

Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Available before/after liturgies.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, & Eucharist 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 6:00 p.m. at Hall.

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. **HOLYDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.

From Smuggler to Saint

Saint Macarius the Great was born in Upper Egypt. A later tradition places his birthplace in the village of Shabsheer (Shanshour), in Al Minufiyah Governorate, Egypt around 300 A.D. At some point before his pursuit of asceticism, it is said that Macarius made his living smuggling potassium nitrate in the vicinity of Nitria, a life which taught him how to survive in and travel across the wasteland in that area. At a young age, Macarius was forced to get married against his will. Thus, he pretended to be sick and ask for his parents' permission to go to the wilderness to recoup. At his return, he found that his wife had died, and shortly after, his parents departed as well. Macarius subsequently distributed all his money among the poor and needy.

Seeing his virtues, the people of his village brought him to the bishop of Ashmoun who ordained him priest. Falsely accused of defiling a woman, the woman recanted and confessed Macarius' innocence. A multitude of people then came asking for his forgiveness, but he fled to the Nitrian Desert to escape all mundane glory. While at the desert, he visited St. Anthony the Great and learned from him the laws and rules of monasticism. When he returned to the Scetic Desert at the age of forty, he presided over its monastic community for the rest of his life. Macarius died in the year 391. Today, the body of Saint Macarius is found in his monastery, the Monastery of Saint Macarius the Great in Scetes, Egypt.



THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Macarius and Saint Mark -- January 19th



January 20 – David Swantek
January 21 – Annette Hospodar,
John Vasilchek,
Marge Austalosh

Church Attendance

Saturday 1/11 – **48** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 1/12 – **38** (11:00 am)



SAT., JAN 18

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+John F. Thomas
(remembrance of 97th birthday 1.20
& 4th anniversary of passing 1.22)

requested by: Family

SUN., JAN 19

11:00 a.m.

THE 35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+Jerry Arendas
(2nd anniversary of passing 1.17)

requested by: Wife: Arleen & Family



+Elizabeth “Betty” Stanko
(remembrance of birthday)

requested by: Granddaughter: Regina Sferra

TUES., JAN 21

ECF canceled in anticipating extreme cold temps



SAT., JAN 25

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Dr. Paul M. Dubos
(5th anniversary of passing 1.27)
+Rosemary Dubos
(1st anniversary of passing 1.27)

requested by: Family

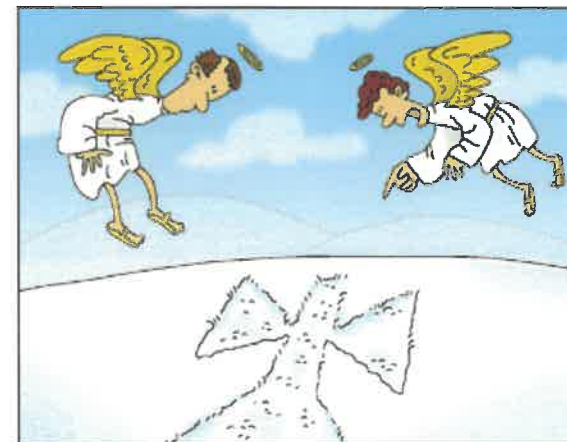
SUN., JAN 26

11:00 a.m.

THE 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+Brandon M. Puskarcik
(40th day of passing 1.19)

requested by: Wife: Melina & Family



12-26-2014

DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE US

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Jan. 17, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, Ted Fesz, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz, Patti Pancoe, Lucille Puhak,
Martha Swantek, Maria & Ed Tirpack, Diana Vrabel.

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 Jan. 11 & 12, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,515.00

Loose Currency \$67.00

Candles \$77.00

Holydays \$195.00

TOTAL: \$1,854.000



January 12th TOTAL:
\$170.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Jan. 12	\$1,854	\$2,850	(\$996)
YTD	\$4,383	\$5,700	(\$1,317)

