop in Rome for a month



Our Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla is in Rome, Italy for about a month as a representative at the Synod on Synodality assembly. In a change from recent synods, Pope Francis has broken the general assembly into two sessions, one to be held in October 2023 and the second in October 2024. Pope Francis has said that he sees the Holy Spirit as "the heart of synodality." "The synod now taking place is — and should be — a journey in accordance with the Spirit, not a parliament for demanding rights and claiming needs in accordance with the agenda of the world, nor an occasion for following wherever the wind is blowing, but the opportunity to be docile to the breath of the Holy Spirit," the pope said.

Rosary Rally set for Oct. 14th

On **Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon**, there will be a public Rosary Rally. The Holy Rosary will be prayed at our church (outside to be determined). Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, you may see Regina Sferra or call her at 330-398-0678.

Irons Mill Farmstead outing scheduled

The annual youth outing to Irons Mill Farmstead is being planned for **Sunday, October 15th**. Sign-up's are in the narthex. In case of heavy rain that Sunday, the outing will be moved to the 22nd.



A Friday night Halloween party by Celeste

FRIDAY, October 20th at St. Michael Hall from 7:00-11 p.m. Hosted by Diva Entertainment (Celeste Penwell). Band: Old Skool. \$40 per ticket. BYOB. Contact Celeste or Karen for tickets at 330-755-4256.

The best inheritance you
can leave a child is to teach
them to love Jesus Christ.

radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.”¹ As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”²

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and

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love one another.”**

John 13:34



persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”³

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: “*In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance,*

in these cases, is *that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone.”⁴

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.”⁵ Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.”⁶ A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”⁷ We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.”⁸ May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.



To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

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¹ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 274.

² Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 7.

³ Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (*On Social Concern*), no. 38.

⁴ Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

⁵ Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 188.

⁷ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 24.

⁸ Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 269.



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