

# 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.

ByanTEEN 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](mailto: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.



## *The Danger of Riches*

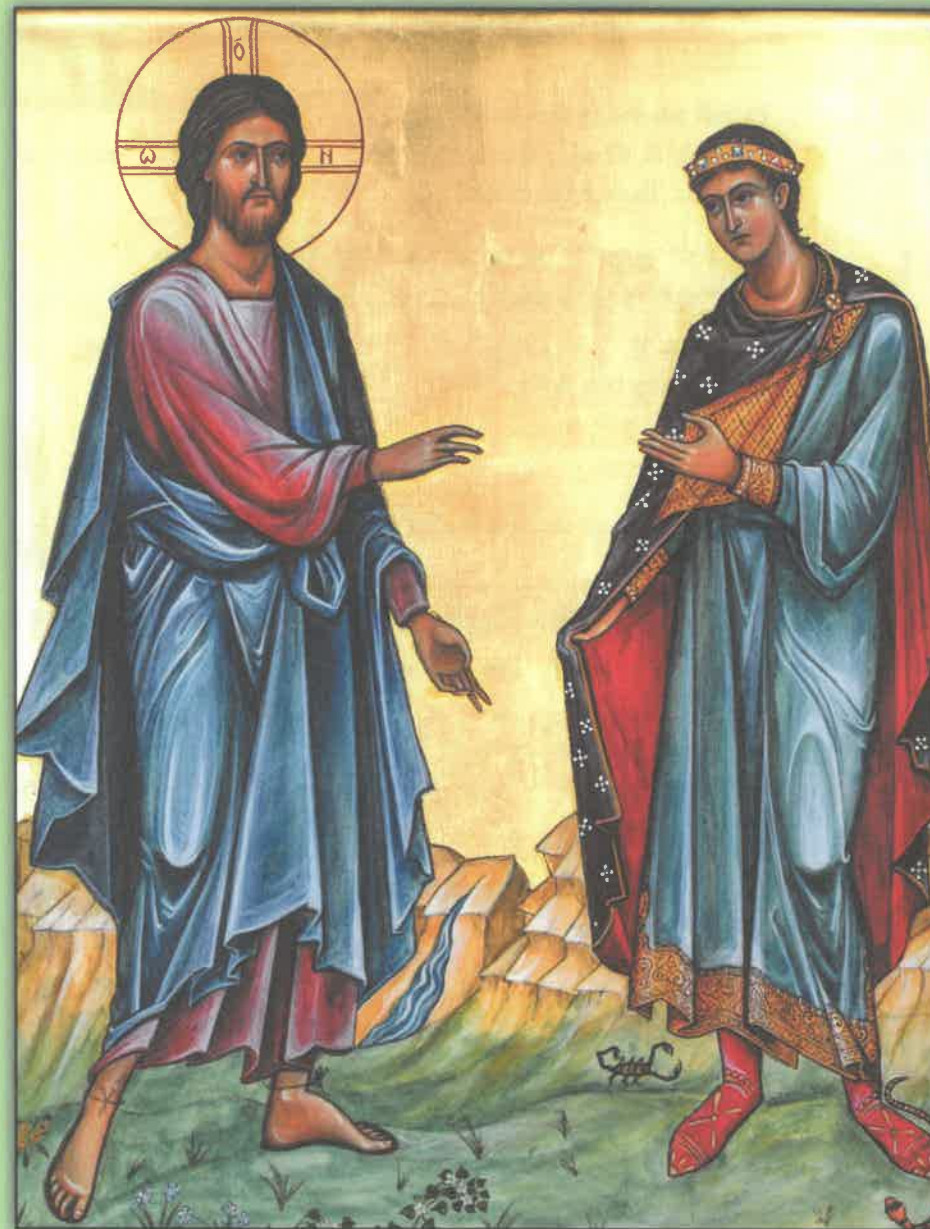
One day, an Indian boy found a large pearl. It represented the fulfillment of all his hopes and dreams. His days of hardship and toil would be over. He would never have to work again. But, when he tried to sell the pearl, his real problems began. Buyers tried to trick him, bandits tried to attack him, and even his friends tried to manipulate him. Possessing great wealth was nothing like he expected it would be, so he took the pearl and threw it back into sea.

