

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 Tuesdays at St. Michael Hall @ 6 p.m.

BryanTEEN Youth Group Parochial/Community activities; 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. **HOLIDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.

Healing a Stooped Woman

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

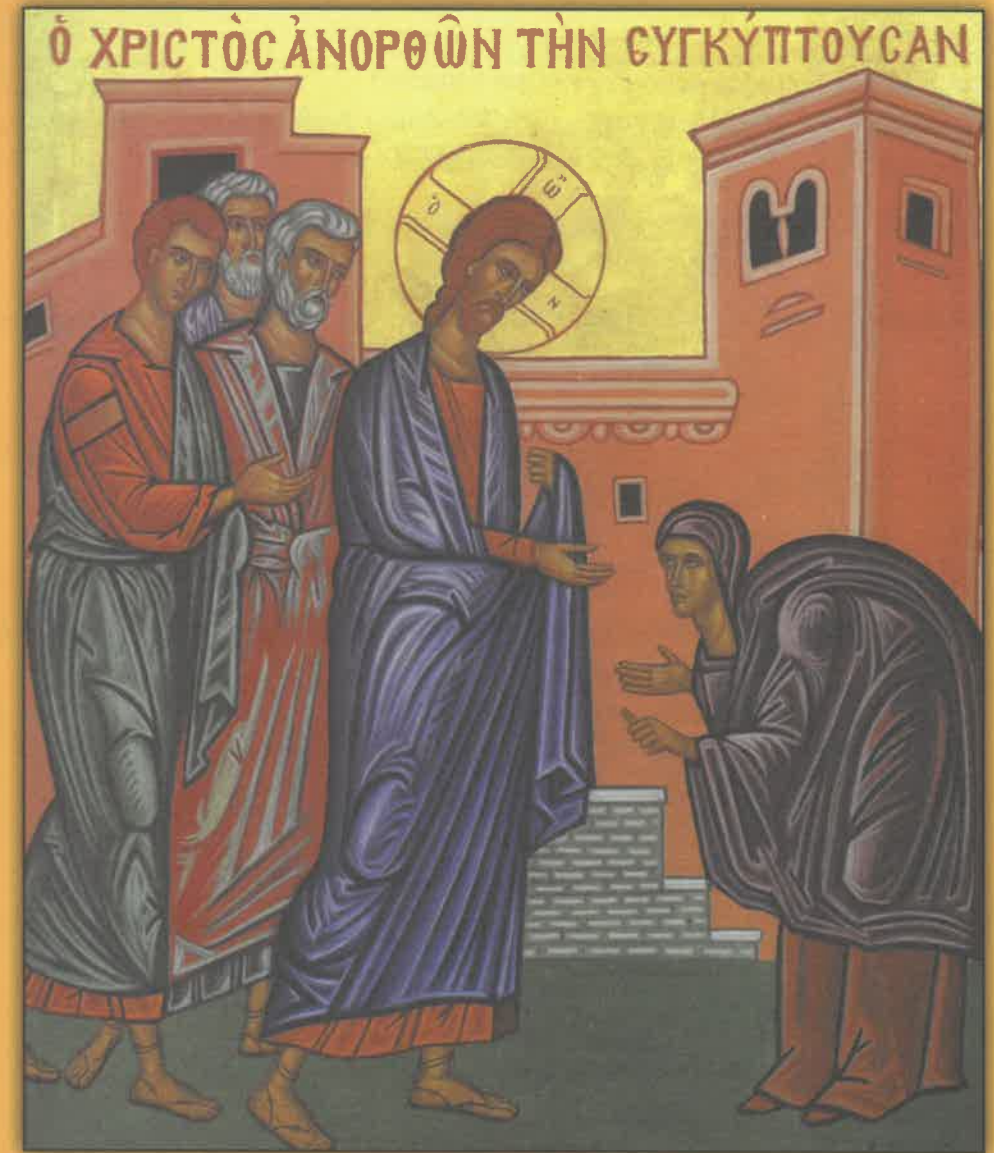
While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke

13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Stooped Woman (Luke 13:10-17)



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



Sat., Nov 23
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Thanksgiving: 40th Wedding Anniversary requested by: Children
Of James & Pam Vasilchek (12.1.1984) & Grandchildren

Sun., Nov 24

11:00 a.m.

