

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.

Holy days: 6:00 P.M.

Faith, Cleansing and Gratitude

Once, as Jesus was passing through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem, ten lepers met Him. They stood afar off and cried: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Jesus saw them and said: "Go, show yourselves to the priest." So in this case He did not touch them. Instead, He tested their faith to see whether they would obey and go to the priests to get a certificate of healing even before they had been healed. They obeyed and were healed.

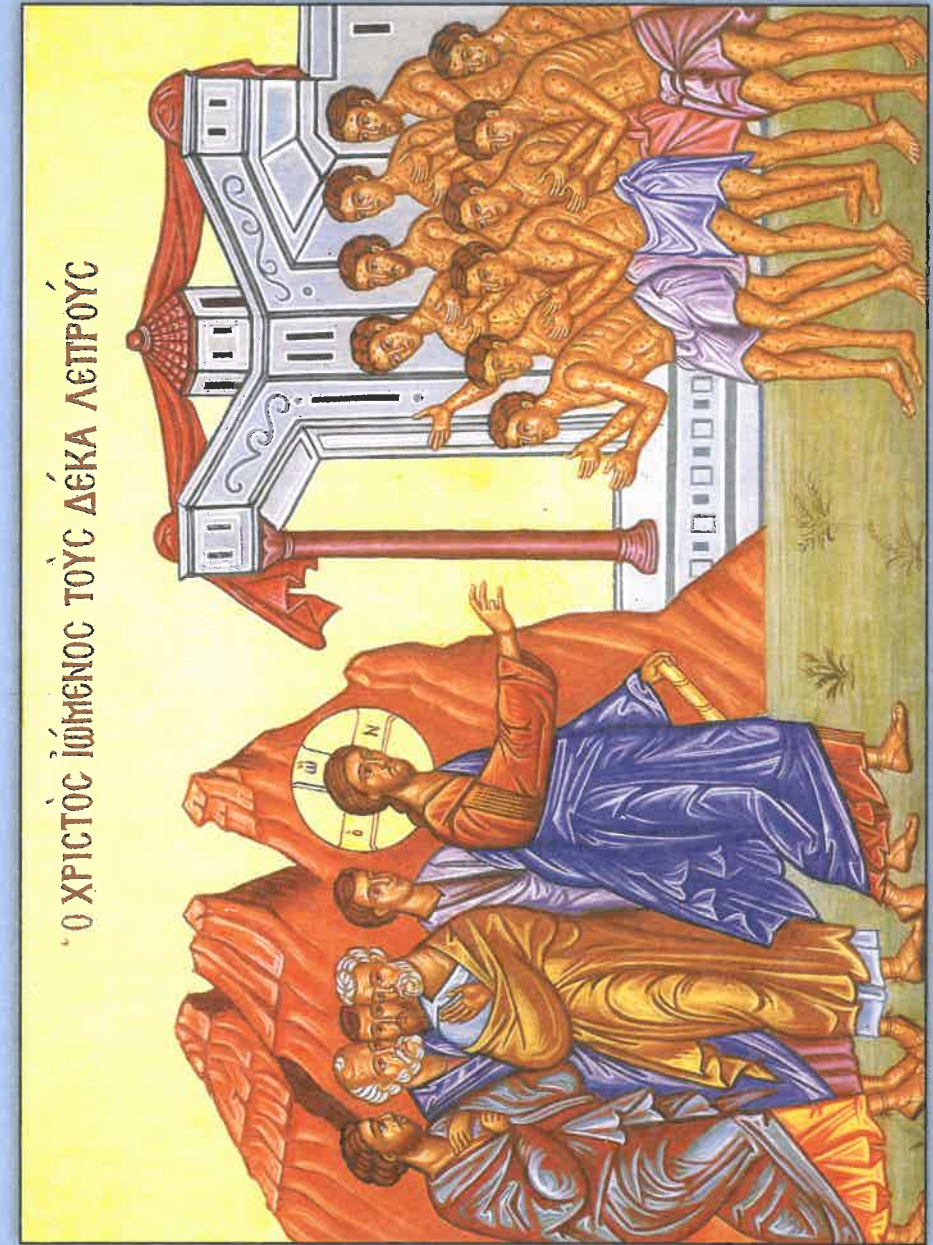
And one of them returned and with a loud voice glorified God and fell at His feet, giving Him thanks. He was a Samaritan. And Jesus said: "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Were there not any found to give glory to God except this for-

eigner?" And Jesus said to him: "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." The Samaritans accepted Christ as the Messiah and became Christians, while the Jews rejected Him.