The boy in this story is quite a contrast to the young man of whom Jesus spoke in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. Jesus spoke of a young man who desired to be justified by God. He had faithfully kept all the commandments, but Jesus told him that there

was one thing he still needed to do: sell all he had and give to the poor. With that, the young man went away saddened because he was not able to easily part with all his possessions. Jesus then spoke one of His most enduring statements, "It will be easier for a camel to pass through the needles eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 21:24)

What type of hold do our possessions have on us? Are we willing to share what we have with others, including our time, our talents, as well as our treasure? Everything that we have is a gift from God, which must be freely shared with others as a gift. Our Lord Himself tells us, "The gifts you have freely received, now give as a gift." (Matthew 10:8)

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Rich Young Ruler and Christ (Luke 18:18-27)*



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

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

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Health & God's Blessings  
Upon: Ron Morrison

requested by: Michael & Linda Stanko

Sun., Dec 1

11:00 a.m.

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

+George R. Swantek  
(3rd anniversary of passing 11.26)

requested by: Wife & Children

Tues., Dec 3  
6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at St. Michael Hall



Thurs., Dec 5

**Vigil For The Feast Of St. Nicholas of Myra**

— Solemn Holy Day — Mirovanije

6:00 p.m.

+Johnny S. Stanko  
(8th anniversary of passing 12.1)

requested by: daughter: Regina Sferra

Sat., Dec 7

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Victor G. Vrabel  
(15th anniversary of passing 12.9)

requested by: Wife: Diana Vrabel

+Rosemary Dubos  
(remembrance of 89th birthday)

requested by: Grayce Vuksta

Sun., Dec 8

11:00 a.m.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION** — 4th Sunday of St. Philip's Fast

50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Peter & Martha (Shevetz) Duca (12-7-74)

requested by: Robert & Andria Shevetz



3:00 p.m.

Seminary Benefit Dinner @ Cathedral, Munhall, PA



November 29 – Celeste Penwell  
December 5 – Nicholas DuBos,  
Susan Fritch  
December 7 – Marge Arendas

### Church Attendance

Saturday 11/23 – **54** (6:00 pm)  
Sunday 11/24 – **47** (11:00 am)  
Wednesday 11/27 – **24** (6:00 pm)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Nov 29, 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. 23 & 24, 2024

Sunday Offering .... \$1,190.00

Loose Currency .... \$100.00

Candles .... \$127.00

Holydays .... \$105.00

**TOTAL: \$1,522.00**



**November 24th TOTAL:**  
**\$199.00**

### Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

| Date   | Collection | Required  | (Shortage) |
|--------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Nov 24 | \$1,522    | \$2,850   | (\$1,328)  |
| YTD    | \$108,627  | \$133,950 | (\$25,323) |



Thanks to Christopher Huffman 12-24-1998  
HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU  
EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT  
FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU  
NEED?

### Quote of the Week

"It is December, and nobody  
asked if I was ready."

— Sarah Kay



# Saint Nicholas Day

## Word Search



|           |          |       |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| ADVENT    | GOOD     |       |
| BISHOP    | KIND     |       |
| CANDY     | LEGEND   |       |
| CHRISTIAN | MITRE    | SIXTH |
| COOKIE    | MYRA     | SOCK  |
| CROZIER   | NICHOLAS | TOYS  |
| DECEMBER  | ORANGE   |       |
| FESTIVAL  | SAINT    |       |
| GIFTS     | SHOE     |       |

## Attitude

Part of our Christian praxis is communal prayer and worship. Even though we go through these motions each and every day, feast day, Sunday, whenever we attend church, we sometimes miss the communal aspect of the practice. We go to church looking for something, looking to be made happy, looking to be made whole, looking for God to speak to "me."

What we must remember is that God speaks to each and every one of us in His own way, on His time. To go to church to "get something out of it" may be the wrong approach. Instead, we should think "what did I put into church today?" What do we contribute when coming together as the Body of Christ? Do we come into church bearing grudges or with ill thoughts in our minds? Have we intentionally wronged someone or spoken ill of someone in the congregation, or even our pastor? As with a chain, these elements cause weak links, and it is important for us to mend these links, putting our efforts into our own soul to help enhance the life of our church family and the lives of those who have yet to be exposed to the beauty and richness of our traditions.

