

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.
SPECIAL NEW YEARS WEEK SCHEDULE ON INSIDE COVER

Celebrate and Be Glad

Let us strive to comprehend the mystery. The reason God is in the flesh is to kill the death that lurks there. As diseases are cured by medicines and assimilated by the body, and as darkness in a house is dispelled by the coming of light, so death, which held sway over human nature, is done away with by the coming of God. And as ice formed on water covers its surface as long as night and darkness last but melts under the warmth of the sun, so death reigned until the coming of Christ; but when the grace of God our Savior appeared and the Sun of Justice rose, death was swallowed up in victory, unable to bear the presence of true life. How great is God's goodness, how deep his love for us!

Let us join the shepherds in giving glory to God, let us dance with the angels and sing: Today a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us, not as God, which would have been terrifying for our weakness, but as a slave so as to free those who live in slavery. Who could be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join all here present in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy? This feast belongs to the whole of creation. Let everyone join in and be grateful. Let our voices too ring out in songs of jubilation!

St. Basil the Great

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SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY OF KING DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES



Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord

Christ Is Born!
Glorify Him!
Christós Raždájetsja!
Slávite Jeho!

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(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

Sat., DEC 30

6:00 P.M.

+Dr. Paul M. Dubos
(remembrance of birthday 12.28)

requested by: Family

Sun., DEC 31

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY JOSEPH, KING DAVID, & JAMES

11:00 A.M.

+James T. Klingensmith
(2nd anniversary of passing 12.17)

requested by: Keri Vokish
& Grace Papini

Mon, Jan 1

The Feast Of The Circumcision Of Our Lord & The Feast Of St. Basil the Great — Solemn Holyday — New Year's Day

11:00 a.m.

+Stephen DuBos

requested by: Atty. John & Susan Almasy

Fri., JAN 5



6:00 p.m.

Vigil For The Feast Of The Theophany Of Our Lord - His Holy Baptism — The Great Sanctification Of Water — Holyday of Obligation

Intention For The Parishioners

Sat., JAN 6

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Gerry Testa

requested by: Michelle Miranda

Sun., JAN 7

11:00 a.m.

The Sunday After Theophany

+Paul Hospodar
(15th anniversary of passing)

requested by: Son: Dave & Annette



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 31 – Marian Katula
January 1 – Bill Ohlin
January 4 – Diane Battaglini,
Dr. John Galida



Church Attendance

Saturday 12/23 – 50 (6:00 pm)

Sunday 12/24 – 38 (11:00 am)

– 116 (9:00 pm)

Monday 12/25 – 56 (11:00 am)

Tuesday 12/26 – 12 (11:00 am)

Wednesday 12/27 – 6 (11:00 am)

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

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Gail Clark, Joann Evan, Marlene Hahn, Lindsay Hospodar, Francis Kotasek, Ken Tirpack, Patti Tirpack, 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 23-25, 2023

Sunday Offering \$1,580.00

Loose Currency \$158.00

Candles \$146.00

Holydays.... \$125.00

Christmas \$12,625.00

TOTAL: \$14,634.00



DEC 24-25 TOTAL:

\$144.00



OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT". BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Dec. 24/25	\$14,634	\$2,850	\$11,784
YTD	\$132,127	\$148,200	(\$16,073)

Quote of the Week

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

— Thomas Jefferson

Name: _____ Date: _____

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORD SEARCH



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

- RESOLUTIONS

CHEERS

CALENDAR

FATHER TIME

HUGS

MASK
- FOOD

BALLOONS

FIREWORKS

NOISE

DANCE

MUSIC
- JANUARY

HATS

SONGS

CONFETTI

GOALS

TWELVE
- NEW YEAR

COUNTDOWN

CLOCK

PARTY

MIDNIGHT

CELEBRATION

World Day of Peace – January 1st

Every year on January 1st, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. This year’s message is the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with St. Paul VI in 1967 and continued with St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. *“Artificial Intelligence and Peace”* is the theme of this year. The remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy. Pope Francis calls for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects. He recalls the need to be vigilant and to work so that a logic of violence and discrimination does not take root in the production and use of such devices, at the expense of the most fragile and excluded: injustice and inequalities fuel conflicts and antagonisms. The urgent need to orient the concept and use of artificial intelligence in a responsible way, so that it may be at the service of humanity and the protection of our common home, requires that ethical reflection be extended to the sphere of education and law. The protection of the dignity of the person, and concern for a fraternity effectively open to the entire human family, are indispensable conditions for technological development to help contribute to the promotion of justice and peace in the world.

The Feast of our Lord’s Circumcision – January 1st



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 proto-type 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 Saint Basil the Great – January 1st

Basil was born during the reign of Emperor Constantine. While still unbaptized, Basil spent fifteen 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., and was translated into the Kingdom of Christ.



Happy New Year To All Our Parishioners & Friends

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 5th at 6:00 p.m. for the Obligation Holyday Divine Liturgy. Holyday in Hermitage is Saturday morning, January 6th at 9:00 a.m.

The great sanctification of water on Friday evening

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 beginning on Friday

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.

Civic Club to begin in January

The St. Michael's Civic Club's next meeting will be **Sunday, January 21, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. in the bar room. Again, please note that the start time is one hour earlier. See Nick DuBos for any questions.

Sympathy extended

+**VIRGINIA M. IUDICIANI**, 92, of Lowellville, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 21, 2023. She is the sister of parishioners Jim Testa and Marlene Hahn. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Virginia, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.

Did you attend church for Christmas???

The first precept of the Church teaches that the Christian faithful attend The Divine Liturgy on **ALL Sundays of the year, as well as on ALL Holydays of Obligation**. Besides ALL Sundays, there are 5 Holy Days of Obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. Christmas was a Holyday of Obligation. Did you attend Church? Only a serious or honorable reason should've prevented you from attending. When you purposely miss a Sunday (Sat. vigil) or Holyday of Obligation without a serious or honorable reason or dispensation from a priest, the Church teaches you are in the state of sin. The Sacrament of Confession is the remedy for this.

Heartfelt thanks rendered

(1) **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 kindness in remembering me this Christmas season touches my heart forever. May God bless you throughout this coming New Year."

(2) A special Thanks to ALL who decorated our church for Christmas. Your talent and work is amazing. Thanks for making it look festive and beautiful.

(3) A special Thanks to ALL who gave to the "Toys For Tots" Drive. We collected over 2 big boxes of toys for those in need. Thanks for bringing Christmas to those who wouldn't have had one.

BCW subscriptions

To continue receiving the **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC WORLD** (BCW - the Archieparchial Newspaper), please use the special envelopes in the narthex. The cost to receive this monthly newspaper for a year is \$14.00. Please put your name on the envelope with cash or a check for \$14 made out to St. Michael Church. You may also submit the envelope with payment if you would like to start receiving it.

2024 Liturgy Intentions

You may schedule your 2024 Liturgy Intentions. If you have a special occasion this upcoming new year, or an anniversary of a loved one's passing, or would like certain dates for intentions, please schedule them asap. The stipend for an intention is \$20.00.

Any ideas for 2024?

If you have an idea of something our parish can do in 2024, such as a special activity or event or function, please let Father know. Let's look forward to a great 102nd year as a St. Michael parish family.

The First Pre-Lenten Sunday is January 14th

The First Day of Lent is February 12th – Easter Sunday is March 31st

HOUSE BLESSING FORM 2024



Please submit this form if you would like our pastor to bless your home this new year of 2024! You may place it in the collection basket or mail it to the church office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Best Time for the house blessing: (check one)

Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Early evening _____

Father will call you in the coming weeks to schedule to bless your home.