

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.

Many Calls for the Chosen

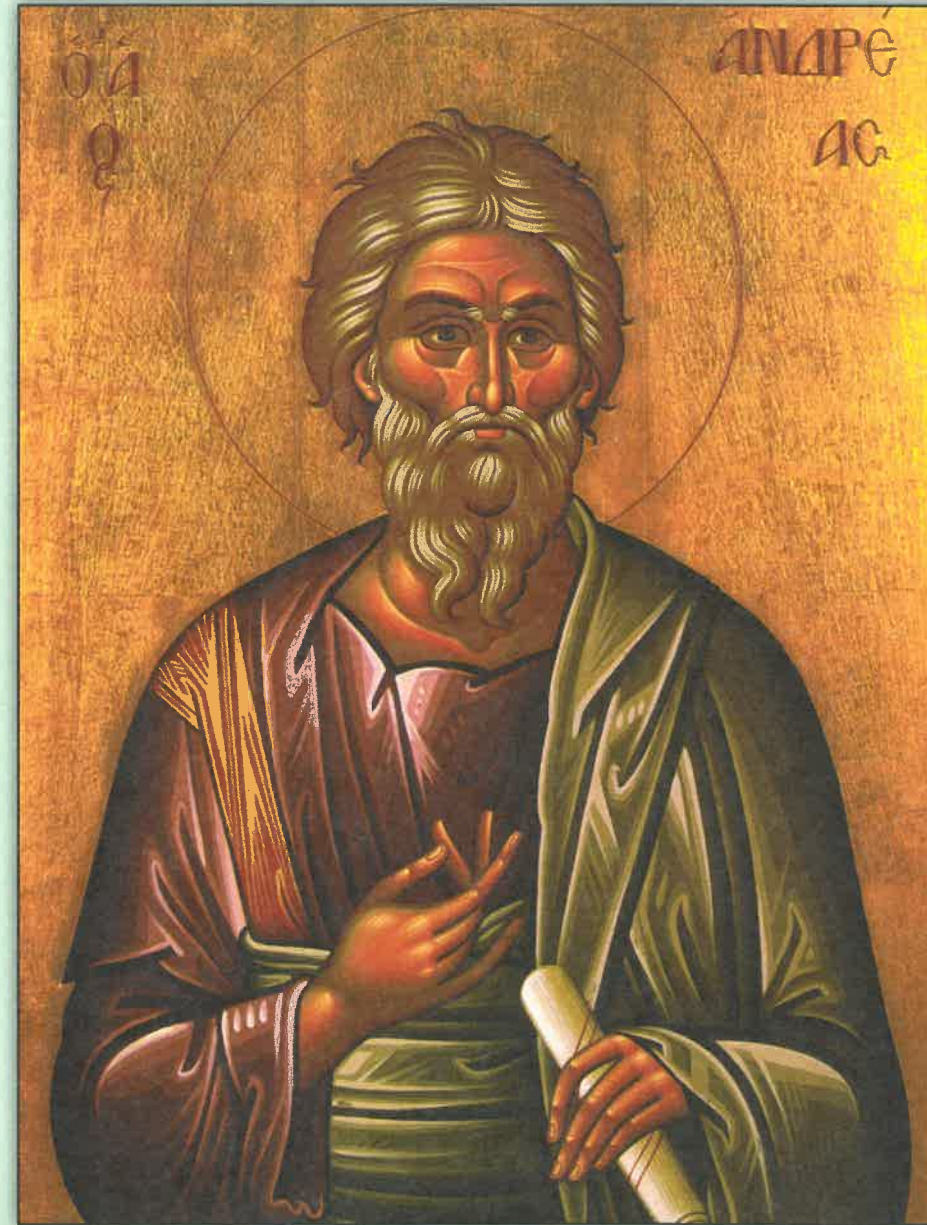
The first call that shaped St. Andrew's life was the very timing and place of his birth. The second call that shaped Andrew's life came through John the Baptist. Andrew must have been an alert young man longing for the coming of the Messiah when he first heard the preaching of John. Andrew's third call came from Jesus himself. The fourth call that shaped Andrew's life was to follow Jesus, to be his disciple, a student in daily contact with Jesus, walking and talking with him, listening and learning from the Master, as from a Rabbi. The fifth call that changed Andrew's life was his selection by Jesus as one of the twelve apostles, to give witness, to preach, to bring others to Christ. Andrew, the student, was chosen to become a teacher sent by Christ. His sixth call came through pious Greeks at the Passover in Jerusalem. They wanted to see Jesus, to be introduced to him. The boy from Bethsaida began using his language skills, his un-

