

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. **HOLIDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.

Celebrating Theophany Every Day

The Feast of Christ's Theophany (or Epiphany) is celebrated with great solemnity in the Byzantine Church. The word "theophany" means a divine "manifestation" or "revealing." Jesus of Nazareth - a carpenter - was revealed on the banks of the Jordan River to be the Son of God and the long-awaited Messiah - the "Christ." A voice came from the heavens that said, "This is My beloved Son, My favor rests on Him." (Matthew 3: 17)

Let us imagine ourselves standing on the banks of the River Jordan. We are witnessing the baptism of Jesus at the hands of Saint John the Baptist and the revelation of Jesus as God in the flesh. What a privilege that would have been!

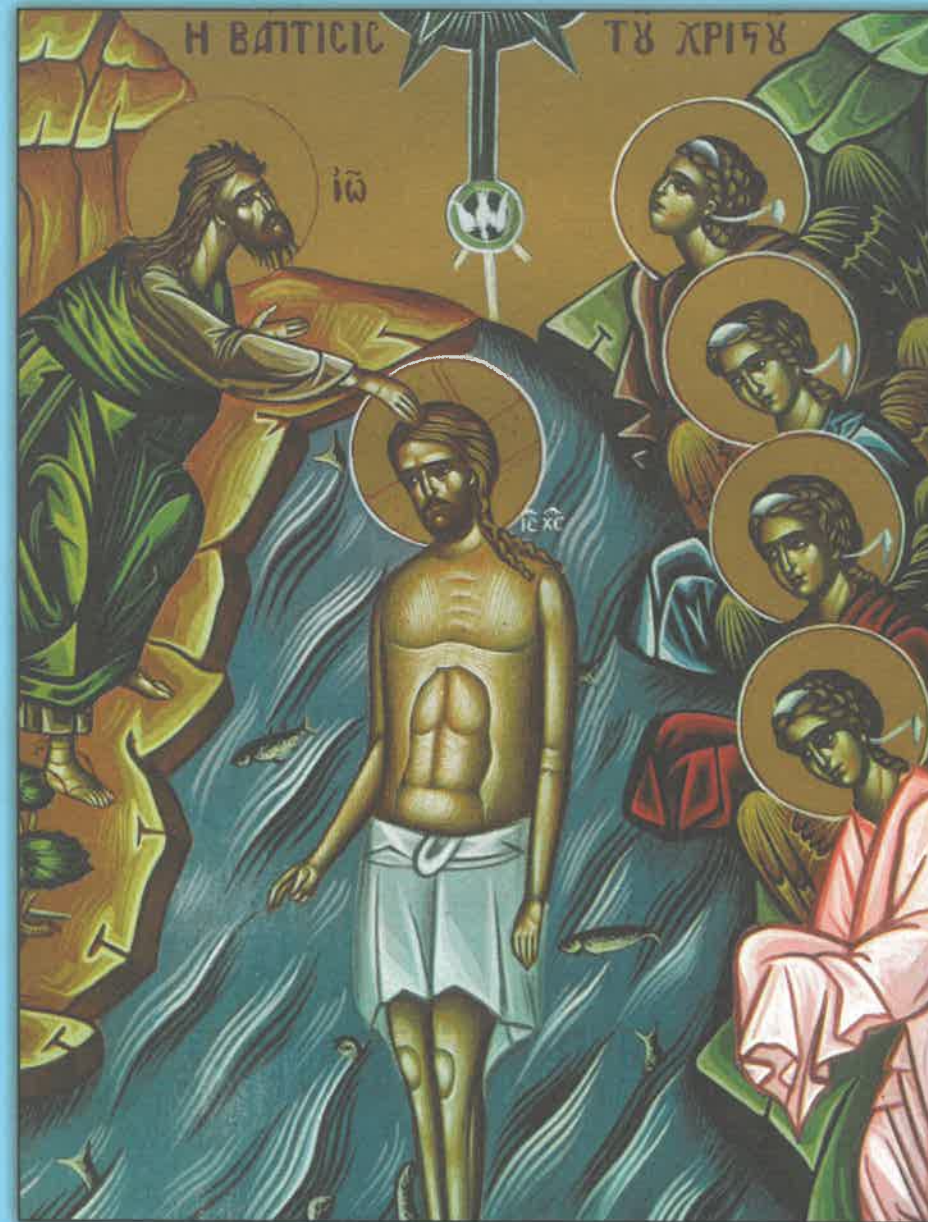
Yet, God is revealed to us each and every

day. God manifests Himself to us not just on the banks of the River Jordan but at the bus stop, the grocery store, and in the work place. His image is within each of us. He is in our co-workers, our spouses, our children - even in our enemies.

The real challenge of Christian discipleship is to endeavor to see the image of Christ in all people and to allow them to see that same Godly image within us. The celebration of the Great Feast of Theophany is not a one-day occasion commemorating an event that took place some two thousand years ago. Rather, it is living, day-to-day, the conviction that God is within each human being, and that each human being ought to be treated as though he or she is the living image of Christ.



SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord -- January 6th



Christ Is Baptized!
In the Jordan!
Christós Krescajetsja!
Vo Jordani!

SAT., JAN 4

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Paul Hospodar

(16th anniversary of passing 1.7)

requested by: Son: David & Annette Hospodar

SUN., JAN 5

11:00 a.m.

THE SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

+Conrad +Peggy Straub

requested by: Liz McGarry

MON., JAN 6



6:00 p.m.

The Feast Of The Theophany Of Our Lord - His
Holy Baptism — *The Great Sanctification Of Water — Holyday
of Obligation*

+Mickey Burich

(40th day of passing 1.10)

requested by: Marge Shabella

TUES., JAN 7

6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at St. Michael Hall



SAT., JAN 11

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Gloria Katula

(remembrance of 88th birthday 1.8)

requested by: Sandra Miklandric

SUN., JAN 12

11:00 a.m.

THE SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

+Dan Cebula

(10th anniversary of passing 1.9)

requested by: Patty Gomori



January 9 – Elizabeth Hicks

January 10 – Ivan Lindberg

Church Attendance

Saturday 12/28 – **49** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 12/29 – **37** (11:00 am)

Tuesday 12/31 – **28** (6:00 pm)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Jan. 3, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, 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.

Church offerings from Dec. 28 & 29, 2024

Sunday Offering \$1,069.00

Loose Currency \$103.00

Candles \$90.00

Christmas.... \$1,600.00

Holydays \$235.00

TOTAL: \$3,097.00

Hall Rental (Nov 5 voting): **\$900.00**



December 29th TOTAL:

\$546.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Dec 29	\$13,758	\$2,850	\$10,908
YTD	\$133,510	\$148,200	(\$14,690)

Includes \$10,661 from Christmas



(See Matthew 17:20)

THE WAY I SEE IT, IF FAITH CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ME
THROUGH NINE HOLES OF GOLF

01-06-2005

Quote of the Week

“Each year's regrets are
envelopes in which messages
of hope are found for the New
Year.”

— John R. Dallas Jr.



BITTER
BLIZZARD
CALENDAR
CELEBRATION
FIREPLACE
FREEZING
FROST
FROSTY
HIBERNATION
HOLIDAY
HOT CHOCOLATE
ICICLE
INDOOR
JANUARY
MITTENS
MLK DAY
NEW YEAR
PARKA
POLAR
RESOLUTION
SCARF
SKIING
SLEDDING
SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN
SWEATER
WINTER

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



5 New Year's (Spiritual) Resolutions

Resolution #1: I want to attend Divine Services more regularly. How many say “I go to church on Sunday... that’s enough!”? Do we realize that simply sitting in a church each and every Sunday does not constitute “going to church?” We are invited to participate in more—Holydays, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Lent—as well as other services throughout the year to not only be in church, but also to encounter and know God as well as grow in our faith. All of our services are catechetical and instructional in and of themselves; all we need to do is pay attention.

Resolution #2: I want to be constructive and not destructive. It is often the case that in a parish there are more people that like to complain about the pastor or the way services are done or they gossip and work to undermine the work of others. If we hear such things, we should not be dismissive and simply say that the “person is who s/he is...” As members of a faith community, we should work to lift each other up and not tear each other down. Even when we hear others complain, we should work to, firstly, not participate in the gossip or complaining, and, secondly, work to be supportive of the good works of the pastor and faithful of the parish. If we disagree with something, we can speak privately with the pastor as he is ultimately in charge of the pastoral care of all members of his congregation. If we ourselves are not active members of the faith community, we certainly have no room for complaint!

Resolution #3: I will perform at least one act of charity every week. In Matthew 5:16, we hear “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Act of charity are a direct effect of what we learn from the Gospel each and every week. We should leave church with Christ in our hearts and work to help others, without expectation of recognition or reward. We could visit the elderly, especially nursing homes where there may be family or other parishioners. We can offer to help new parents with grocery shopping or babysitting. We can volunteer at a soup kitchen or offer assistance to make projects that our parishes host to help the needy more successful in terms of outcome and out reach. There are so many other ways that we can be charitable to others. Even a kind word or encouragement can go a long way!

Resolution #4: I will make more time for personal prayer. As Byzantine Catholics, we are called to a life of prayer and holiness. It isn’t just “churchy” people or priests or nuns or monastics who pray before a trip or a meal or at the start and end of each day: we are all called to do this. Our own communication with God should be purposeful and continuous. Even while driving, instead of listening to music or cursing out the slow driver in front of us, we can easily recite the Jesus Prayer: “Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.” This can be repeated dozens or even hundreds or more times to help us center ourselves, focus on our own faults (and not those of others), and be more peaceful in our approach to life. The key with prayer is not only saying the words—and meaning them—but also actively listening to hear God and feel His power work through us.

