

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.

Let Us Venerate Today the Baptism of Christ ... Wash Yourselves and Be Clean

I cannot restrain my joy; my heart is deeply moved and filled with delight. Forgetting my weakness, I long to undertake the mission of the great John the Baptist; though I am not the Forerunner, I have indeed come from the desert!

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather He enlightens us with His brilliance. He is baptized; let us go down into the water with Him so that we may also come up with Him. John is baptizing, and Jesus comes to him. Christ certainly sanctifies the man who now baptizes Him, but His purpose is chiefly to bury the old Adam in the waters and, above all, to sanctify the waters of the Jordan by His baptism in them so that just as He was spirit and flesh, those who would later be baptized might be sanctified by the power of the Spirit and by water.

John refuses; Jesus insists. "It is you that should be baptizing me!" says John. The torch addresses the Sun, the voice speaks to the Word. Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with Him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens not being rent, but opening of their own accord.

The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access. The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as He to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

St. Gregory the Theologian

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th



Christ Is Baptized!
In the Jordan!
Christós Krescajetsja!
Vo Jordani!

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

Tues., Jan 9

6:00-7:15 P.M.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall



Sat., JAN 13

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Gloria Katula

(remembrance of 87th birthday 1.8)

requested by: Nancy & Kenneth Dunn

Sun., JAN 14

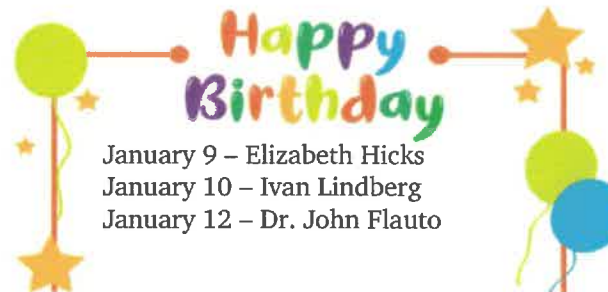
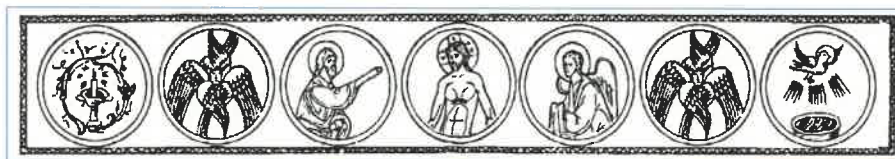
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The Sunday Of Zacchaeus - The First Pre-Lenten Sunday

+Jerry Arendas

(1st anniversary of passing 1.17)

requested by: Wife: Arleen & Family



January 9 – Elizabeth Hicks

January 10 – Ivan Lindberg

January 12 – Dr. John Flauto

Church Attendance

Saturday 12/30 – **54** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 12/31 – **52** (11:00 am)

Monday 1/1 – **14** (11:00 am)

Friday 1/5 – **62** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: January 5, 2024

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 30-31, 2023

Sunday Offering \$1,219.00

Loose Currency \$141.00

Candles \$107.00

Holydays.... \$250.00

Christmas \$840.00

TOTAL: \$2,557.00



DEC 31st TOTAL:

\$235.00



Thanks to Jason Baker

01-26-2009

GREAT, THERE WENT OUR CHANCES FOR WINNING THE FATHER & SON BOWL-OFF

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Dec. 31	\$2,557	\$2,850	(\$293)
YTD	\$134,684	\$151,050	(\$16,366)

Quote of the Week

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

— Vern McLellan

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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T D P L E A S E D O D L N N Z

GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE	LOVE	JESUS
OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

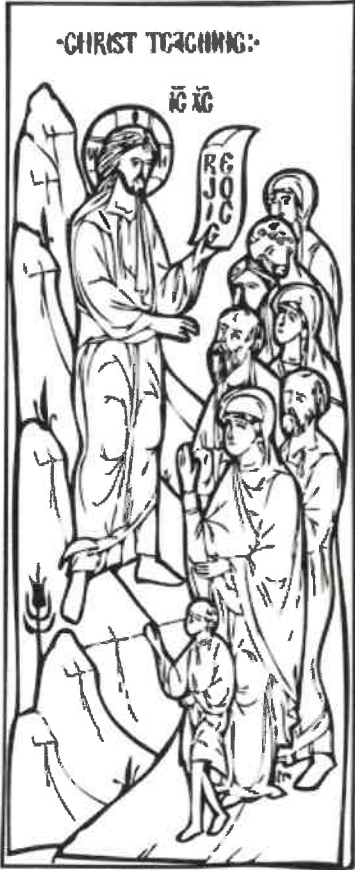
"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

Our answer to the light: three candles, candles of faith, of hope and of love

In the life of Jesus three lights were manifested: 1) the light of Nativity symbolized by the star that lead the Magi from the East to worship the Savior, it is the light of faith: we believe that Jesus is the Son of God; 2) the light of the Resurrection, which is the light of hope in eternal life; 3) the light of Pentecost, which is the light of Love; for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love.

The story of our Christian life is the story of our illumination by Jesus. Jesus comes as "a great light" to those who languish in the darkness of ignorance, despair, and hatred. 1) To those who sit in the darkness of ignorance, He lights the candle of knowledge; 2) to those who sit in the darkness of despair, He lights the candle of hope; 3) to those who sit in the darkness of hatred, He lights the candle of love. And with these three theological virtues He lights candles of joy, forgiveness, peace, and meaning in the lives of people today.

