Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m.

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

"He arose and went to his father." He arose from the wreckage of his conscience and body alike. He arose from the depths of hell and touched the heights of heaven. Before the heavenly Father, a child rises higher because of pardon than he fell low because of guilt.

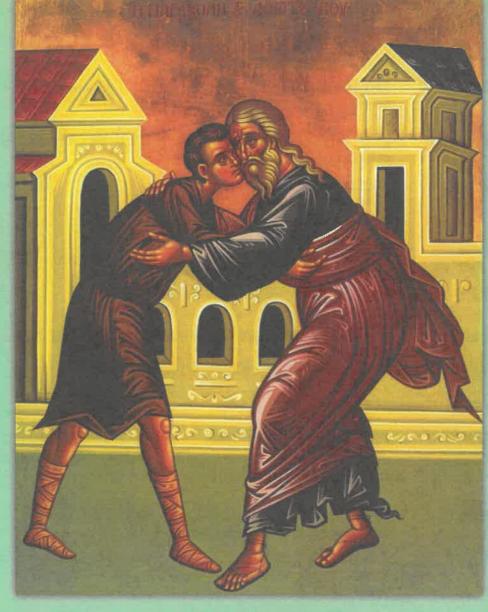
"He arose and went to his father." He went not by the motion of his feet but by the progress of his thought. Being afar off he had no need of an earthly journey, because he had found short cuts along the way of salvation. He who seeks the divine Father by faith soon finds Him present to himself, and has no need to seek Him by traversing roads.

"He arose and went to his father. But when he was yet a long way off." How is he who is coming a long way off? Because he has not vet arrived. He who is coming is coming to do penance, but he has not yet arrived at grace. He is coming to his Father's house but he has not vet reached the glory of his former condition, appearance, and honor.

"But when he was yet a long way off, his father saw him." That Father saw, he "who dwells on high; and looks down on the low things," "and the high he knows afar off." "His father saw him." The father saw him, in such a way that the son could also behold his father. The father's countenance illumined the face of the approaching son in such a way that all the dark aspect was dispelled which his guilt had previously cast about it.

St. Peter Chrysologus

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son

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





SAT., FEB 15 6:00 p.m. (Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Brandon M. Puskarcik (remembrance of 42nd birthday) requested by: Michele Richards

SUN., FEB 16

11:00 a.m.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON - The Third Pre-Lenten Sunday

+Richard W. Trexler (7th anniversary of passing 2.12)

requested by: Family

TUES., FEB 18

6:00 p.m. ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall

FRI., FEB 21

Vigil for the 1st Universal All Souls Saturday

4:30 p.m. +All Souls with the reading of the *Hramoty*

SAT., FEB 22

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m. +Betty A. Stanko

requested by: Michael & Marian Katula

requested by: Cathy Smail

(1st anniversary of passing 2.19)

SUN., FEB 23

THE SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE -

The Fourth Pre-Lenten Sunday

11:00 a.m.

+Catherine Mrosko

(17th anniversary of passing 2.14)

+Everett R. Smail

(7th anniversary of passing 2.1)





Church Attendance

Saturday 2/8 - 20 (6:00 pm) Sunday 2/9 - 47 (11:00 am)

February 16 – Nick Rappach

February 17 – Dave Hospodar, Michael Gordan Katula, Charles Norman

February 18 – Lina Cusano, Ella Quinn

February 20 – Michael Drotar

February 21 – Olivia Bigley

February 22 – Dominic Cutrone, Pamela Kotasek, Joey Kinnick

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Feb. 14, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME - Michael Drotar, Irene Fedorek, Ted Fesz, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz,

Patti Pancoe, Lucille Puhak, Martha Swantek, Maria & Ed Tirpack, Diana Vrabel,

Date

Feb 9

YTD

Collection

\$1.973

\$11.576

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,

Hospice House (9803 Sharrott Road, Youngstown, OH 44514) - Bob Macala.

Church offerings from Feb. 8 & 9, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,785.00 Loose Currency \$52.00

Candles \$41.00

Holydays \$95.00

TOTAL: \$1,973.00

TIME TOGETHER

In Memory of +Mickey Burich: \$675.00



I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY NEW FRIEND ... OL' SMELLY AND I SPENT A LOT OF

Quote of the Week

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Required

\$2,850

\$17.100

(Shortage)

(\$877)

(\$5,524)

Don't find fault Find a remedy."

— Henry Ford



February 9th TOTAL: \$165.00

AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

Word Search Challenge

Find and circle the words. They appear backward, forward, diagonal, and they overlap.