Resolution #5: I will work to find Christ in others. In the Holy Chalice, we encounter the living Christ each time we attend Divine Liturgy. Beyond the Chalice, we are called to find Christ in all those that we encounter. Yet, how many bear grudges or hold contempt and hatred—more often than not unjustified—in their hearts just because they like being angry or they like to feel in control of others? It is difficult to do this, but we are called, as faithful Christians, to look for Christ in others and pray for them. Praying for conversation or softening of heart is oftentimes difficult because we may even find that it is our own heart that needs to be converted or softened, but if we keep Christ as our focus, we can work toward being successful with this!

Seasonal Christian greeting

The greeting that we salute each other with is **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!** (Christós Krescajetsja). The response is **IN THE JORDAN!** (Vo Jordani!). This is also the greeting we use for mirovanije.

The baptism of Jesus, holy Theophany - Obligation

It was on January 6th that Christ was made known as the Son of God. It was on this day that our Lord appeared before John the Baptist in the River Jordan and asked to be baptized-not that He was sinful or needed to be cleansed through Baptism, but that He might teach us the importance and necessity of this great sacrament. While He was being baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased." Thus on this day not only does Heaven tell us that Christ is God, but we see God manifested in the Holy Trinity. We have before the three persons of the Godhead: the Son, being baptized in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and the voice of the Father in heaven: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the meaning of the great feast of Theophany - the showing forth of God in three Persons. At Christmas, we saw Christ as a new-born babe. This week on Theophany, we will see Him a full-grown man of 30 beginning His ministry among people. Today the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is expanded into a full celebration. It is in this act of coming forth from the Holy Altar and carrying the Gospel aloft, that the priest represents Jesus Christ coming forth to bring the Gospel of Salvation to all. The Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is in reality a Little Theophany. On this great Feast of the Theophany, the Church of Christ calls all of us to go together to the river Jordan to witness the manifestation of God and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. There we shall see, with the eyes of our soul, our Lord immersing Himself once again in the waters of the River Jordan, and thus sanctifying the oceans and the rivers and the lakes of all the world. Join us on Monday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Obligation Holyday Divine Liturgy. *Holyday in Hermitage is Monday morning, January 6th at 10:00 a.m.*

The great sanctification of water on Monday

The most outstanding liturgical aspect with regard to the Feast of the Holy Theophany is the Great Sanctification of Water. The colorful and elaborate ceremony for sanctifying the waters commemorates Jesus' descent into the River Jordan and begins with the reading of three paremias taken from the Holy Prophet Isaiah which foreshadow the baptism of Christ. A lengthy prayer that is attributed to Saint Sophronios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, is interrupted three times: once when the priest blesses the water with the trojca, a three-branched burning candlestick; then again when he breaths upon the water in the form of a cross; and finally when he blesses the water by making the sign of the cross with his hand in it. At the end of the ceremony, he submerges the hand-cross into the water, making the sign of the cross with it while singing the troparion of the feast. The priest then sprinkles the church and the entire congregation with the newly-sanctified Jordan waters. The faithful then come forward to be blessed with the water, to drink it, and to take some of it into their homes.



ECF resumes Tuesday

This Tuesday, January 7th, ECF classes will resume at the Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Parishioner Turns "90"

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **DR. JOHN GALIDA** who celebrated his "90th" birthday on Saturday, January 4th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, John, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita. Happy 90th Birthday Dr John!



Civic Club meeting TODAY

-submitted by Nick DuBos-

"This is a reminder that the Civic Club will have a Night at the Races meeting at the Hall immediately after the Sunday, January 5 Divine Liturgy. There are less than 5 weeks to go before NATR, so it's important that members attend the meeting."



HALUSHKI sales this Friday – drive thru

Drive thru sales **Friday January 10th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** or until sold out. Pre-orders encouraged by call or text Regina at 330-720-2100. \$10 per quart.

Prep for Halushki will be on Thursday, January 9th at 10:00 am in the hall. Chop cabbage make dumplings and package.

2025 Liturgy Intentions

You may schedule your 2025 Liturgy Intentions. If you have a special occasion this upcoming new year, or an anniversary of a loved one's passing, or would like certain dates for intentions, please schedule them asap. The stipend for an intention is \$20.00.

Contribution Statement from 2024

Enclosed 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.



Any ideas for 2025?

If you have an idea of something our parish can do in 2025, such as an activity event or function, please let Father know. Let's make it a great 103rd year as a St. Michael parish family. Most importantly, the year will be great if we all come to church weekly – This is first and foremost!

Some Highlights of 2025

February 1	Night at the Races
March 3	First Day of Lent
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 26	Sock Hop
May 8	First Reconciliation
May 10	First Solemn Communion
June 8	Pentecost Sunday
October 4	Reverse Raffle
November 27	Thanksgiving Day;
December 25	Christmas falls on a Thursday





***Request Form for your
Financial Statement
from the year 2024***

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
Campbell, Ohio

**Yes, I would like my contribution statement sent
to me from 2024!**

I prefer: _____ regular mailing
_____ e-mail

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**You may submit this form in the collection basket
or mail it to the church office. Your statement will
be sent to you by your preferred choice.**