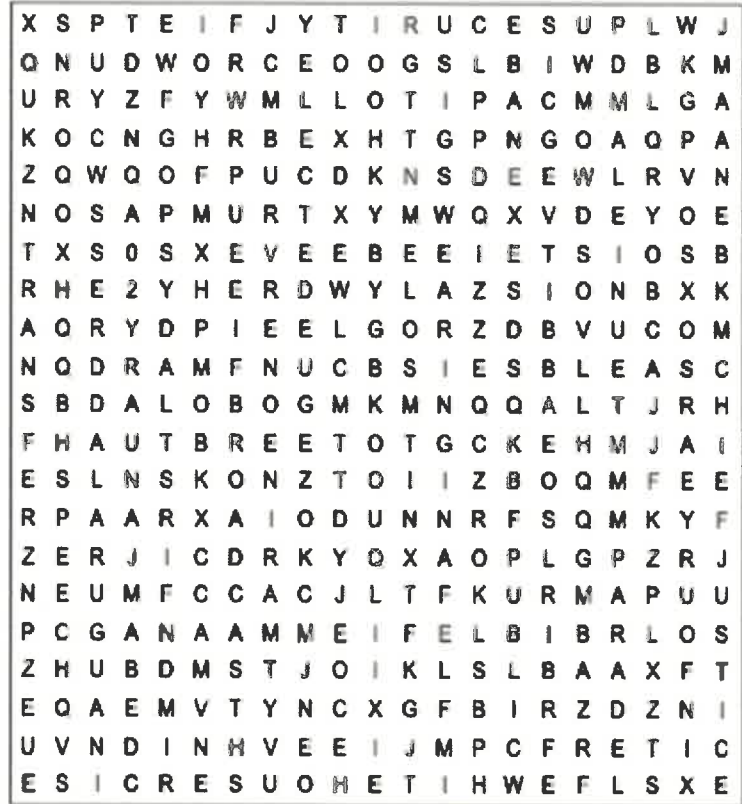
Quote of the Week

“Let us learn together and
laugh together and work together and
pray together, confident that in the end
we will triumph together in the right.”

— Jimmy Carter
1977 Inaugural Address



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



BIBLE	FLAGS	PRESIDENT
BIDEN	FOUR YEARS	PUBLIC
BROADCAST	INAUGURAL ADDRESS	SECURITY
CAPITOL	JANUARY 20	SOLEMN
CELEBRATION	MARINE ONE	SPEECH
CEREMONY	MOTORCADE	SWEARING IN
CHIEF JUSTICE	NOON	TRANSFER
CROWD	OATH OF OFFICE	TRUMP
ELECTED	PARADE	WASHINGTON
FIRST LADY		WHITE HOUSE



This is “MY” Church

Perhaps the question needs to be asked, “Why is church hard for some people?” When you ask people why they stop going to a particular church, the answer is typically either because of the pastor, other parishioners bullying them or making them feeling unwelcome, or all the “hear about” is money. We take Church too personally sometimes, if not most of the times. On one hand, it is good to have a personal approach to Church. On the other, it is not.

When it’s good:

I live quite a distance from my church, but the distance doesn’t matter to me. I like going for services and participating in them every Sunday. It’s the place where my parents and grandparents worshiped, and I want to continue the spiritual legacy that my parents and grandparents contributed toward by helping, praying, and caring for the needs of the parish and others. It is my church! And this is a great attitude!

However, on the other hand, when we take church too personally, it fires back. It hurts us and hurts others. For example: This is my church and the church of my relatives and extended relatives—those outsiders just don’t really fit in here. They weren’t here to build it, and they weren’t here to support it. Now, they just want to come and take over. And...they sit in my pew!!! They want to take *my* power, and they’re becoming too active. They’re cleaning the church; they’re singing in the choir; they took my job at the parish fundraiser. They constantly support the pastor, and we’re not too fond of him, either. Priests come and go, and I’ll be here forever. This is MY church. This attitude is not healthy at all. How about love to one’s neighbor? Or have we forgotten who our neighbor is? Christ accepted, preached, and healed everyone: without exception. We should do the same.

Moreover, we should look at church first and foremost as the Church of Christ! It is Christ’s Church, and we are in it with everyone else. Yes, this is a parish that my parents or grandparents or great-grandparents built, but it’s Christ’s Church! **It is not a social club. It is not a private party. It is not a central place where we can gather and gossip about others, judge others, and bully others.** It is important to realize that churches do not only crumble and decay in terms of a building structure: churches can crumble and decay spiritually as well. Much like how we are responsible for the physical upkeep of a church building, we are also responsible for the spiritual upkeep of a church community. When we are judged, we won’t be asked how many pirohi we pinched or how many holupki we rolled or even how many Sundays we sat in “our” pew. Rather, we will be judged by the sincerity of our heart and soul while praying, which becomes reflected in part through our attitudes, actions, and words toward and about others.

