## Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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

#### Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls - self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

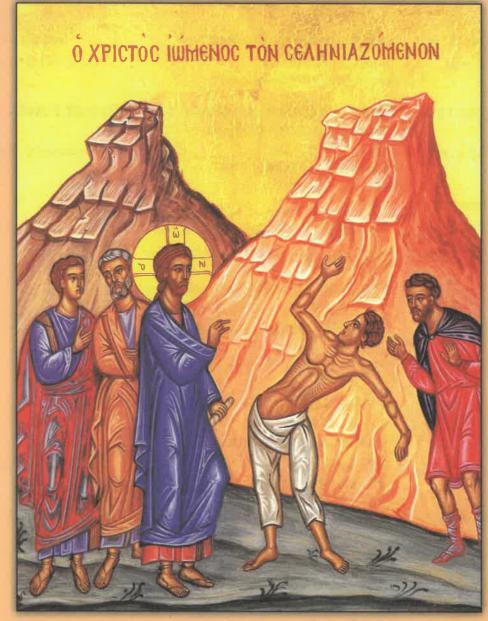
We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls - and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.

For publications on Eastern spirituality, visit www.ecpubs.com

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of Healing the Boy with a Demon

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



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Sat., MAR 9 6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Mary C. Tablack (23rd anniversary of passing 3.10)

requested by: Granddaughters

Sun., MAR 10

The Fourth Sunday Of The Great Fast - The

Sunday of St. John Climacus

11:00 a.m. +Stevie J. Dimoff requested by: Dimoff Family (2nd anniversary of passing 3.15)

Tues., Mar 12

Burial of +Katherine Keshock at our St. Michael Cemetery

The 5th Wednesday of the Great Fast -

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

Wed. Mar 13

6:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

No Meat Products OBLIGATED

The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy

The 5th Friday of the Great Fast -

No Meat Products OBLIGATED

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

Sat., MAR 16

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Rosemary Dubos (40th day of passing 3.6)

requested by: Marge Shabella

Sun., MAR 17

The Fifth Sunday Of The Great Fast - The Sunday

of St. Mary of Egypt - St. Patrick's Day

11:00 a.m. +Carmel Carson

requested by: Drotar Family

(1st anniversary of passing 3.13)







Church Attendance

Saturday 3/2 – **46** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 3/3 – **62** (11:00 am)

Wednesday 3/6 - 35 (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: March 8, 2024

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Joann Evan, 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.

Church offerings from March 2 & 3, 2024

**Sunday Offering ....** \$2,555.00 **Loose Currency ....** \$13.00

**Candles ....** \$112.00 **BCW ....** \$14.00

Holydays .... \$50.00

TOTAL: \$2,744.00

+Rosemary Dubos In Memory Donations: \$600.00



Mar. 3rd TOTAL: \$936.00

 Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

 Date
 Collection
 Required
 (Shortage)

 Mar. 3
 \$2,744
 \$2,850
 (\$106)

 YTD
 \$19,739
 \$25,650
 (\$5,911)



MOSES WAS NOT HAPPY WHEN HE FOUND THAT HIS BATHWATER WAS PULLED FROM THE RED SEA

#### Quote of the Week

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love.

— Venerable Fulton Sheen

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#### Ain't It Funny?

Ain't it funny how we set our clocks to arise at 4:00 am or 5:00 am to be at the job by 7:30; yet, when Sunday comes we can't get to church on time for the 11 a.m. Liturgy to praise the one who gave us the jobs?

Ain't it funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother; but find it hard to introduce them to our family and friends?

Ain't it funny how small our sins seem, but how big others' sins are?

Ain't it funny how we demand justice for others; but expect mercy for ourselves from God?

Ain't it funny how much difficulty some have learning the Gospel well enough to tell others; but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else?

Ain't it funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray; but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend?

Ain't it funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost; but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives?

Each of these questions presented to us here represents choices that we all make in our daily lives. And this choice is simple—to follow Christ or not to follow Him. We alone, not anyone else, make this choice. And the choices that we make and continue to make will lay the groundwork for our eternal reward or our eternal punishment. Is this way easy? No. We are told to take up our cross, just as our Lord did, but even though it is challenging, we have Him by our side! This is why the last part of the "Ain't it funny..." reflection is so important. A lot of times, in our own spiritual blindness, we fail to see God's hand in all that we do. We fail to recognize that our Lord is not only there with us during the hard times, but He is also present during the good times as well.

How do we ask God for direction? We pray, naturally, and we exercise the Mystery of Repentance/Confession. Through the priest, Christ forgives our sins and guides us in ways that we can become stronger and better, to resist temptation. However, all of these things depend on choices that WE make each and every day.