This is why the Mystery of Repentance is so important for us. It allows us to review our mistakes, confess them, and make the greatest of efforts to change our lives, again contributing something, not only for our own salvation, but to help others see Christ's great mercy and love for all of us. As we approach the feast of the Nativity in 25 days, let us keep these things in mind in order to better contribute to the services we have. Pray, sing, take an elderly person who has no ride to church, give the pastor positive feedback for his work, and above all, attend with the spirit of giving as opposed to the spirit of taking.



## From the BCW editor

"It's that time of year again when I come to you to request stories for this year's Christmas issue of *The Byzantine Catholic World*. In past years, I asked you to share special memories about your family, food, and Christmas trees for features in *The BCW* ... and your great response turned into really good reads. This year, I want to focus on the "where" of Christmas and associated stories: Where do you go for Christmas? Where do your family and friends come from to see you? I would love to get some travel stories! Please consider writing a few sentences or a couple of paragraphs about this:

\* Where do you go every year for Christmas? Is it a short or long trip? Is your car loaded up with food and presents?

\* Are there any interesting sights on your travel route that you look forward to seeing each year? A particular house decked out with Christmas lights? A group of cows grazing along the Pennsylvania Turnpike? Something out of the ordinary?

\* Do your family and friends travel to your house for Christmas? Where do they travel from? Is there someone who once traveled to your house who you haven't seen for a long time?

\* Have you ever had an interesting experience traveling by car for Christmas? Any interesting travel stories from when you were a child? Positive or negative? Hopefully, you can laugh about a flat tire now – or some other unfortunate incident – and tell readers about it.

\* Did you ever take a plane to visit family and friends for Christmas? Where did you go? What was the experience like traveling during such a busy time of the year? Those are some ideas I hope will spark a story or a memory you can share with *The BCW*'s readers. Please send me your stories by Tuesday, December 10. And if you have any photos to go with your story, please don't hesitate to send those, also! Please send stories and photos to: [bcw@archpitt.org](mailto:bcw@archpitt.org) Also, please let me know what church you attend. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to reading! " - Dave Mayernik Jr.



## The Feast of St. Nicholas this week

Perhaps we know of no better example of the true spirit of Christian giving than our own St. Nicholas. Born around 275 AD in a town called Myra, St Nicholas “forsook the world” and entered the monastic life. Because of his holiness and virtue, he was brought back to Myra and consecrated its bishop. While there, he was seized by the town magistrates, who were persecuting the Church, for zealously guiding and protecting his flock, and subjected to torture and imprisonment. With the end of the persecutions brought about by the Emperor Constantine, St. Nicholas was released and once again took to the care of his flock. He is said to have taken part in the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea. After his death at a very old age, his body remains uncorrupted to this day and a sweet smelling balm is said to flow from his bones. Several miracles are attributed to his intercession and hence he is called “Wonderworker.” But, above all in his saintly life, St Nicholas is most renowned for his example of Christian giving countless legends of his holiness and unselfishness exist. One such story concerns a man who was so poor that he decided to sell his three daughters into slavery St Nicholas, upon hearing of this and under the cover of night, left money in the house and thus averted the tragedy. He did this twice more before his discovery by the wretched man, who immediately sought forgiveness from St Nicholas. Other legends include his arranging for the release of 3 unjustly imprisoned men and his saving 3 innocent youths from execution. [Join us this Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. for the Vigil Holyday Liturgy.](#)



## Leave your shoes out for St. Nicholas



One of our customs for the Feast of St. Nicholas is to leave your shoes by the door before you go to bed on December 5th in hope that St. Nicholas will fill them with presents. This tradition grew from the story of when St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, threw bags of dowry money, either through a window or down a chimney, into the home of an impoverished family to rescue their daughters from being sold into slavery. Ideas to include in your children’s shoes are bags of chocolate candy coins, a small toy, new socks, a tangerine, and inexpensive religious items, such as a Christmas ornament, a rosary, saint bracelet, and prayer cards. Another part of this tradition is for kids to leave carrots or hay in their shoes overnight for St. Nicholas’ donkey to eat. St. Nicholas takes the hay and carrots for his donkey and replaces them with small gifts and treats for the children in the morning.