This is “MY” Church, continued....

Church can be hard... but it doesn’t have to be! All too often, we are the ones who make it hard because we don’t see it as Church, but as a place to go where we have our own little cliques and entitled places of power. We must break ourselves of this and develop a growth mindset... yes, this even means being welcoming to those who we would say are not “our kind.”

When we talk of dwindling numbers and attendance, we sometimes need look not further than within ourselves. Do I carry the Gospel of Christ in my heart and on my lips? Do I act as our Lord taught me? Am I welcoming to the stranger or encouraging of the one going through struggles in life? Do I help others grow in faith—and in life—through my words and actions? Or am I merely content to chase away anyone who should not be part of MY church because it’s a personal sandbox for me to play in? We are all called to charity. And understanding. And, most importantly, to follow Christ. Church is a community of believers, and we do struggle in our own lives. Let us work toward helping others with the struggles of their lives and, together, we can grow in faith and love of the Lord!



Civic Club meeting TONIGHT

The St. Michael’s Civic Club will hold its regular meeting **TONIGHT, Sunday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m.** in the bar room at the hall.

Horses & Tickets available in narthex for N.A.T.R.

This is a reminder that the Civic Club will be hosting its **1st Night at the Races on Saturday, February 1st**. After each Sunday Divine Liturgy in January, Civic Club members will be selling Night at the Races tickets (\$20 each) and horses (\$10 each - all horses must be pre-sold); the deadline to purchase a horse is Sunday, January 26th. The owner of each winning horse in each race receives \$25. The Civic Club looks forward to an exciting event on February 1!



ECF canceled this Tuesday, Jan. 21st



Due to the predicted extreme cold temperature on Tuesday, January 21st, ECF classes are canceled. We want our students and catechists to stay safe and warm. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 28th.

Contribution Statement from 2024

In the narthex is a form to request your contribution statement from 2024. If you need it, please fill out the form and submit it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish.



Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+**RICHARD G. LUCAS**, 94, of Youngstown, OH, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 3, 2025. He is the brother of parishioner Marge Shabella and uncle of parishioners Karen (David) & Celeste Penwell. He was interred on Thursday, January 16, 2024 at Calvary Cemetery. May God grant to His departed servant, +Richard, blessed repose and eternal memory, *vicnaja jemu pamjat*.



A Memorial Divine Liturgy will be held for +Richard on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at our St. Michael Church. All are welcome to attend.

‘Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity’ underway

Every year from January 18-25, the Church sets aside this week for special prayer for Christian unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Mystical Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21) For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, the theme is: **“Do You Believe”**. The theme chosen for reflection for Christian Unity Week is John 11:17-27, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. The year 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the first Ecumenical Council of Christian churches, called by Emperor Constantine I. The Council took place in Nicaea, a place just outside Constantinople (now Istanbul), from May to July of 325. Considering divergences of interpretation on the “settled” date of Easter agreed at the Council, followed by separate dates again for centuries, it is of special significance that in 2025, all Christians have the same date for Easter: April 20. The observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a powerful spiritual start to 2025 and everything that will be celebrated by Christians during this year.

DONATIONS TOWARDS VICTIMS OF WILDFIRES - GCU

If you are interested in donating to the victims of the California Wildfires, the GCU Board of Directors has approved a Special \$10,000 Matching Funds collection to assist three organizations. All donations sent to the GCU will be collected and matched and will be split equally between the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities; and The Salvation Army. You can donate online at: events@gcuusa.com; OR by phone at 1-800-722-4428 ext 3924 OR by mail at GCU Foundation 5400 Tuscarawas Road Beaver, PA 15009 (be sure to put Wildfire Relief on the memo line of your check). Thank you for helping us to help those affected.



A California family’s unshaken faith emerged in the form of a lone statue of The Virgin Mary — untouched by the relentless flames of southern California’s wildfires — "It was remarkable how everything had gotten fried, but the statue of The Virgin Mary and another statue of Saint Joseph were in perfect condition."

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY
28, 2025

PARTY



6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

St. Michael Hall
405 Robinson Road



\$25 PER ADULT KIDS FREE

Dinner Buffet with open bar
Join us for Music, Games, & Fun before the start of Lent

Fasengy RSVP – by February 23rd

NAME _____

PHONE _____

#ADULTS _____ #KIDS _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED

\$ _____

Form & payment may be placed in collection basket or mailed in