

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 Summer recess until September.

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.

They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

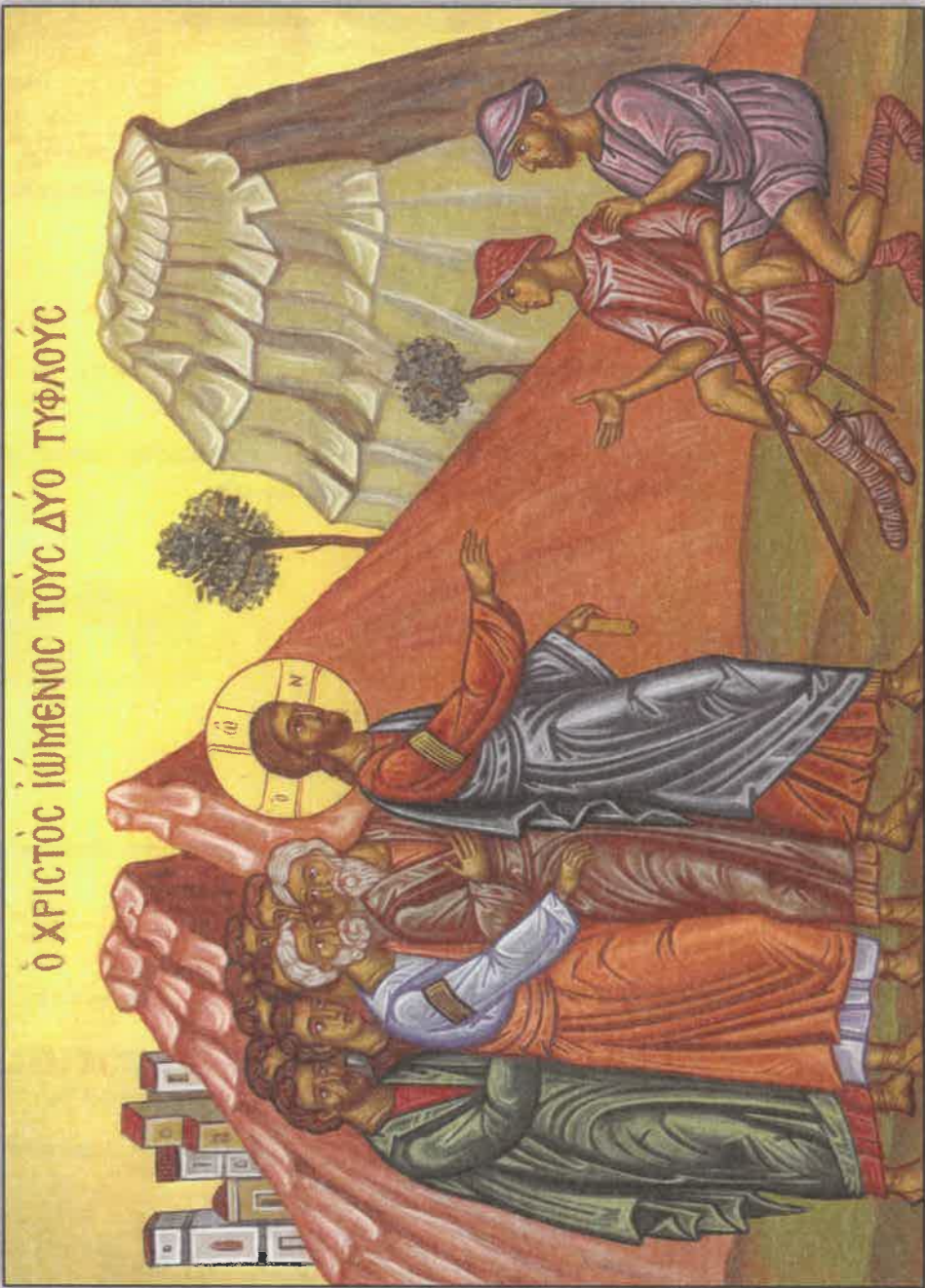
To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men (Matthew 9:27-35)



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



Sat., July 6
6:00 p.m.
(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Patty Lavernuick requested by: Marge & Andy Arendas
(40th day of passing 7.8)

