# Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Facebook: facebook.com/st.michaelsbyz.campbell X: twitter.com@byzcampbell 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. 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.

WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m. THE PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY: Every Wednesday during Lent 6:00 p.m.

### Readiness to Forgive

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made "the sun to shine on the evil and on the good."

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, "Our Father," and "thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," and "give us the bread, and forgive us our debts," and "lead us not into temptation," and "deliver us." So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

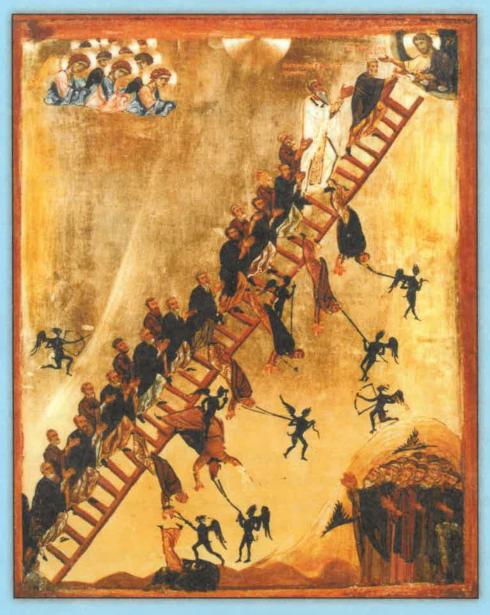
How great a reproof then must they de-

serve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God's vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

St. John Chrysostom

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### SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of the the Ladder of Divine Ascent

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

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### Sat., FEB 10 6:00 p.m.

### (Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Florence J. Galida (1st anniversary of passing 1.29) requested by: Family

### Sun., FEB 11

11:00 a.m. +Alexander Orosz requested by: Gary Orosz

(33rd anniversary of passing)

Baptism, Chrismation, & First Eucharist of Mario Michael Moschella

# Mon. Feb 12

12:30 p.m.

### Pure Monday - No Meat, Eggs, Dairy Products OBLIGATED

The Sunday Of Cheese Fare - Final PreLent Sun.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Michael's, Hermitage @, 6:00 p.m.



Tues., Feb 13 6:00-7:15 p.m.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall

### Wed, Feb 14

6:00 p.m.

## Pure Wednesday - No Meat Products OBLIGATED The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy with the oil of gladness

### Fri. Feb 16

Pure Friday - No Meat Products OBLIGATED Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Michael's, Hermitage @, 6:00 p.m.

Sat., FEB 17 11:00 a.m.

Baptism, Chrismation, & First Eucharist of Braxton James Freeman

### 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving: Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary requested by: Family of Bob & Teena Kovach

Sun., FEB 18

### The First Sunday Of The Great Fast - The Sunday of the Triumph of True Worship

+Catherine Gozur Mrosko requested by: Cathy Smail

11:00 a.m.

(16th anniversary of passing 2.14)

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

requested by: Karen & Jan Seidler

+Helen Palusak (40th day of passing 2.17)

# February 11 - Pat Gomori February 14 – Dolly Macala February 15 – Joe Kinnick February 16 – Nick Rappach February 17 – Dave Hospodar, Michael Gordan Katula Charles Norman

### Church Attendance

Saturday 2/3 - 48 (6:00 pm)

Sunday 2/4 – no count recorded (11:00 am

### Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: February 9, 2024

RESIDING AT HOME - Julie Brozman, Jessica Cohn, Marlene Hahn, Lindsy Hospodar, Fr. Michael Huszti, Nicholas Ihnat, Francis Kotasek.

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) - 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 February 10 & 11, 2024

**Sunday Offering .... \$1,580.00** Loose Currency .... \$66.00

Candles .... \$122.00 Holydays.... \$225.00 TOTAL: \$1,993.00

HALL USE: \$250.00



FEB. 4th TOTAL:

\$671.00

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THIS FAST, I WANTED TO FAST BY GIVING UP SOMETHING THAT I TRULY LOVE, AND I AM A HUGE FAN OF FASTING

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Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Feb. 4	\$2,243	\$2,850	(\$607)
YTD	\$10,678	\$14,250	(\$3,572)

### **Quote of the Week**

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

— Saint Augustine

# VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



Valentine Candy Chocolate February Flowers Friend Cupid Cuddle Hug Kiss Love Be Mine Hearts Card Love

Arrow

Pink Red Roses I Love You Sweet



### A meditation on Lent

All of us lead lives so filled with the demands of work and family that little time is left to us to cultivate the garden of our soul. In our preoccupation with the ceaseless business of life, our spirit, if not completely forgotten, is often sadly neglected. When we do find the time to look at ourselves honestly, we soon discover that the spirit of the world has gradually and imperceptibly eaten away at our good intentions; we have become shopworn by the cares



and self-centered spirit of the world. Fortunately for us, the church recognized from its earliest days that we would need regular periods of reflection and renewed effort if we were to free ourselves from the relentless grip of worldly cares, to once again imitate the example of Christ and reflect it in our lives. It did so by developing the season of Lent, a season which invites us to renew our concentration on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which lie at the very heart of Christian living.