As we attend Divine Services to praise our Lord, let us not only reflect on the Gospel, but let us also attempt to LIVE the Gospel. This is where the true lesson comes for us. This is the importance of the message that we hear each and every time we attend Matins and Divine Liturgy! May God bless you, and may you continue to make the right choices in life, with Christ as your compass.

## St. John Climacus remembered this Sunday

Our holy father John of the Ladder is a Saint whom we commemorate every year on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. He lived in the late 6th and early 7th centuries. He was tonsured a monk at the Monastery of Saint Catherine at Mt. Sinai. Most of his life was spent completely by himself in continuous prayer at the place where, according to tradition, God had spoken to Moses by the burning bush and later had given to him the Law. During the last years of his life our venerable father John was the archimandrite-abbot of St. Catherine's Monastery, where he wrote his famous work "The Ladder of Divine Ascent", which caused him to be known as St. John "of the Ladder."



In this book he teaches how we can become spiritually and morally perfect. May the life and the writings of Saint John Climacus, whom we commemorate on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, both enlighten and inspire us in our own pilgrimage towards the Glorious third day Resurrection!

## Final week of Lenten food sales

Please promote and support this last Lenten food sale. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Walk-ins welcome. 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				
March 15, 2024	Halushki	Potato				

## Volunteers to help with weekly Lenten food sales

Volunteers are asked to help out this final week of sales on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the hall and on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

# Spaghetti dinner in 2 weeks - Tickets available



The annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is **Sunday, March 24th**. The dinner will be eat-in or take out. The price per dinner for adults is \$12.00; children's dinner is \$6.00. Tickets are now available in the narthex. The time of the dinner is 12:00 noon -2:30 p.m. Your help is needed. Please sign the list in the narthex if we can count on you to help out.

#### Sign-up if attending Priest Ordinations

Deacon John Welch & Deacon Tim Farris will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, Hermitage, PA. There is an invitation for those who wish to attend the Liturgy and reception afterward. Please sign-up in the narthex if you plan on going to the Priesthood Ordination Liturgy and/or reception.

## Final day to order chocolate crosses

All orders for the chocolate crosses are due by TODAY. Please mark your quantity along with what kind of chocolate on the special sheet in the narthex. They will be distributed on Palm Sunday weekend. \$6.00 per cross. THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA ONES ORDERED, SO IF YOU WANT ANY, PLEASE SIGN UP.

## Civic Club meeting next Sunday

The St. Michael's Civic Club will hold a meeting next Sunday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.

## Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday



Our youth "EASTER EGG HUNT" will be Easter Sunday, March 31st following the 10:30 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy. Colorful plastic Easter eggs will be filled with goodies and hidden on the front lawn of the Church (or inside the hall if raining) for our parish youth to find. All children are invited.

Our oldest parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+MARY (DUBOS) MACALA, 99 & 8 months, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, February 29, 2024. She is the mother of parishioners Bob (Dolly) Macala, Ken (Maryann) Macala and mother of Atty. Ron (Sally) Macala. Her Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at our St. Michael Church with internment at our St. Michael Cemetery. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Mary, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.



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## Sympathy extended

**+KATHERINE (KORCHNAK) KESHOCK**, 87, of Avon, OH, formerly of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, January 14, 2024. A burial service will take place at our St. Michael Cemetery this Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. To view the complete obituary, visit: <a href="missencikfuneralhome.com">missencikfuneralhome.com</a>. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Katherine, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.

## Congrats on your retirement

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to **DAVE HOSPODAR** who retired last week. May the Lord God grant to His servant, David, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahja l'ita. Happy Retirement David!



## 10 years with us

It's hard to believe, but our pastor has been with us for 10 years already! He began his assignment here at St. Michael's on March 14, 2014. Happy 10 years in Campbell, Father!

#### **Guest Confessors available on Holy Tuesday**

On Holy & Great Tuesday, March 26th, our Parish will have visiting priests helping our pastor with confessions following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. We will also welcome faithful from area Byzantine Catholic Parishes. A reception will follow at our Hall. The priest confessors will be: Fr. Richard Lambert, Fr. Michael Farynets, and Fr. Will Rupp in addition to our pastor.

#### Easter Cheese & Kolache Orders

Easter Cheese (Hrudka) and Kolache will be made available in time for Easter. Sign-ups are in the narthex or at the Hall on the Fridays of the food sales. Each item is \$10.00.

#### **Everyone invited to feast on Holy Saturday**

Following the blessing of baskets on Holy Saturday evening **March 30th**, everyone is invited to stay in the Hall to eat of the blessed Paschal foods. Paschal foods and drinks will be provided.

Join us for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays...only 3 left this season