

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 Contact 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.



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.

Icons Show the Human Face of God

In recent months my Sunday reflections have frequently focused on our Christian brothers and sisters of the East. Wishing as it were to embrace their rich tradition of faith in a single glance, today I would like to refer once again to the sense of mystery which is apparent in their icons. The East and the West vie with each other to put their art at the service of the faith.

But from the East, where icons had to be defended with bloodshed in the iconoclast crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, comes a particular call jealously to preserve the religious nature of this art. It is based on the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God chose to assume a human face. In the last analysis, sacred art seeks to transmit something of the mystery of that face.

This is why the East firmly insists on the spiritual qualities which must characterize the artist,

to whom Simeon of Thessalonica, the great defender of Tradition, addresses this important exhortation: "Teach with words, write with letters, paint with colors, in conformity with Tradition; the painting is true, as is the writing of books; and the grace of God is present in them, because what is represented there is holy."

By contemplating icons in the whole context of liturgical and ecclesial life, the Christian community is called to grow in its experience of God, and to become more and more a living icon of the communion of life between the Three Divine Persons.

Pope John Paul II

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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



Icon of the Holy Images



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



Sat., FEB 17
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Thanksgiving: 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by: Family
of Bob & Teena Kovach

Sun., FEB 18
11:00 a.m.

**The First Sunday Of The Great Fast – The Sunday
of the Triumph of True Worship**

+Catherine Gozur Mrosko requested by: Cathy Smail
(16th anniversary of passing 2.14)

+Helen Palusak requested by: Karen & Jan Seidler

Tues., Feb 20
6:00-7:15 p.m.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall

Wed. Feb 21



6:00 p.m.

The 2nd Wednesday of the Great Fast –
No Meat Products OBLIGATED
The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy



Fri. Feb 23

The 2nd Friday of the Great Fast –
No Meat Products OBLIGATED

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



Sat., FEB 24
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Richard W. Trexler requested by: Family
(6th anniversary of passing 2.12)

Sun., FEB 25

**The Second Sunday Of The Great Fast – The
Sunday of the Palsied Man**

+Constance "Connie" C. Bulazo requested by: Husband: Dr. Andrew
(22nd anniversary of passing 1.31)
Rescheduled due to funeral



February 18 – Ella Quinn
February 20 – Michael Drotar
February 21 – Olivia Bigley
February 22 – Dominic Cutrone,
Joey Kinnick,
Pamela Kotasek

Church Attendance

Saturday 2/10 – **47** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 2/11 – **66** (11:00 am)
Wednesday 2/14 – **27** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: February 16, 2024

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Jessica Cohn, Joann Evan, Marlene Hahn, Lindsay 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) – Betty Stanko.

Church offerings from February 10 & 11, 2024

Sunday Offering \$1,894.00

Loose Currency \$80.00

Candles \$71.00

Christmas \$100.00

Holydays.... \$35.00

TOTAL: \$2,180.00



FEB. 11th TOTAL:
\$380.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Feb. 11	\$2,180	\$2,850	(\$670)
YTD	\$12,858	\$17,100	(\$4,242)

Quote of the Week

"You could say prayer without
fasting is like boxing with one hand tied
behind your back, and that fasting without
prayer is, well, dieting."

— Matt Fradd



HEY WARDEN, I'M IN CHARGE OF THE
PRISON BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK AND MY
TOPIC IS "YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW" ...
I'M GOING TO NEED A FEW SHOVELS FOR
THIS OF COURSE, AND MAYBE A HOE ...
AND PROBABLY A LADDER



My name is _____

Presidents' Day Word Find

Find and circle the words.

W B C O U N T R Y Z L U P B I I V E Z R C G M A
P O T U S F J P G H P L S W G O V E R N M E N T
I Z A N P W O Y N S I T O H B F I X F L I G A X
L F S I W L A O M U N Z R K W C E G X L S X M U
X F T H X Y I F H E M R B B N H K D L G A U U W
W N M V L T N D D L Z B A H C C J E E F M G M D
B I A H A I L I C B V A A N B P V J V R S O Y F
W G O N K S S Y A U C H A C N E N B C V A X I J
B Y N F E E R W S I A R Q J U S Q A O D U L P H
H I R T R O P X R Y B C L L G W C P M J T F O C
T I O P T L N E R E Y W B H Q H E K M R L N E E
X V O S H P M A V C B E L D E I L Q A U A T L W
S G I E B A U I A L T V I U T T E W N R Y D E A
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Q D T E C O S W G N W G O J E O A H R D Q Y F I
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L C X E P E X K D R F X N J U S E K N S P A W G
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K T B S T A R S A N D S T R I P E S H I P R M O
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H C O N S T I T U T I O N Z M U I G E I Z O F O
Y X E I F Q F O U R Y E A R S X M F F Z H T G V
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AMERICA
CELEBRATE
CEREMONY
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
CONSTITUTION
COUNTRY
DEMOCRACY
ELECT
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FEBRUARY
FEDERAL
FLAG
FOUR YEARS
GOVERNMENT
HISTORY
HOLIDAY
LINCOLN
NATION

PATRIOT
POTUS
PRESIDENTS
RED WHITE BLUE
STARS AND STRIPES
USA
VOTE
WASHINGTON
WHITE HOUSE

What is the point of fasting, anyway?