Through the discipline of quiet prayer, we acknowledge and affirm the sovereignty of almighty God in our lives. In doing so, we surrender the notion of living according to the principle of power; we accept that we are not the measure of all things. In the practice of fasting, we seek to overcome the power that material things have gained over us; we strive to be servants of the sacred and not merely masters of the material and profane.

Finally, we are called to almsgiving, through which we share the fruits of our labor with those in need, and thus surrender our natural tendency to be self-seeking. Prayer which unites us to God, fasting which curbs our ceaseless desires, almsgiving which allows us to actively love our neighbor as ourselves --- these are the transforming gifts of Lent. If they are to convey their wonderful grace, however, we must make them the tools by which we deepen and enrich our faith and relationship to Jesus Christ. That, truly, is what it means to be a Christian. The wisdom of the ages invites us once again to this marvelous opportunity to find God in our lives; let us take care that we not waste it.

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# Why do we refer to Lent as "The Great Fast"

In the Byzantine Catholic Church, Lent is called "THE GREAT FAST" to distinguish it from the other three minor penitential seasons: the Fast before the Nativity of Christ (St. Philip's Fast – Advent), the Dormition Fast in August and the SS. Peter & Paul Fast in June.

It is called "Great" because it is more intense than the other fasting periods. For Christians, the Great Fast is a season to be taken seriously. The time of repentance should affect all aspects of our life: our diet, our prayer life, our daily schedule, our daily attitude. Regardless of how strictly we choose to fast, every Christian's eating habits should be remarkably different during this season. The message is to simplify our lifestyle, to get away from being creatures of habit, always "giving in" to our cravings, to consider those in our midst who have no choice but who need to fast on a constant basis due to poverty, etc.

## The Great Fast begins tomorrow

The first day of the Great Fast begins tomorrow, February 12th. Tomorrow, to begin in a spirit of repentance, we are required to practice STRICT abstinence by eating no meat, eggs, or any dairy products or their substitutes. Throughout this sacred season, we are required to practice SIMPLE **abstinence** by eating no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are to begin the Great Fast not only in repentance but in a spirit of joy for it is an opportunity for growth and renewal in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a punishment but a gift. This marvelous gift makes us realize the presence of a loving God in our lives by stepping out of the ordinary. We do things differently this time of year: the fasting, the extra prayer



services, almsgiving – all enabling us to focus on God and our relationship with him in a special way.

## The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy each week starting Wednesday



During the holy season of the Great Fast 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). Join us each Wednesday during the Great Fast at 6:00 p.m.

# Lenten almsgiving bank available

As we have been doing for the past few Lenten seasons, Lenten voluntarily almsgiving banks are available in the narthex. You may take one and fill it up with coins and/or bills during the season of Lent as part of almsgiving. Then bring it to church on Good Friday and there will be a special basket to place them by our Lord's tomb.



### 3-bar chocolate crosses available to order



A 3-bar chocolate candy cross made by Sarris Candies will be available for \$6.00 per cross. They come in milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and white chocolate. Please mark your quantity along with what kind on the special sheet in the narthex. They will be distributed on Palm Sunday weekend. All orders must be in by Sunday, March 10th.

# 'Blessing Bag' collection underway

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 is in the back of the church to place the items. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

## Civic Club meeting

The St. Michael's Civic Club will hold a meeting next Sunday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m.

### REBORN IN WATER & SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to MARIO MICHAEL MOSCHELLA who will receive the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist) this Sunday afternoon February 11, 2024. Mario is the infant son of Carla & Brain Moschella. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant, Mario Michael, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed and happy years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

# Lenten food sales begins this week

Our St. Michael Church will once again have food sales on the Fridays of the Great Fast. Please promote and support these sales as well. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Walk-ins welcome until supplies last. You may pre-order for any of the weeks in the narthex or call the church office at 330-755-4831 or Annette at 330-540-4334.

#### PICK UP TIMES: 12 NOON -2 PM & 5 PM-6 PM

Date	Main meal - \$10	Soup - \$10 per quart
Feb. 16, 2024	Halushki	Potato
Feb. 23, 2024	Stuffed Shells	Minestrone
March 1, 2024	Halushki	Tomato
March 8, 2024	Flatbread Pizza	Vegetable Barley
March 15, 2024	Halushki	Potato

## Volunteers to help with weekly Lenten food sales

Volunteers are asked to help with making weekly food sales every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the hall and on every Friday at 9:00 a.m.

# ByzanTEEN National Rally this summer

ByzanTEENS (ages 13-19) are given the opportunity to gather from across the country for the biennial national ByzanTEEN Youth Rally It's a great opportunity to make new friends, form lasting relationships, pray, grow spiritually, listen to inspiring talks from our Byzantine leaders, support one another in the Faith, and just have fun. The Rally takes place June 27-30, 2024 at the University of San Diego in California. Any parish teen and/or chaperone who would like to attend, please see our pastor.

## **Voting at Hall**

Our St. Michael Church renewed the contract this year of 2024 with the Board of Elections to be the host site for voting for the city of Campbell at our Hall. There are 3 voting days: Tuesday, March 19th; Tuesday, June 11th; and Tuesday, November 5th.

### Think 3-Tier auction when out shopping

Just a reminder that there are many bargains out in the stores now, especially on winter items...If shopping, consider buying a gift or two for our parish's 3 Tier Auction. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2024.