

Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.

Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-9:1)



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



Sat., June 22

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Raymond Tirpack
(2nd anniversary of passing 6.19)

requested by: Ron Hamrock

Sun., June 23

**THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

11:00 a.m.

+Geraldine Ann Testa
(3rd anniversary of passing 6.12)

requested by: Memorial Class of 1957

12:00 Noon

GCU Flag raising ceremony and picnic luncheon

Mon., June 24

6:00 p.m.

The Feast Of The Holy Nativity Of St. John the Baptist

-Solemn Holy Day – Fr. John Welch, Celebrant

Holyday Liturgy at St. Michael Church, Hermitage, PA



*Fri., June 28

*6:00 p.m.

**The Feast Of The Supreme Apostles,
Peter & Paul – Holyday of Obligation**

+Norene C. Kotasek
(remembrance of birthday 6.27)

requested by: Kotasek Family

10:00 a.m.

Holyday Liturgy at St. Michael's, Hermitage, PA

Sat., June 29

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Fr. Richard Lambert, Celebrant

+Peter Paul Dubos
(remembrance of birthday 7.1)

requested by: Janice & Lou Lanzo

Sun., June 30

**THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

11:00 a.m.

+Mary Macala
(remembrance of 100th birthday 6.27)

requested by: Annette & Dave Hospodar

Health & God's Blessings Upon:
Fr. Kevin (46th birthday today)



No birthdays reported this week

Church Attendance

Saturday 6/15 – **49** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 6/15 – **49** (11:00 am)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: June 21, 2024

RESIDING AT HOME – Francis Kotasek, Vera Orosz, Marge Shabella, Maria Tirpack.

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.

Hampton Woods (1517 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland, OH 44514) – Martha Swantek.

St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital (1044 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44501) – Nicholas Ihnat.

Church offerings from June 15 & 16, 2024

Sunday Offering \$1,685.00

Loose Currency \$6.00

Candles \$62.00

Cemetery \$750.00

Holydays.... \$25.00

TOTAL: **\$2,528.00**

Hall Rental 6/2: **\$500.00**



June 16th TOTAL:
\$467.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 16	\$2,528	\$2,850	(\$322)
YTD	\$60,330	\$68,400	(\$8,070)



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SOON AFTER BECOMING A CHRISTIAN, ED
REALIZED THAT HE WOULD EITHER HAVE TO
GET A WHOLE NEW VOCABULARY OR GIVE UP
GOLFING

Quote of the Week

"If I cannot do great things, I
can do small things in a great way."
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SUMMER WORDSEARCH

B S Z D W X B Z R N U W O P O O L J S B
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WORD LIST

ADVENTURE
 BARBECUE
 BASEBALL
 BEACH
 CAMP
 COOKOUT
 HEATWAVE
 HIKING

HOT
 HUMID
 JULY FOURTH
 KITE
 LEMONADE
 OCEAN
 PICNIC
 POOL

POPSICLE
 SAILING
 SAND
 SUMMER
 SUNFLOWER
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN

SUNSHINE
 SWIMMING
 TENNIS
 TRAVEL
 VACATION
 WARM
 WATERMELON

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

What is Church?

Why do we go to church? What do we seek? What are our motives? More often than not, people respond that they go to church because they “have to” or that they are attempting to ward off an eternity in hell by collecting tokens each and every Sunday and holy day by attending church. Some people even consider working for a pirohi project or a fundraiser as their being a member of a church community. Being a faithful Christian is much, much more!

As humans, we fall into the trap of complacency and habit. We tend to be territorial about things like church, and sometimes that leads us into attending church for all the wrong reasons. When the priest preaches about sin, we complain. When the cantor sings a different melody, we complain. When services go beyond the time *we* expect to be in church for, we complain. When clergy or others instruct us in the faith and our traditions or the way that services should occur, we complain.

At some point, we need to seriously ask ourselves: why do we actually go to church? Our faith is quite demanding of us. Firstly, we need to understand that our Christian life demands that we change. This change is more spiritual than physical. We need to be receptive to the message of the Apostol and Gospel. We need to be open to Christ’s teachings and His example for us. Our conscience needs to be clear and our soul clean to receive the Holy Eucharist. For instance, when we sing “Lord, have mercy,” do we think about what those words mean, what we are asking for? Do we extend the same mercy to others that we ask our Lord to extend to us? Are we actively participating in services while looking to grow as faith-filled Christians, or do we merely go through the motions and force our own expectations on the clergy and other faithful without even fully understanding or learning about our faith?

Secondly, we need to understand that no person is in charge of anything in church; only God is in charge. This can be a harrowing thought for most, as we tend to think that *we* are in charge. When we work fundraisers or even attend services, we carry ourselves as this or that, but we fail to recognize that, in God’s eyes, we are all equal. Our job as the community of believers is to lift each other up, not tear each other down. We are meant to guide and support each other in our earthly journeys as we strive to grow closer to God and strengthen our faith. If Jesus came back to earth, we would treat Him the same way He was treated during His Passion. We would not want to listen, nor would we care to understand, for we typically have our own agendas and visions of how we want things done in relation to life as well as our life in the Church.

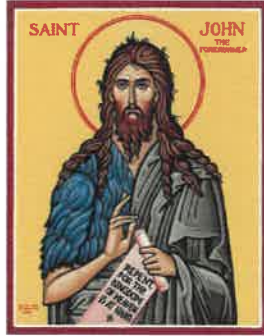
To remedy this, we need to be open and receptive to the transformative nature of our faith. Each day, we undergo this change, for each day, we strive to become more like our Lord in His ways, teachings, compassion, and love. This is why the Church teaches us about the saints as examples, especially those who had a pure conversion of heart and soul, those who were the greatest sinners who became the most ardent and selfless followers of Christ.