derstanding of Greek and Roman culture, to bring Gentiles to Jesus. St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Jerome, and St. Paulinus tell us that after Pentecost Andrew became an apostle to people in the land of Greece, the bordering lands, and as tradition tells us, ultimately to Byzantium. The final call in Andrew's life was to martyrdom by crucifixion on an X shaped cross at Patras in Achaia.

Saint Andrew's vocation, and ours as well, wasn't given all at once, but gradually. Seven calls from the Lord built one upon the other throughout the course of his life. Andrew's response to each call gave new shape to his life and prepared him for the next gift of God. This courageous young man, by purity of heart and docile obedience to God's will became in St. Bede's words, "The Introducer to Christ." He introduced his brother to Jesus, and the Greeks and Scythians.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Andrew -- November 30th



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



Sat., NOV. 25
6:00 P.M.

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

+Catherine VanSuch requested by: Grandson: David VanSuch
+Steve VanSuch

Sun., NOV. 26
11:00 A.M.

THE 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
The 2nd Sunday of the Philippian Fast

+George R. Swantek requested by: Wife: Martha & Children
(2nd anniversary of passing)

Tues., Nov. 28
6:00-7:15 P.M.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall



Sat., DEC. 2
6:00 P.M.

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

+Susan Kotasek requested by: Granddaughters
(51st anniversary of passing 12.1)

Sun., DEC. 3
11:00 A.M.

THE 27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
The 3rd Sunday of the Philippian Fast

+Daniel Vokish requested by: Mark & Karen Vitus
(3rd anniversary of passing 11.23)

3:00 P.M.

St. Nicholas Charity Dinner, @ Cathedral, Munhall, PA



November 26 – Dominic Circelli,
Rita Jevesok
November 27 – Sharon Vrabel
November 29 – Celeste Penwell



Church Attendance

Saturday 11/18 – 39 (6:00 pm)
Sunday 1/19 – 58 (11:00 am)
Monday 11/20 – 13 (6:00 pm)
Thanksgiving Eve 11/22 – 23 (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: November 24, 2023

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Gail Clark, Marlene Hahn, Lindsay Hospodar, Francis Kotasek,
Betty Stanko.

Assumption Village (9800 Market Street, North Lima, OH 44452) – Helen Palusak.

Concord Care Center of Cortland (4250 Sodom Hutchings Road, Cortland, OH 44410) – Lucille Puhak.

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

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.

Aventura at Assumption Village (9800 Market Street, North Lima, OH 44452) – Mary Macala.

Cleveland Clinic – Joann Evan.

Church offerings from November 18 & 19, 2023

Sunday Offering \$1,126.00

Loose Currency \$25.00

Candles \$71.00

Holydays ... \$139.00

TOTAL: **\$1,361.00**



November 19th TOTAL:
\$114.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Nov. 19	\$1,361	\$2,850	(\$1,489)
YTD	\$105,574	\$133,950	(\$28,376)



Quote of the Week

"The only person you are
destined to become is the
person you decide to be."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

