# Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Facebook: facebook.com/st.michaelsbyz.campbell X: twitter.com@byzcampbell Religious Education Classes ..... ECF classes on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. St. Michael's Civic Club ........... Call Nick DuBos at 412-726-8527 or email him at nicholasdubos@gmail.com. Your Will .......... Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.

#### Who Art in Heaven

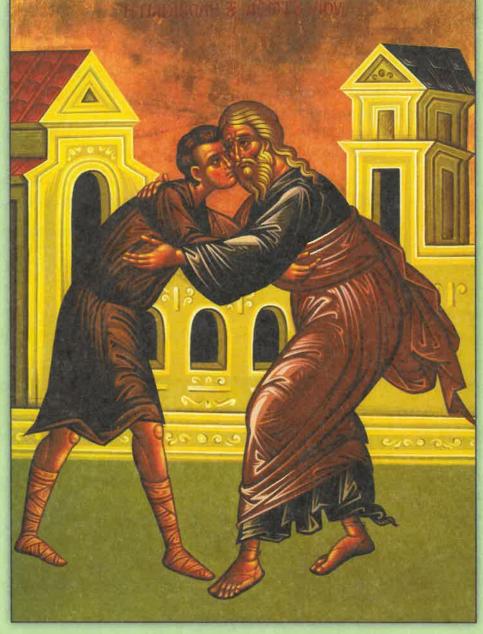
These words I think have a very deep meaning. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost. In the parable of the young man who left his father s house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." [Luke 15:21] He would not confess himself to be a sinner against heaven if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven.

Holydays: 6:00 P.M.

By this confession of his he makes himself worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him. The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.

> St. Gregory of Nyssa On the Lord's Prayer

### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



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Sat., JAN 27

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m. +Dr. Paul M. Dubos

(4th anniversary of passing)

Sun., JAN 28

The Sunday Of The Prodigal Son - 3rd PreLent Sun.

11:00 a.m. +John + Margaret Dubos

requested by: Son: John

requested by: Family

(32nd ann. of passing 1.26) (10th ann. of passing 1.25)

Health & God's Blessings requested by: David VanSuch

Upon: David VanSuch (72nd Birthday 1.29)

Mon., Jan 29

Vigil For The Feast Of The 3 Holy Hierarchs — Simple Holyday

6:00 p.m.

+Jerry Arendas

requested by: GCU members of St. Michael's

Tues., Jan 30

6:00-7:15 p.m. ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall

Wed., Jan 31

Daily Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m.

+Constance "Connie" C. Bulazo

requested by: Husband: Dr. Andrew

(22nd anniversary of passing)

Thurs., Feb 1

**Vigil For The Feast Of The Encounter Of Our Lord** —

Solemn Holy Day — The Solemn Blessing of Candles — Mirovanije

6:00 p.m.

+Dorothy H. Lisko

(remembrance of 89th birthday 2.3)



requested by: Arleen Arendas

Fri., Feb 2

### **Vigil for the First Universal All Souls**

\*5:00 p.m.

+All Souls with the reading of the Hramoty

Sat., FEB 3

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Dr. Mark J. Schaffield, MD requested by: Mi (remembrance of 75th birthday 1.31)

requested by: Michael & Linda Stanko

Sun., FEB 4

The Sunday Of Meat Fare - 4th PreLent Sun.

11:00 a.m.

+Evertt Smail Jr. requested by: Cathy Smail

(6th anniversary of passing 2.1)



### Church Attendance

Saturday 1/20 – **50** (6:00 pm) Sunday 1/21 – **42** (11:00 am)

### Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: January 26, 2024

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Julie Brozman, Gail Clark, Marlene Hahn, Lindsy Hospodar, Francis Kotasek, Greta Marks.

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.

Briarfield Place (8400 Market Street, Youngstown, OH 44512) - Joann Evan, Betty Stanko.