When we enter the Church we light a candle. The processions of the Gospel and of the offerings are accompanied by candles. This is to remind us that we have received light from Christ and that, like Him, we too, ought to be lighting candles in the lives of people. We have the mission to spread the light of Christ in the world. He said of himself: "I am the light of the world." The same thing He said to us: "You are the light of the world." Then He added explaining what does mean to be the light of the world: "A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Mat. 5:14-16).



NEWLY SANCTIFIED HOLY WATER AVAILABLE



This past Friday evening at the Theophany Divine Liturgy, the Great Sanctification of Water took place. All of us should have holy water present within our homes so that we may partake of it during the year. Holy Water is available in the special fonts near the front of the church.

Where should I keep Holy Water?

ANSWER: Some keep the holy water in their icon corner and others in the refrigerator.

Does Holy Water have magical powers?

ANSWER: No. But it is matter that is “spirit-bearing” which brings the blessing of God, cleansing, healing, and can be used for every purpose that is expedient.

When should I drink Holy Water?

ANSWER: When you feel a spiritual need, that is when you find yourself strongly tempted; feel in an evil way; are about to set out on a journey; will miss the Divine Services; before a difficult encounter; in illness, afflictions, etc. It is the custom of some pious people to take a drink of holy water the first thing every day before they eat or drink anything else (except on days when they receive Holy Communion).

What to do with last year’s Holy Water?

ANSWER: Holy Water is NEVER to be poured down a drain. If you took Holy Water home this year, you may discard last year’s Holy Water in a respectable manner and place. This includes on the grass where it goes to the earth, in plants, or bring it to church and our pastor will dispose of it for you.

What to do with Holy Water?

ANSWER: Please use the Sanctified Holy Water to bless yourself frequently and also to drink it. We should use it especially in times of illness, temptation, decision-making, in remembrance of your baptism on its’ anniversary, and also in remembrance of departed loved ones. It is a powerful sacramental of the church!

Theophany Liturgy was an Obligation

Besides ALL Sundays of the year, there are 5 Holydays that our Byzantine Catholic Church requires as obligatory. Theophany (January 6th) was one of them. Did you attend church for the Theophany Divine Liturgy??? Unless you are physically sick or there is an honorable reason you can’t make it to church, you need a dispensation to miss. Missing church on a weekend or for an obligatory holyday is no light matter and is a serious binding on the soul. Did you attend church???

House Blessings to begin

If you would like your home blessed this year, fill out the yellow form in last week’s bulletin and submit it. Extra forms in the narthex.

Food Sales meeting this Tuesday

There will be an organizational brief meeting this **Tuesday, January 9th at 1:00 p.m.** at the Hall to discuss upcoming food sales and events and activities for the new year, especially concerning our Halushki and Soup sales during the weeks of Lent. Everyone of our parish is invited to attend. If you cannot make it and have some input concerning food sales, give our pastor a call before Tuesday.

ECF Classes resumes this Tuesday

It’s hard to believe how fast Christmas break went. Just a reminder that ECF classes will resume this **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m.** We look forward to a great second half!

Civic Club meeting in two weeks

The St. Michael’s Civic Club will meet on **Sunday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the bar room.

Livestream perspective upgrade

Our pastor is looking for anyone who has knowledge about updating our livestream capabilities. In particular, to mount a fixed camera or two that can livestream instead of using a phone. Or another way or idea that can make livestreaming a bit better. If you or know of anyone who can do this, please contact our pastor.

NEW YEAR CAN BEGIN ANYTIME

~~One November we ordered a new car, which did not arrive until the new year. As we cleaned out the old car, I muttered, “How did we accumulate so much junk?” We sorted through old maps, dried-up ballpoint pens, outdated addresses and loose coins.~~

~~We made unwavering resolutions about keeping this new car clean, orderly and functioning properly. Thinking about resolutions, I sensed a connection between a new car and a new year. The first order of business is to clear out the clutter, discard the useless, remove the dust and dirt. Begin fresh.~~

~~A new year can begin anytime in our lives. We can sort through old attitudes, clean our minds of envy, toss out the habits of gossip and carrying grudges. We can resolve to keep our promises and curb our anger.~~

~~I stood back and surveyed the fresh, shiny car. Yes, a new year could begin anytime or any place.~~

MY RESOLUTION

~~I won’t look back; God knows the fruitless effort, I’ll leave them all with him who blots the record, and mercifully forgives and then forgets.~~

~~I won’t look forward; God sees all the future, the road that, short or long, will lead me home, and he will face with me its every trial and bear with me the burdens that may come.~~

~~But I’ll look up into the face of Jesus, for there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; and there is joy and love, and light for darkness, and perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.~~

*When we throw out the Christmas tree we should be especially careful
not to throw out the Christmas spirit with it.*

***Request Form For Your
Financial Statement from the
year 2023***



St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
Campbell, Ohio

**Yes, I would like my contribution statement sent
to me from 2023!**

I prefer: _____ **regular mailing**
_____ **e-mail**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You may submit this form in the collection basket or
mail it to the church. Your statement will be sent to
you by your preferred choice.