The Fathers of the Church see a lesson in this for us. The ten lepers signify mankind. We are all leprous, but only one in ten give thanks to God for the salvation He has brought to us. In the same way, only some of the seed sown by God (in the Parable of the Sower) brings forth good fruit. We can all be cleansed by Him, but if we do not return to Him in gratitude and to glorify Him, we cannot be saved.



THIRTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of the Cure of the Ten Lepers – Luke 17:12-19

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



Tues., Dec. 12
6:00-7:15 P.M.



Sat., DEC. 16
6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

Sun., DEC. 17
11:00 A.M.



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(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

+Larry Edwards requested by: sister: Pam & Jim Vasilchek
(remembrance of 91st birthday 12.8)

THE 28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
The 4th Sunday of the Philippian Fast

+Peggy & Connie Straub requested by: daughter: Liz McGarry
Health & God’s Blessings Upon: requested by: ECF Staff & Kids
Keri Vokish (Birthday today)



ECF Christmas Celebration; last session until January 9, 2024

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

+Rev. Edward Stanko requested by: Stanko Family
(25th anniversary of passing 12.20)

Parish Christmas Party At Hall

THE SUNDAY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
FORE-FATHERS — The 2nd Sunday Before Christmas

+Jeff Gomori requested by: Pat Gomori
(1st anniversary of passing 12.19)
+Jim Cebula
(40th day of passing 12.14)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 10 – Keri Vokish
December 13 – Denise Kotasek
December 15 – Jeremy Bigley

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: December 8, 2023

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Gail Clark, Joann Evan, 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.

Church offerings from December 2 & 3, 2023

Sunday Offering \$2,695.00
Loose Currency \$25.00
Candles \$107.00
Christmas \$100.00
Holydays ...\$35.00
TOTAL: \$2,962.00



December 3rd TOTAL:
\$1,123.00



DISADVANTAGES TO BEING A PROPHET
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON ... YOU
ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO
GET, AND YOU HAVE TO SEE THE COOL
STUFF THAT PEOPLE WILL BE GETTING IN
THE FUTURE

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Dec. 3	\$ 2,962	\$2,850	\$112
YTD	\$109,800	\$139,650	(\$29,850)

Quote of the Week

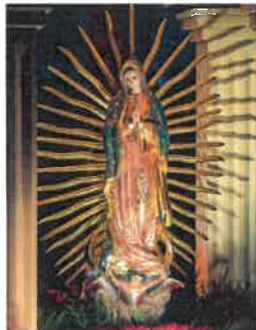
“Remember God more often
than you breathe.”
— St. Gregory the Theologian

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

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K I A E T B S F M L H R W R H Z L Z I Y S Z D
G R O O I E N L U U R A G U Z F A V L K P J U
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ARCHBISHOP
BASILICA
CANONICAL CORONATION
CATHOLIC
CHAPEL
CHURCH
CLOAK—
DECEMBER
FIVE
FLOWERS
JUAN BERNARDINO
JUAN DE ZUMARRAGA
JUAN DIEGO
MANTLE
MARIAN APPARITIONS
MEXICO CITY
MIRACLE
MOTHER OF JESUS
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
POPE LEO XIII
PROCESSION
ROSES
SACRED SITE
SIGN
TEPEYAC HILL
TILMA
UNCLE
VENERATED IMAGE
VIRGIN MARY

Our Byzantine Catholic Church Liturgical Directives for Christmas weekend

This year of 2023, Christmas falls on a Monday and thus Christmas Eve on a Sunday. Here is what our Church teaches:

The first precept of the church is that the faithful are obligated to attend ALL Sundays (or Saturday vigil) throughout the year as well as the set five Holydays of Obligation. Christmas is a Holyday of Obligation. Therefore, a person must attend either Saturday night December 23rd or Sunday morning December 24th to fulfill the required Sunday obligation. Furthermore, the obligatory Holyday of Christmas is fulfilled Sunday evening, December 24th or Monday morning, December 25th. So, in a nut shell, you must attend church twice between December 23rd through December 25th; one Liturgy for the Sunday obligation, and one Liturgy for the Christmas obligation.

In regards to fasting or simple abstinence on Christmas Eve: There is no requirement for any fasting on Christmas Eve since it falls on a Sunday. However, to keep the spirit of Christmas Eve and the Holy Supper, you are encouraged to practice simple abstinence of no meat until after attending the Christmas Divine Liturgy.