### Church offerings from January 20-21, 2024

Sunday Offering .... \$1,593.00 Loose Currency .... \$27.00

**Candles .... \$89.00 BCW .... \$85.00** 

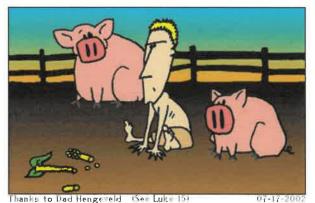
Holydays.... \$20.00 Christmas .... \$150.00

TOTAL: \$1,964.00



Jan 21st TOTAL:

\$286.00



IT WAS THE TRUFFLE-SNIFFING LESSONS THAT FINALLY CONVINCED THE PRODIGAL SON TO RETURN HOME

Weekl	y Requirement	to Meet Year	ly Expenses
			(Shortage)
Date	Collection	Required	Overage
Jan 21	\$1,964	\$2,850	(\$886)
YTD	\$6,251	\$8,550	(\$2,299)

### Quote of the Week

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

— Edith Wharton

# Groundhog Day Word Search

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CLOUDY FORECAST PREDICT SUNNY EARLY GROUNDHOG SHADOW WEATHER FEBRUARY HIBERNATE SPRING WINTER



# **Pope Francis:**

# "Avarice is a 'sickness of the heart, not of the wallet'"



Pope Francis focused on the vice of avarice, or greed, noting that the preoccupation with the accumulation of material goods reflects a greater "compulsive hoarding and pathological accumulation." "It is not a sin that regards only people with large assets but rather a transversal vice, which often has nothing to do with the bank balance. It is a sickness of the heart, not of the wallet," the pope said on Wednesday, January 24th.

The pope cited the example of the Desert Fathers — some of the earliest Christian hermits — who renounced their "enormous inheritances" yet who still "in the solitude of their cells clung to objects of little value. Those objects became for them a sort of fetish from which they could not detach themselves." The "attachment to small things" assumes a totalizing effect whereby it "takes away freedom," Pope Francis continued. While it can give a sense of security, however fragile it may be, the pope noted the accumulation of these goods often becomes an inverted process. He observed that "we may be the masters of the goods we possess, but often the opposite happens: They eventually take possession of us." "Some rich men are no longer free, they no longer even have the time to rest, they have to look over their shoulder because the accumulation of goods also demands their safekeeping. They are always anxious, because a patrimony is built with a great deal of sweat but can disappear in a moment," Pope Francis added.

Highlighting the "drastic" monastic example of the "meditation on death" as a countermeasure to "heal from this disease," Pope Francis observed that these meditations highlight the futility of a hyper-fixation on material goods while also revealing its root cause: "It is an attempt to exorcize the fear of death, it seeks securities that in reality crumble the very moment we hold them in our hand." Death, the pope continued, is a stark reminder of the "senselessness of this vice" as it showcases that "we cannot carry the goods with us!" To further develop this point, the pope turned the Sermon on the Mount to reflect on the importance Jesus placed not on temporal goods and ephemeral pleasures but on the promise of eternal life.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; instead lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal," the pope said, quoting from the Gospel of Matthew.

# The Feast of the 3 Holy Hierarchs



On the 30th day of January, we celebrate the memory of three great and very outstanding bishops, teachers, preachers and Fathers of the Eastern Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. These three hierarchs-bishops were giants of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They handed down to us the pure faith of the Council of Nicea; they expounded the dogmas of the Holy Trinity, Christ's divinity and the Holy Eucharist. Because of their great merits, in her liturgy our Eastern Church calls them peers of the Apostles, instruments of the Holy Spirit, pillars of the Church and universal teachers of the whole world. All three lived in the fourth century—the golden age of the Christian faith. St. Basil and St. Gregory were sons of Cappadocia in Asia

Minor, intimate friends of approximately the same age. St. John Chrysostom, an Antiochian, was younger than the other two by 20 years. Apostolic zeal for the holy faith and salvation of souls united them. Join us for the holyday Vigil Liturgy THIS MONDAY, January 29th at 6:00 p.m.