ADVENT

E B U Y S X A J N D S Z K L J B K
 M A S S E L D N A C I G K O D F A
 B C U M E B T I C P P Y T V I G K
 U F Y F K E T I H W J R A E S I M
 S P U R P L E X X H M A R T C A G
 P N A T I V I T Y A Z M X R V P S
 G I F T S P N R X W G T P I N K G
 X P T G S D Z S O I W U L J B G Y
 R G N K Q P Y U O S W L O O E C Q
 C Q E G C Y G S L E R G A Y T E J
 L E V U E O H E F M E P O H H L O
 U Y D Z R A W J B E A A H S L E S
 Q H A M A P C Y N N T S A U E B E
 C B Z M P N F B U T H W U S H R P
 S I B K E O W A Z Z Z N Z E E A H
 C S B F R A W B F A I T H J M T Y
 P E F P P D A D F R V K V H Z E P

GIFTS	WISEMEN	NATIVITY	JOY
CELEBRATE	PINK	WHITE	BABYJESUS
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	MARY	FAITH
HOPE	LOVE	JESUS	CANDLES
PURPLE	WREATH	PREPARE	ADVENT

The 26th Sunday After Pentecost

In the gospel story today, Jesus cures a crippled woman on the Sabbath. She had, for eighteen years, been suffering from a back infirmity. She then gave thanks to God and proclaimed his glory throughout the town. We also must remember to be thankful to our Lord. We should give gratitude to our Lord who has given us many gifts and blessings. Yet, in the world today,



there are many people who never give thanks to God. Even in the gospel stories we see many thankless people. For instance, the Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus cured ten lepers. But out of the ten persons, only one returned to Jesus and gave him thanks for his cure. Jesus then said to him, "Where are the others?" It seems like the others just used Jesus for their own selfish ends. We of course should never imitate these ungrateful lepers. Another important point in the gospel story is that the synagogue official was not healed of his bent heart. He got very angry at Jesus when he cured the woman on the Sabbath. The Lord, in turn, called him a

hypocrite. He was so self-righteous to himself that he did not recognize that he had defects. For on thing, he did not show any compassion to the crippled woman. He just wanted to glorify himself in front of the people. Do we sometimes in life repeat the same actions of this cold Pharisee? Maybe we are too quick to judge other persons in their faults, but do not see our own sins. The Lord has told us that all judgment shall be done by him at the day of reckoning. People who harshly condemn others need to have their hearts cured by the healer of souls, Jesus Christ. The Lord has instituted the sacrament of penance for this reason. No matter how much evil we have done in this life, the Lord will always forgive and be merciful to you. In the Second Book of chronicles, it is recorded that there was an evil man who needed a cure of heart. King Manasseh who reigned for 55 years in Jerusalem after the good king Hezekiah, was a cruel man. Tradition says that he sawed the prophet Isaiah in half. He practiced sorcery, magic, witchcraft and introduced necromancers and wizardry. He also caused his sons to pass through the fire. This meant that he scarified his own sons in a bloody ritual to the pagan gods of Baal. The Lord God in turn sent the despotic Assyrians to punish him and his people. He was taken captive to the city of Ninevah in chains. In his distress, the king humbles himself and implores the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. He asks the Lord to heal his heart. The Lord God then has compassion on him. The Lord God forgave him and gave his kingship back to him. The king then lived a life that was pleasing to God. In spite of his wickedness, the Lord was merciful.

3rd week of spiritual preparation for Christmas

We now enter the third week of our spiritual journey to Bethlehem where the Christ Child is to be born. During this penitential time known as **The Philippian Fast** (Advent), the Church commemorates the fact that the pious patriarchs and the just people of the Old Testament were waiting with anxious and persevering anticipation for the coming of the Messiah. Their period of watchfulness and expectation was characterized by prayer and penitential acts in order that they would be prepared worthily to greet the long awaited Savior. May we thus make a conscientious effort to self-impose various penitential practices (prayer, fasting, and charitable giving) during these days before Christmas as well.

Parish Christmas party set for Saturday, December 16th

Enclosed once again in today's bulletin is the RSVP form for our Parish's annual Christmas Party! It will be held on **Saturday, December 16th**. Our Christmas Party will begin at 7:00 p.m. apps and then a buffet dinner. The evening will be filled with great fellowship, holiday cheer, our favorite Christmas tunes, a photo booth and visit from Santa. Join us for a festive Saturday evening as we journey to the cave of Bethlehem.