If you need any further clarification, please speak to our pastor. Remember, Christmas weekend should not be seen as having to go to church twice, but rather a wonderful opportunity to enhance our spiritual life and to be present with our about- to-be- new born Savior Jesus Christ. If you think it's tough for you, our pastor will be having 10 services in less than a 3 full day period.

Saturday, December 23rd

***6:00 p.m. Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, December 24th

***11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**fulfills Sunday Obligation*

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 Obligation*



Parish Christmas party this Saturday

Our Parish Pre-Christmas celebration is **Saturday, December 16th**. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. with apps followed by dinner. DJ Medu will play our Christmas favorites, a Christmas photo booth will be available by Diva Entertainment, kids crafts & activities, Santa will make a visit, and we will sing some Byzantine Catholic Christmas Carols. Today is the final day to RSVP.



MENU

Appetizers (veggie tray; cheese/cracker platter)
Dinner: chicken milanese * carved ham * stuffed shells * holupki * potatoes
vegetable * salad * holiday cake * hot/cold beverages * open bar



Party set-up Thursday

Volunteers are asked to be at Hall on **Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m.** for set up for our Christmas party. The more help we have, the sooner we will get done. Come and offer a little time.

Church decorating beginning tomorrow

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church this **Monday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m.**
Lending Hands 🙌 Lifting Hearts ❤️

Final ECF class this Tuesday for calendar year

This coming Tuesday, December 12th, will be the final ECF session before Christmas break. Students will have off until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 when classes resume.

“Toys For Tots” drive concludes next Sunday



The “Toys For Tots” drive now concludes. You may still bring in a toy or monetary donation by next Sunday, December 17th. All items thus far will be picked up today by a representative.

2024 Church calendars – make sure you get one

The new 2024 church liturgical wall calendars are in the narthex. Please take one for home. Also, you may deliver one to someone who might be homebound. Our St. Michael Church extends a special THANK YOU to the WASKO FUNERAL HOME for sponsoring and paying for the calendars.

Youth outing to see “Miracle On Easy Street”

Our ECF program is inviting our students and parents to see the wonderful Christmas show, “Miracle On Easy Street,” **next Sunday, December 17th at 2:30 p.m.** at the DeYor Performing Arts Center, downtown Youngstown. Students and parents are asked to sign-up if attending. Only a select number of tickets will be purchased, so please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and be committed to going. This is a free outing.

Confession Times Before Christmas

In addition to the weekends, there will be two opportunities before Christmas for the Sacrament of Confession: **Tomorrow, Monday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.**
& **Monday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.**



THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS

It was Christmas Eve!

The man’s story to the priest was brief: “We finished trimming the tree and placing the Christ Child in the Crib. I sat back in my big soft chair to relax. But I couldn’t. There was an emptiness inside of me. My wife and children looked so happy. I wasn’t. This problem of mine, the fact that I had drifted from my religion, pressed down on me and I couldn’t relax and be happy. That’s why I’m here, Father, to go to Confession and get straightened out.” This man went back to his home “Christmas-iced”! Christmas had changed him. He realized he could not be happy without Christ. Maybe some of us are not so happy as we could be. Are there perhaps a few things we ought to straighten out with God? Even if we have not slipped seriously, isn’t there room for improvement? There’s no time in the year when so many people earnestly strive to be good as at Christmas.

Christmas is more than store windows, sales, and Santa Claus. More than cards and candy; more than packages in bright wrappings and fancy ribbons. Christmas is more than trees and trains and trimmings; more than ice cubes, cocktails.

Christmas is Mary in blue and Joseph in brown and the Child in white.

Christmas is humility with shepherds and kings on their knees.

Christmas is friendliness, neighborliness, and thoughtfulness.

Christmas is Christ leaving heaven and coming to save us from our sins.

Christmas is contrition and Confession; forgiving and forgetting.

Christmas is changing our way of living, making room in our hearts for Christ.

Christmas is generosity and joy.

Christmas is God come to earth and angels singing “*Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among men of good will.*”

New Years Eve at our hall

A New Years Eve get together will be held at our hall on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st**. Heavy Appetizers will be on the menu. Soda and coffee/tea will be provided along with champagne and wine. You may bring your own other drinks if you wish. You can also bring board games or card games or come anytime or leave anytime. It’s just a nice get-together and safe way to ring in the New Year. You are just asked to sign the list in the narthex so we can prepare. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.**

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