### The Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord

On February 2nd, we celebrate the Encounter of our Lord Jesus Christ with Simeon in the Temple. In this beautiful scene, the aged Simeon takes the Baby Jesus up in his arms and expresses his delight and joy to God in a brief prayer. The event occurred when Joseph and Mary brought the Child to the Temple to present Him the Lord, according to the law of Moses. The holy family had made its little pilgrimage from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, a distance of about five miles, to accomplish what was called the purification of Mary. This required the presentation of a lamb, or for those who were poor, of two pigeons. In addition, a gift of five shekels to the Temple was required as an acknowledgement of God's claim over the first born male of the household; the child was thus redeemed from sacred duties to enter the secular life. Taking Jesus into his arms was an act of will by Simeon. The Spirit had prepared him to meet Jesus at the correct



moment and had providentially brought them together. Simeon was driven under the impulse of the Spirit to hurry into the Temple, and when he was confronted with the Christ Child, he accepted Him into his arms immediately overlooking the poverty, the humility, or the apparent insignificance of the family. The impulse of the Spirit told him this was to be his only opportunity to see Christ. Join us for the holyday Vigil Liturgy THIS THURSDAY, February 1st at 6:00 p.m.

### **Solemn Blessing of Candles**

On the Feast of the Encounter, candles are blessed. The blessing of candles is our profession that we have seen the true Light Jesus Christ. We have encountered Him and allowed Him into our lives by our faith in Him and by our worship of Him which stems from faith. The prayer for the blessing asks Christ to bless the candles that they may be lit with a visible flame to dispel darkness, and that our hearts enlightened by the invisible light of the Holy Spirit.

### The 1st Universal All Souls

February 3rd is an All Souls Saturday this year. If you wish to add names to your list from last year or make a new one, please submit the special sheet in the narthex. Following the requiem Divine Liturgy, the names of your submitted deceased loved ones are read aloud. The first All Souls Liturgy will be offered FRIDAY evening, February 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

### **REBORN IN WATER & SPIRIT**



Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to NORAH JOY DAVIS who received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist) on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Norah is the daughter of Leslie & Ed Davis and sister of Lilah June Davis. May God grant to His newly enlightened handmaid, Norah Joy, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

## +Msgr. Duker falls asleep in the Lord

+REVEREND MONSIGNOR RUSSELL A. DUKER, 80, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, January 22, 2024. Within his over 50 years of priesthood, Msgr. Russell served in many capacities within the Archeparchy, including Administrator of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Rector of the seminary, and Protosyncellus and Chancellor of the Archeparchy. He also served as pastor of several parishioners including St. Nicholas Church in Youngstown from 1975-1979. He also is the author of numerous articles and publications that deal with the history, liturgy and theological traditions of the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church.



His Funeral Arrangements will all take place at our St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA: Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Visitation 4 – 8 PM. First night of Priestly Parastas - 7 PM Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Visitation 2 – 8 PM. Second night of Priestly Parastas – 7 PM Thursday, February 1, 2024. Funeral Divine Liturgy – 10 AM Interment will take place at Mt. Macrina Cemetery, Uniontown, PA

May God grant to His departed priestly servant, +Msgr. Russell, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

## The Pre-Sanctified Liturgies begin next month

During the holy season of the Great Fast, which this year begins February 12th, our Byzantine



Catholic Church proscribes the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy to be celebrated. This is a special Liturgy with different melodies in which no Consecration takes place, due to the fact that the Eucharist is already consecrated (pre-sanctified). In this year of 2024, our pastor will celebrate the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on WEDNESDAYS DURING THE GREAT FAST (LENT) AT 6:00 P.M. Join us for the weekly Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during the season of The Great Fast. Don't miss out

on attending this beautiful and uplifting Lenten Liturgy. Make it part of your Lenten goals to attend!

# 'Blessing Bag' for Lenten almsgiving

During the month of February, our ECF students will be collecting items for a "Blessing Bag" that they will compose and distribute to those in need at 'Our Community Kitchen', Youngstown. In order to put this together, they are asking for items like gloves, beef sticks, crackers, candy bars, toothpaste, toothbrush, wipes, deodorant, snacks and other items that might help someone who is homeless. A box will be in the back of the church beginning next weekend to place the items. Monetary donations will also be accepted.



Wedding Soup Sale Today - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. \$10 guart