4 new deacons for Archeparchy to be ordained – Pastor to accompany Archbishop to Texas this week

This Monday, our pastor will be traveling with Archbishop William and Fr. Andrew Deskevich to our Byzantine Catholic Parishes in the state of Texas. They will be visiting our parishes in Dallas and Houston and return on Thursday. Our St. Michael Church congratulates the 4 new deacons:

JOHN CENCICH will be ordained to the major holy order of the Diaconate Today, November 26th at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.

ANDREW GILL will be ordained to the major holy order of the Diaconate Tuesday, November 28th at St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church, Dallas, TX.

DAVID DOMINQUEZ will be ordained to the major holy order of the Diaconate Wednesday, November 29th at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Houston, TX.

ROBERT KLESKO will be ordained to the major holy order of the Diaconate Wednesday, November 29th at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Houston, TX.

May the Lord God grant to his servants, Deacon-elects John, Andrew, David, and Robert, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Food & personal care drive concludes



The non-perishable food and personal care items drive concludes today. Thanks for all who brought in items. If you brought any in this weekend, they can be placed by the autumn tree.

“Toys For Tots” drive going awesome

Our St. Michael Church, sponsored by our 7th grade ECF class, is doing a “Toys For Tots” drive. You may bring an unwrapped new toy or book and place it in the cardboard box to donate to this cause.



CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday, December 24th

8:30 p.m. Great Compline & Christmas Carols

***9:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday, December 25th

***11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

**fulfills Christmas holyday obligation*

Sympathy extended

+**MARY ANN OHLIN**, 90, of Boardman, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, October 23, 2023. She is the mother of parishioners Bill (Monica) Ohlin. Her Funeral Liturgy was offered at St. Charles Roman Church on Thursday, October 26, 2023 with interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. May God grant to His departed handmaid, Mary Ann, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.



New side church doors installed; you may use the side doors now

This past week, the new church side doors were installed. They now can be used again. Manufacturing and installation was done by AM Door & Supply Company, Inc., North Jackson, Ohio.

Note from the BCW editor

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again when I ask for Christmas stories for this year's Christmas issue of *The Byzantine Catholic World*. In past years, I asked you to share special memories about your family and food for features in the BCW ... and your great response turned into really good reads. This year, I want to focus on Christmas trees, ornaments and all types of decorations. Please consider writing a few sentences or a couple of paragraphs about a special story connected to items which brighten the Nativity season in your house every year.

* Does your Christmas tree go in the same spot in your house every year? Have you had the same artificial tree for many years?

* Have you (or your parents or grandparents) ever ventured into the woods to chop down your own Christmas tree? I am eager to hear your story!

* Do you have a favorite Christmas ornament that is hung on your tree every year? Does it have sentimental value such as being a gift from a loved one or it was made by your child in kindergarten?

* Do you have a special wreath you hang on your front door each year? A sacred Nativity set you display?

* How about Christmas lights? Do you deck your house with festive lights that turns into the talk of the neighborhood?

Those are some ideas I hope will spark a story you can share with *The BCW's* readers. Please send me your stories by Friday, December 8. And if you have any photos to go with your story, please don't hesitate to send those, also! Please send stories and photos to: bcw@archpitt.org. Also, please let me know what church you attend. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to reading! Have a Happy Thanksgiving! --David Mayernik Jr. Editor, *The Byzantine Catholic World*

Time for Church Decorating 🏠

Church decorating for Christmas will begin the week of December 10th. Times and dates will be announced in next week's bulletin. Volunteers are welcome to decorate.

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY

2023

DECEMBER

16

SATURDAY

AT 7:00 PM

Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Bar, Music, Santa Visit,
Kids activities, Byzantine Christmas Carols sing

\$25
per
person

Kids 12
and
under
free

RSVP

Name _____

Phone _____

attending adults _____ kids _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Deadline to RSVP: December 10th