As we think about our own reasons for going to church, let us always keep God as our focus. It is He that we go to see. It is He that we go to worship. It is He Who will judge us at the conclusion of our earthly existence. He will not ask how many pirohi we pinched. He will not ask us what we were ‘in charge’ of. What He will ask us is how compassionate and understanding we were toward others. He will ask us how freely we gave of our love, time, talents, and treasure. He will ask us if we truly followed His Word, His example, His path for us. Let us make this journey together. Let us grow in faith together and work to understand the beauty of what our faith teaches us and what our Lord has prepared for us!

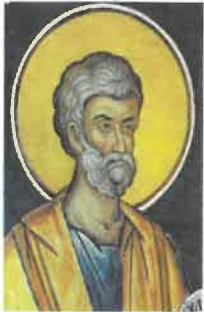


The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Six months before his appearing to the most holy Virgin Mary in Nazareth, the great Gabriel, archangel of the Lord, appeared to Zachariah the High Priest in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before he revealed the miraculous conception by a virgin who had not known a man, the archangel revealed the wondrous conceiving by an old and barren woman. Zachariah was unable at once to believe the words of God's herald, and for this his tongue was bound in dumbness and remained thus until the eighth day after John's birth. The kinsfolk of Zachariah and Elisabeth gathered together on that day for the infant's circumcision and naming. When they inquired of the father how he wished the child to be called, he, being still dumb, wrote on a slate: 'John'. At that moment his tongue was loosed and he began to speak. The news of the angel's appearing to Zachariah, of his dumbness and of the loosening of his tongue at the exact moment that he wrote 'John', was carried throughout all Israel, coming to Herod's ears. So when he sent men to kill all the infants around Bethlehem, he sent men off to Zachariah's family house in the hills to slay John also. But Elisabeth hid the child in good time. The king was enraged at this, and sent an executioner to the Temple to kill Zachariah (for it was then his turn to serve in the Temple again). Zachariah was killed between the court and the Temple, and his blood clotted and solidified on the paving slabs, and remained as an enduring witness against Herod. Elisabeth hid herself and the child in a cave, where she soon died. The young John remained in the wilderness alone, in the care of God and His angels. **The Holyday Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Michael's, Hermitage, on Monday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.**



Feast Of SS. Peter & Paul



Saints Peter and Paul are very well known saints in the Church. What makes them so famous is that both of them were chosen by Jesus in a very special way for the building of the Mystical Body of Christ. The mission of Saint Peter was twofold. First of all, he was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church in the early stage of its foundation after the Lord had departed from earth. To Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of God. Saint Peter was the first Pope, he having been personally chosen by Our Lord Jesus. Secondly, Saint Peter was chosen to lead most of the Jewish people into the new Covenant of grace, especially those who accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah. Saint Paul, not originally

a member of the twelve apostles that were chosen by Jesus, came into the picture a little later. When St Peter was instituting the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Saint Paul was persecuting the early Church Christians. Faithful to the true God, Paul had not perceived that in Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell bodily, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the Blood of His Cross. [Col. 1:19-20, 2:9] The conversion of Paul, known then as Saul, came when he was approaching Damascus. A light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground off his horse and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" [Acts 9:3-4] While St. Peter had been chosen to bring most of the Jewish people into the Body of Christ, St. Paul was chosen as God's instrument to bring the Name of the Lord before the Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel. [Acts 9:15] As Biblical history teaches us, St. Paul played a major role in the early days of the Church in bringing a great number of the gentiles into the Church. **The Holyday Liturgy will be celebrated here at St. Michael's, Campbell, on Friday, June 28th, at 6:00 p.m.**



New Priest ordained today

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Archbishop William will ordain to the Holy Priesthood, **Deacon Tyler Wisniewski**, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Munhall, PA. May the Lord God grant to His newly ordained priestly servant, Fr. Tyler, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! **Congratulations & Axios!**



Fr. Tyler's First Liturgy

Fr. Tyler will celebrate his First Liturgy as a priest this Monday, June 24th at his home parish of St. John's Church in Scottdale, PA. He has asked our pastor to concelebrate and give the homily. Because of this, our pastor will be away tomorrow. For tomorrow's holyday, there will be one Liturgy celebrated at St. Michael Church, Hermitage, at 6:00 p.m. by Fr. Welch.



Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+JEFFREY M. "JEFF" VRABEL SR., 55, of Grove City, OH fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. His Concelebrated Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at our St. Michael Church with interment at Historic Riverside Cemetery. May God grant to His departed servant, +Jeff, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnja jemu pamat.

VBS registration underway; deadline is this Friday

We are so very excited to offer Vacation Bible School for the seventh summer and are inviting all BYZ KIDS on an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never ending love of God! At SCUBA VBS, kiddos will dive into a friendship with God, be immersed in His Word & discover what living water is really all about! VBS will take place at St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road, Campbell, beginning **Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** REGISTRATION IS DUE THIS FRIDAY. Please register on our facebook page or parish website.



Pastor attends Youth Rally in California this week

As the Archieparchial Vocation Director, our pastor will be attending the ByzanTEEN Youth Rally this week (Thursday through Saturday) at San Diego University, CA. Over a hundred teens are expected for this faith and fun filled event. Please pray for safe travels for all the participants. For the SS. Peter and Paul Obligation Liturgy, there will be a Liturgy celebrated here at our St. Michael Church, Campbell, on Friday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. by Fr. Welch.

Jubilee 'Year of Hope' Pilgrimage

Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the faithful of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope as declared by Pope Francis. Informational posters are located in the narthex.

Reverse Raffle – Oct. 5, 2024 – #'s available soon