One of the three Lenten practices we are obligated to do is FASTING. BUT WHY? God commanded it, Jesus practiced it, the Church fathers have preached the importance of it — fasting is a powerful and fundamental part of the Christian life. So what, in essence, is fasting? It's the deprivation of the good, in order to make a decision for a greater good.

The whole purpose of fasting is to put the created order and our spiritual life in a proper balance. As bodily creatures in a post-fallen state, it's easy to let our "lower passions" for physical goods supersede our higher intellect. We take good things for granted and reach for them whenever we feel like it, without thinking, without reference to the One who gives us the food, and without reference to the question of whether it's good for us or not. Thus, fasting helps make more room for God in our life.

The very first fast was ordered by God to Adam in the Garden of Eden when God instructed Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gn 2:16-17). This divine prohibition was not because the tree was bad. It was "made good" like all creation, but its fruit was meant to be eaten "in the right time and the right way." In the same way, we abstain from created goods so we may enjoy them "in the right time and the right way."

Fasting is also good because it is submission to God. By fasting from the fruit of the tree, Adam and Eve would have become partakers in the divine nature through their obedience to God. Instead, they tried to take this knowledge of good and evil for themselves and ate the fruit, disobeying God and bringing original sin, death, and illness upon mankind. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus abstained from food and water for 40 days and nights in the desert and thus reversed what happened in the Garden of Eden. Like Adam and Eve, Christ was tempted by the devil but instead remained obedient to God the Father, reversing the disobedience of Adam and Eve and restoring our humanity. Following the example of Jesus, Byzantine Catholics are called to fast.

"The fast is the weapon of protection against demons," St. Basil the Great taught. "Our guardian angels more really stay with those who have cleansed our souls through fasting." Why is fasting so powerful? By setting aside this [created] realm where the devil works, we put ourselves into communion with another realm where the devil does not work; he cannot touch us. It better disposes us for prayer. Because we feel greater hunger or thirst when we fast from food and water, it reminds us of our frailty and helps us be more humble. Without humility, prayer and then our experience of God really can't be unlocked.

Fasting leads us to realize our weakness and dependence on God, so that we can discover anew the depths of God's mercy for us and can be more merciful to others. Giving up good things may seem onerous and burdensome but can — and should — be done with joy. It's the joy of deepening our relationship with Christ, and therefore coming closer to him. It's the joy of loving Him more, and the more we love God the closer we draw to Him. Lent is all about the cross, and eventually the resurrection. If we make an authentic, real sacrifice for Christ during Lent, we can come to that day of the crucifixion and say 'Yes, Lord, I willingly with you accept the cross. And when we do that, then we will behold the third day of resurrection.'



Don't miss church on Wednesdays

Lent is a time to attend church more...And just not on the weekend! It's a special time to incorporate an extra day of public worship into your busy schedule! The penitential season of The Great Fast is manifested in the Church's Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy. If you have never attended a Pre-Sanctified before, you are truly missing something special! Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Give one extra hour of worship to God during the season of Lent!



Singing practice this Monday

There is a practice for all cantors and singers scheduled for this **Monday, February 19th at 5:30 p.m.** in the church. Anyone else may come as well if you would like to help out with cantoring.

Civic Club meeting tonight

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

No 2nd All Souls

According to the Typicon, the 2nd All Souls Saturday is omitted next Saturday due to the commemoration of the first and second findings of the head of St. John the Baptist.

2 more weeks for collection for 'Blessing Bags'

Our ECF students are collecting items for a "Blessing Bag" that they will put together and distribute to those in need at 'Our Community Kitchen', on Saturday, March 9th. 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.

Lenten food sales continue this week

Please promote and support these sales. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Walk-ins welcome until supplies last. You may pre-order in the narthex or call 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. 23, 2024	Stuffed Shells & salad	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.

Congratulations Jubilarians

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **BOB & TEENA KOVACH** who are celebrating their **50th "Golden" Wedding Anniversary**. They were married on February 15, 1974 here at our St. Michael Church. May the Lord God grant to His servants, Bob & Teena, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!



Happy 96th Birthday

Our Saint Michael Parish offers birthday wishes to **MICHAEL DROTAR** who turns "96" years old on Tuesday, February 20th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, Michael, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahja l'ita. Happy 96th Birthday Michael

Happy 76th Birthday Fr. Lambert

Our Saint Michael Parish offers birthday wishes to **FR. RICHARD LAMBERT** who turns "76" years old on Thursday, February 22nd. Fr. Richard serves as the Protopresbyter (Dean) of our Youngstown Deanery and pastor of St. Mary's Church (Westside) Youngstown. May the Lord God grant to His priestly servant, Fr. Richard, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahja l'ita.



REBORN IN WATER & SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to **BRAXTON JAMES FREEMAN** who received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist) on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Braxton is the son of Christina Prasinos and brother of Yianniko Freeman. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant, Braxton James, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed and happy years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

ISN'T IT STRANGE...

1. *Isn't it strange* how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?
2. *Isn't it strange* how 2 hours seems so long when you're at church, and so short when you're watching a good movie?
3. *Isn't it strange* that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?
4. *Isn't it strange* how difficult and tedious it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?
5. *Isn't it strange* how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the *last* row in church?
6. *Isn't it strange* how we need to know about an event for church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust for other events at the last minute?
7. *Isn't it strange* how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?
8. *Isn't it strange* how we question the words in the Bible, but we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say?
9. *Isn't it strange* how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?