## 2025 Church calendars – make sure you get one

The new 2025 church liturgical wall calendars are now available. Please take one for home. Also, you may deliver one to someone who might be homebound. Our St. Michael Church extends a special THANK YOU to the WASKO FUNERAL HOME for sponsoring and paying for the calendars.

## Our ByzanTEEN’s to deliver Christmas joy this Sat.

This Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 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 this week on time of arrival.



## Church Christmas decorating this week

Church decorating will begin this week. All helpers are welcome. Monday afternoon and Tuesday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until around 4:30 p.m. For any questions or time adjustments, see or call Linda Stanko.

## Parish Christmas party in 14 days

Our Parish’s annual Christmas party will be held on **Saturday, December 14th**. It 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. [Extra RSVP forms are in the narthex and all forms are due by next Sunday, December 8th.](#)



## Party set-up schedule

Volunteers are asked to be at Hall on **Thursday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m.** for set up for our Christmas party. The more help we have, the sooner we will get done. Please offer a little time.

## 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.

## Fire code updates

Over the past few weeks, work has been done to fix the fire code violations and comply with the code. Rooms at the Hall have been re-organized to compliance, including the garage and back storage room. Also, exit signs are working properly including the new ones installed in the church above the side doors. However, a new hood along with a proper ansul system is still needed in the Hall kitchen above the stoves. Our pastor is working on this and hopefully it will be installed before the next inspection. The new hood and system can be a significant cost.

## Come celebrate New Years Eve

A New Years Eve get together will be held at our hall on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Heavy Appetizers will be on the menu. Soda and coffee/tea will be provided along with champagne and wine. You may bring your own other drinks if you wish. You can also bring board games or card games or come anytime or leave anytime. It’s just a nice get-together and safe way to ring in the New Year. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT** but please sign up in the narthex so enough can be prepared for.





Dear Parish Families & Friends:

If your heart truly longs for Christ, then I will show you where to find him. At every Divine Liturgy, the Word becomes flesh on the Holy Altar. The same Lamb of God that the shepherds sing, we sing to at The Divine Liturgy. The same King that the wise men traveled far to worship, we worship when we travel to Church. The same Babe that filled the womb of Mary fills your heart when you receive Holy Communion. You see, true Christmas joy is found in Church. And the Good News is that Christmas joy is here for you every Sunday. The Word made flesh, now in bread appearing, gives himself to us every Sunday. "O Come, let us Adore Him!"

Everyone is most invited and welcome to attend our worship services at our St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Churches in Campbell, OH and Hermitage, PA this Christmas season and each and every weekend.

*—Very Rev. Kevin E. Marks*

*Your Pastor & Protopresbyter*

**Extra Confession Times - St. Michael, Campbell**

Monday, December 16th - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd - 12:00 noon

**Extra Confession Times - St. Michael, Hermitage**

Friday, December 20th – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21st – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd – 8:00 a.m.



# 2024

## Nativity & Theophany Liturgical Services



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Campbell, OH and Hermitage, PA*



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[www.stmichaelbyzcampbell.org](http://www.stmichaelbyzcampbell.org)

**CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th**

8:30 p.m. Christmas Carols & Nativity Procession

**\*9:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25th**

**\*11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

**The Feast Of The Synaxis, Thursday, December 26th**

6:00 p.m. Solemn Holyday Divine Liturgy

**The Feast Of St. Stephen, Friday, December 27th**

6:00 p.m. Simple Holyday Divine Liturgy

**Saturday Vigil, Saturday, December 28th**

**\*6:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 29th**

**\*11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31st**

6:00 p.m. Vigil Solemn Holyday Divine Liturgy

**Saturday Vigil, Saturday, January 4th**

**\*6:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, January 5th**

**\*11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**THEOPHANY, Monday, January 6th**

**\*6:00 p.m. THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY with  
the Great Sanctification of Water**

*\*fulfills obligation requirement*



**St. Michael Church**  
2230 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA  
[www.stmichaelbyzhermitage.com](http://www.stmichaelbyzhermitage.com)

**CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th**

4:00 p.m. Great Compline followed by Christmas Carols

**\*5:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25th**

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**\*4:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 29th**

**\*9:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1st**

10:00 a.m. Solemn Holyday Divine Liturgy

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**\*4:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

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