**THE 27TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST** — 2nd Sunday of St. Philip's Fast

+John +Helen +Peter requested by: Macala Family
+Mary +John G. +Mary Lou Macala
+Dorothy Lisko

+Daniel Vokish requested by: Wife: Janice & Family
(4th anniversary of passing 11.23)



Wed., Nov 27

6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Liturgy — Mirovanije

+Susan Kotasek requested by: Granddaughters
(52nd anniversary of passing 12.1)



Sat., Nov 30
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Health & God's Blessings requested by: Michael & Linda Stanko
Upon: Ron Morrison

Sun., Dec 1

11:00 a.m.

**THE 28TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST** — 3rd Sunday of St. Philip's Fast

+George R. Swantek requested by: Wife & Children
(3rd anniversary of passing 11.26)



November 25 – Teagan Zackasee
November 26 – Dominic Circelli
November 27 – Sharon Vrabel
November 27 – Celeste Penwell

Church Attendance

Saturday 11/16 – **43** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 11/17 – **40** (11:00 am)
Thursday 11/21 – **13** (6:00 pm)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Nov 22, 2024

RESIDING AT HOME – Greta Marks, Nancy Modarelli, Vera Orosz, Patti Pancoe, Lucille Puhak,
Martha Swantek, Maria & Ed Tirpack.

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.

Masternick Memorial (5250 Windsor Way, New Middletown, OH 44442) – Mickey Burich.

Church offerings from Nov. 16 & 17, 2024

Sunday Offering \$2,325.00

Loose Currency 60.00

Candles \$70.00

Holydays \$65.00

TOTAL: \$2,520.00



November 17th TOTAL:
\$230.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Nov 17	\$2,520	\$2,850	(\$330)
YTD	\$107,105	\$131,100	(\$23,995)



I WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE A LOT MORE
THANKS IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO FINISH OFF
THESE LIMA BEANS

11-19-2012

Quote of the Week

"Let gratitude be the pillow
upon which you kneel to say your
nightly prayer."

— Maya Angelou

THANKSGIVING

M Y L P U M P K I N I F O O T B S G
 F A M I L O C R N U G R A T I D I N
 O T P L Y M O U T H R O C K F U T S
 O H A G R A R S U R A F R V A E L S
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**WORD
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BEANS
BLESSINGS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY

DINNER
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
FOOTBALL

GRATITUDE
HARVEST
LEAVES
MAYFLOWER
NOVEMBER

PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH ROCK
PUMPKIN
STUFFING
THANKFUL

THURSDAY
TURKEY
TURTLE ISLAND
WAMPANOAG
YAMS



Who Am I ?

We need to take this time to take an inventory of ourselves. As humans, being honest with ourselves is perhaps one of the more difficult things to do. We tell ourselves what we want to hear. We forgive ourselves of the mistakes that we make. Perhaps, we even surround ourselves with people who always agree with us or even tell us what we want to hear. If we subscribe to any of these things in our lives, we not only inhibit ourselves from personal growth, but we also deprive ourselves of the gifts that our faith provides for us!

So many people say that we should keep “Christ” in Christmas, yet so many of the same do not keep “Christ” in their own lives. You see, faith isn’t about telling people what to believe or forcing others to accept what one believes. First and foremost, it’s about being steadfast in one’s own beliefs and having the ability to scrutinize oneself before judging others. It is about putting on Christ, per our Baptismal vows, and working to grow in faith and love. It is about learning who “I” am as a Byzantine Catholic.

If we take a haphazard approach to our faith, simply by going through the motions of attending services or maybe saying a prayer at mealtime every once in a while, we stifle our growth, and we pull ourselves further away from God. If we cease to grow in our faith, we begin to take on the ways of the world—greed, jealousy, hatred, anger, lust, vengeance, covetousness, addiction, gossip, narcissism—and, much like a plant that has been neglected, we begin to rot spiritually. That rot begins to spread, and it affects others in our family, neighborhood, or even other parishioners. We may even tell ourselves, as we are wont to do, that there’s always going to be time for us to mend our ways. To change. To deal with the faith and church “stuff.”

However, faith is not something one simply “does.” We do not inherit eternal salvation merely through the thought of wanting to be good or to change. We have to do it! We have to live it! We have to be honest with ourselves, and we have to work to become not just a better person, but a better Christian! This is what this period of fasting calls us to do. We are called to be mindful of what we do and what we say each and every minute of our lives.