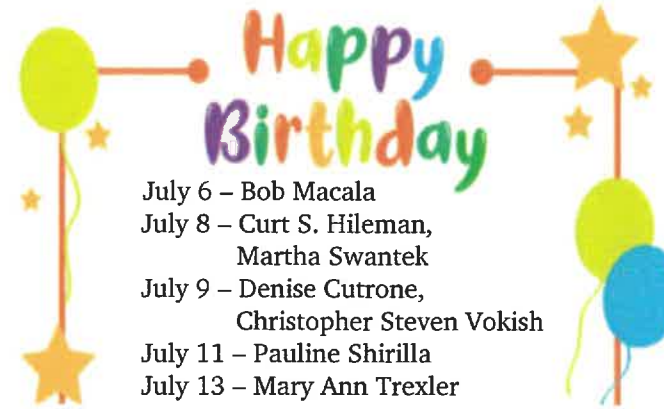
Sun., July 7
11:00 a.m.
THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
+Fr. Joseph Kapusnak requested by: Dr. Andrew Bulazo
(10th anniversary of passing)
Health & God's Blessings Upon: requested by: brother: David Van Such
Denise Cutrone (67th birthday July 9)

Mon. July 8 -
Fri. July 12
No Divine services scheduled



Sat., July 13
6:00 p.m.
(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Victor Vrabel requested by: daughter: Sharon Vrabel
(52nd anniversary of passing 6.23)
+Theresa Vrabel
(18th anniversary of passing 7.10)
+Rosemary Dubos requested by: Drotar Family

Sun., July 14
11:00 a.m.
THE SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
+Virginia Iudiciani requested by: Marlene & George Hahn
(remembrance of 93rd birthday 7.10)



July 6 – Bob Macala
July 8 – Curt S. Hileman,
Martha Swantek
July 9 – Denise Cutrone,
Christopher Steven Vokish
July 11 – Pauline Shirilla
July 13 – Mary Ann Trexler

Church Attendance

Friday 6/28 – **27** (6:00 pm)
Saturday 6/29 – **50** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 6/30 – **41** (11:00 am)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: July 5, 2024

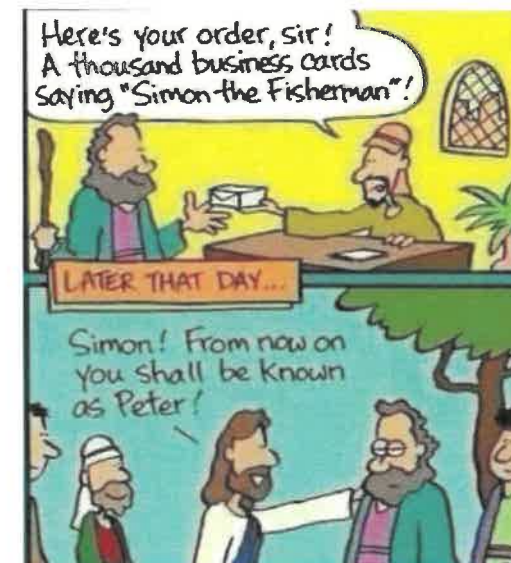
RESIDING AT HOME – Francis Kotasek, Vera Orosz, Marge Shabella, Maria Tirpack.
Concord Care Center of Cortland (4250 Sodom Hutchings Road, Cortland, OH 44410) – Lucille Puhak.
The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Boulevard, Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.
Vista Center At The Ridge (3379 Main Street, 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.

Church offerings from June 29 & 30, 2024

Sunday Offering \$1,830.00
Loose Currency \$40.00
Candles \$88.00
Holydays.... \$280.00
TOTAL: **\$2,238.00**



June 30 TOTAL:
\$555.00



Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 30	\$2,238	\$2,850	(\$612)
YTD	\$63,797	\$74,100	(\$10,303)

Quote of the Week

"One benefit of summer is that each day we have more light to read by."

— Jeannette Walls

BARBECUE
BEACH
COOKOUT
FIRECRACKER
FIREWORKS
FLAG
FLIP FLOPS
FOURTH
FREEDOM
HEAT
HIKING
ICE CREAM
INDEPENDENCE
LEMONADE
OUTDOOR
PARADE
PARK
PATRIOTIC
S'MORES
SUMMER
SUNBURN
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIMMING
TRAVEL
WATERMELON
WATERPARK



WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

S	C	F	S	N	Z	T	K	U	C	X	W	S	E	R	O	M	S	S
H	U	D	Y	Z	L	V	T	U	G	L	L	P	R	S	X	P	P	S
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R	W	M	K	I	P	G	F	I	R	E	C	R	A	C	K	E	R	M

The good old days

We’ve heard the phrase the “good old days”. We often hear people talk about missing the good old days. We may even say it ourselves, how we pine for the days when things seemed right in the world or that, somehow, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years ago were so much simpler and better. It becomes a point of complaint and contention in our world. We look at this as if the world has changed. Somehow, the world, which really is more of a metaphor than something in reality, has the human capability of changing in terms of mindset, behavior, belief, and action. What we fail to realize is that it is not the world that has changed: it is US who have changed, and perhaps not for the better. We tend to romanticize history, thinking that a generation or two before us had things so much better. That there was more peace and harmony at some point where life was grand, easy, and enjoyed by everyone. This simply is not the case! Of course, there may have been times when the economy may have been better, or the daily stressors that we encounter in life may have been fewer, but there was still bitterness and strife, death and destruction, poverty and ridicule that existed.