It is our calling to live and practice the corporal works of mercy. We are to care for others, in every sense of the word. If we do not do this, or if we feel that we already do “enough,” then there’s a lot to work on before Christmas! Yes, we prepare for Christmas: people prepare shopping lists, dinner menus, decorations, parties, and so much more, but this preparation only serves as a diversion from the real preparation of the Nativity Fast. We say that we have “too much to do” during this time, and perhaps it serves as yet another way of only telling ourselves what we want to hear so that we don’t have to take that inventory of ourselves. Perhaps, we are afraid of what we will see and find. Even more so, perhaps, we are embarrassed of what we would present to our Newborn King on the Nativity.

You see, you can have the nicest tree, the best presents, the perfect ‘traditional’ Christmas Eve supper, the most festive parties, the best pictures and social media posts, but if we are rotten on the inside, none of these things mean anything. They all become superficial. It all becomes a spectacle, a show, all to serve the purpose of making ourselves feel good without doing the spiritual work necessary to truly love and serve others—perhaps those even in our own families.

Faith is work! If we want to keep Christ in Christmas, then we need to start with ourselves, not the world. Then, truly, can we share the Light of Christ with others through our words and actions!

Parish Christmas party set for Saturday, December 14th

Enclosed once again in today's bulletin is the RSVP form for our Parish's annual Christmas Party! It will be held on **Saturday, December 14th**. Our Christmas Party will begin at 7:00 p.m. apps and then a buffet dinner. The evening will be filled with great fellowship, holiday cheer, our favorite Christmas tunes, a photo booth, a caricature artist and visit from Santa. Join us for a festive Saturday evening as we journey to the cave of Bethlehem.



Bring in Toy(s) by next Sunday

Our St. Michael Church, sponsored by our middle / high school youth group, started a "Toys For Tots" drive. Through the gift of a new toy or book, Marine Toys for Tots programs bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children. You may bring an unwrapped new toy or book and place it in the cardboard box to donate to this cause. All toys will be picked up on December 5th.



No ECF classes this Tuesday

Due to Thanksgiving recess, there are no ECF classes for this Tuesday. ECF resumes on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Church Christmas decorating 🏠

Church decorating will begin the week of December 1st. Next Sunday after Liturgy, trees will be brought up. The decorating schedule will be in next week's bulletin. Helpers are welcome.

Civic Club December meeting

The St. Michael's Civic Club decided last Sunday that a meeting is needed in December. It will take place on **Sunday, December 15th at 12:15 p.m.** following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Our ByzanTEEN group to deliver Christmas joy

On **Saturday, December 7th**, our ByzanTEEN youth middle/high school students will help in delivering poinsettias to the sick and shut-ins and those in their nineties of our parish. Students will travel to a few homes to deliver them and sing the hymn to St. Nicholas. Parishioners will be contacted on time of arrival.

Tentative group outing to "Miracle On Easy Street"

Our ECF program would like to once again invite all our students and parents to attend the wonderful Christmas show, "Miracle On Easy Steet," on **Friday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.** at the DeYor Performing Arts Center, downtown Youngstown. Please let our ECF Coordinator Keri know by this Wednesday if you would like to attend so tickets can be purchased.

OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Congratulations Jubilarians

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **PAMELA & JAMES VASILCHEK** who are celebrating their **40th Wedding Anniversary**. They were married on December 1, 1984. They received a special blessing at this Saturday's Vigil Divine Liturgy. May the Lord God grant to His servants, Pam & Jim, peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!



Parishioner to participate in national parade

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **KAYLEIGH CRUZ** who was selected to be in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade as a cheerleader. She is a two time selected all American cheerleader from Cheertime Athletics and UCA cheer camps.

Christmas "In Memory" Candles 🏠🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️

Our St. Michael Church is selling memory candles to be displayed in the church window sills that will burn Christmas Eve and all Christmas week. A tag with your intention will be attached to the candle. \$3 each. Please text or call Annette at 330-540-4334 with your order. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 15th.

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY, BLESSED, AND SAFE THANKSGIVING DAY!



Once a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?" The man replied, "Nothing... but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death." Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which ultimately is the gain. If you believe prayer has power, Amen.



Only one Black Friday offers eternal savings.



St. Michael's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024

7:00 p.m. Appetizers

7:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner



❄️ \$25 per adult; kids free ❄️



Christmas Music ● Santa Visit ● Photo Booth
Bar ● 50/50 raffle ● Caricature artist



Parish Christmas Party RSVP



Name _____

Phone _____

adults _____ # kids _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Place in collection basket or mail in

Deadline to RSVP is Dec. 8th