We need to look no further than the time that our Lord walked the earth. Here, our Teacher, our Savior, was physically present to lead by His words and example, and still people—not “the world”—saw fit to torture and crucify Him. We reflect each and every year on how it is our actions and thoughts and treatment of others that crucify Him, for He died for our sins so that we all might be saved. But, have we changed for the better? Do we, as Christians, work to do better in the world?

You see, it’s not the world that has changed, nor have the “good old days” merely disappeared. If we feel that our past was somehow better, then we need to examine how “we” have changed. What have we done—or not done—that has caused this shift in our lives, our world? Our attitude as human beings has shifted as such that we’ve come to accept and excuse things that run contrary to our faith. We tend to set lower standards for ourselves, even in the form of things like how we prepare for and attend church, simply because we make abundant excuses for ourselves, or we compare ourselves to others by saying things like “At least I’m not THAT bad.” **Our Lord instructs us that we need to change; we need to transform ourselves and put on Christ. We need to be that change that we want to see in the world.** The world simply does not decide to operate against us: it is we, the living, who sway how our world operates. Of course, the depth of this message involves a true, honest examination of conscience. It involves being honest with ourselves in coming to terms with the fact that we need to work harder—as Christians—to make the world better. Indeed, we have become a society that has accepted complaints and excuses. We need look no further than less than average church attendance to see this. There are people within a five mile radius of our church who “belong” here, but do not attend. If these people came, then our churches would be filled to the brim! However, church attendance is not an indicator of the strength of a congregation: it is the faith, the strength, the Christian nature of those who make up that community that becomes the indicator. If we want the “good old days,” we need to make the good old days, right here and right now, following our Lord’s message and example in the Gospel.

Civic Club YSU scholarship

The Civic Club is proud to announce that Youngstown State University Scholarships will again be offered. Three (3) Awards @ \$500 each will be available. For submission form or any details contact Jerry Skubiak @ 330-726-9155. Submission deadline is July 26.

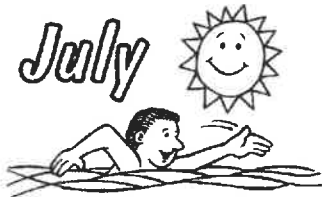
Still need one teacher for VBS



If anyone is interested in being a teacher for a VBS station, or perhaps even a volunteer to help with things for Vacation Bible School, July 22-26th, please see Keri asap. Teachers and volunteers are required to be in compliance with Safe Environment/background checks from the Archeparchy.

Blessing of vehicles in two weekends

With the Feast of St. Elias (July 20), it became the Byzantine tradition to bless cars. This blessing is not only to preserve the car and its passengers from all evil, but we also pray that this blessing may show us the way of salvation. We pray that the grace of God may help us to be ever intent on doing good works so that we may attain everlasting joys and blessings after the trials in our earthly pilgrimage are over. Thus, this blessing like all blessings is not a mere superstitious formula, but rather a reminder that it is through the grace of God that we are able to live the type of life which will bring about our salvation. The purpose of the blessing is not so much as to drive away evil spirits as it is a call for us to live Christ-like lives, dedicating all that we are and have to His divine plan. Our pastor will bless vehicles and bikes at the weekend liturgies of July 20-21.



give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.

SUMMER IS HERE – and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God's people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to

Volunteers needed for August 6th statue visitation

On the Feast of the Transfiguration, **Tuesday, August 6th**, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at our church from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. There will be a 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the holyday. Volunteers are needed in assisting for this visitation with set up a day or so before, welcoming guests, parking, and other jobs needed. Please sign the list in the narthex if you are able to assist.



HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A FRIEND INVITED ME - 86%

ORGANIZED VISITATION - 6%

PASTOR INVITE - 6%

ADVERTISING - 2%

PEOPLE BRING PEOPLE!

FINDING OUR STRENGTH

It is a wonderful thing that when we know our weakness, we find our strength. This discovery does not create weaklings, but people confident that life never takes them to a place where God is not. This is the birth of fortitude in our soul. It is a great moment in life when we no longer have to pretend to be stronger than we know we are. It is a great discovery when we find that we do not have to pretend, but can confess our own inadequacy in the knowledge that God holds us up and guides us through.

THINGS YOU WILL NEVER REGRET

Showing kindness to an aged person. Destroying the letter written in anger.
Offering an apology that saves a friendship. Stopping a scandal that is ruining a reputation.
Taking time to show consideration to your parents. Remembering God in all things.