A JOHNSON ARTHUR **B HARRISON** BIDEN BUCHANAN CARTER CLEVELAND CLINTON

COOLIDGE EISENHOWER F ROOSEVELT FILLMORE FORD G BUSH GARFIELD

GRANT

GW BUSH HARDING **HAYES** HOOVER **J ADAMS JACKSON**

KENNEDY L JOHNSON POLK LINCOLN MADISON MCKINLEY MONROE JEFFERSON. NIXON JQ ADAMS OBAMA

PIERCE REAGAN T ROOSEVELT TAFT TAYLOR TRUMAN TRUMP

TYLER VAN BUREN W HARRISON WASHINGTON WILSON

Be Like Jesus

We often hear Christians say that we want to "be like Jesus." But what does this mean? Oftentimes, we romanticize even the people in our lives. We want to be like this person or that, but what we really mean is that we want only to live the good parts of their lives.

We use this phrase so much that we tend to lose the meaning of the words. We want the greatness that others seemingly have or experience, but we do not want to do the work. What does it mean to live like Jesus then? Are we prepared to forgive those who wrong us? Are we prepared to suffer for taking the higher road or being the bigger person? Or is it easier to hold grudges and hatred in our hearts?



Are we prepared to travel difficult distances to bring people to God? Most of us don't have the desire to talk about God even with our family, friends, or next door neighbors. Would we follow the path to evangelization that our Lord shows us?

Are we prepared to not pass judgment on others? Or do we enjoy gossiping at the store, beauty salon, work, or even coffee hour after church and condemning others to stereotypes or by what we "hear about them?" Are we prepared to give, even if we ourselves have nothing? Or are we content to live selfishly while others are in desperate need, whether financially, medically, physically, or emotionally?

Are we willing to stare temptation in the face and reject it, knowing that we have God, and He can bring us through anything in our lives? Or are we content just to say "I'm only human...God will forgive me."

Are we willing to suffer humiliation, mockery, even physical torture and death, only to express love, understanding, and forgiveness for those who torture us? Or is our faith so little that we allow anger and resentment to build inside of us and condemn those who ridicule us by our words, action, and revenge?

Indeed, to be like Jesus is not all glitz and glamour. It is a rather challenging and hard road to walk. Within 2 weeks, we will be entering the Great Fast. Let us ponder these things, assess where we are in our faith, and work toward truly being more like Jesus. Only then, can we fully understand His love for us and our Christian responsibility to love others and serve them as He does for us!

Upcoming fasting obligatory regulations... The first day of the Great Fast, March 3rd and Good Friday, April 18th are days of Strict Abstinence (no meat, dairy, or egg products). Every Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast are days of Simple Abstinence (no meat).

Civic Club meeting TONIGHT

The St. Michael's Civic Club will hold its regular meeting **TOINGHT**, **Sunday**, **February 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in the bar room at the hall.

PAC meeting Monday

Our Parish Advisory Council (PAC) will hold a meeting this Monday, February 17th.

The 1st Universal All Souls - Vigil this Friday

February 22nd is the first of five All Souls Saturday this year. If you wish to add names to your list from last year or make a new one, please submit the special sheet in the narthex. Following the requiem Divine Liturgy, the names of your submitted deceased loved ones are read aloud. The first All Souls Liturgy will be offered this FRIDAY evening, February 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Fasengy party in 12 days - last week to RSVP



Our St. Michael Parish will have a Mardi Gras/Pre-Lenten Party (FASENGY) on Friday, February 28th from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Music, fun, & games for both adults and children. Extra RSVP forms are in the narthex. Join us for a great evening before the start of Lent. The final day to submit RSVP forms is next Sunday, February 23rd. \$25 per adult and kiddos are free.

MENU: Louisianna chicken, shrimp & andouille sausage jambalaya, rice pilaf, rigatoni evvi, holupki, potatoes, salad, rolls/butter, paczki & king cakes.

GAMES: Big six wheel, basket auction, heads/tails game, Queen of hearts game, balloon buy out, Mardi Gras parade, crown king & queen – prince & princess, plus more being planned.

The Pre-Sanctified Liturgies begin next month

During the holy season of the Great Fast, which this year begins March 3rd, our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy to be celebrated. This is a special Liturgy with different melodies in which no Consecration takes place, due to the fact that the Eucharist is already consecrated (pre-sanctified). In this year of 2025, our pastor will celebrate the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on WEDNESDAYS DURING THE GREAT FAST (LENT) AT 6:00 P.M. Join us for the weekly Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during the season of The Great Fast. Don't miss out on attending this beautiful and uplifting Lenten Liturgy. Make it part of your Lenten goals to attend!

Deanery Vespers - March 9th afternoon



On the First Sunday of The Great Fast, March 9th, at 4:00 p.m., our Youngstown Deanery will have a common prayer of Lenten Vespers at Infant Iesus of Prague Church, in Boardman OH. You will have a chance to spend a prayerful night and receive a blessing and enrich your spiritual life. Priests will be available for confessions and social with refreshments after service. All are invited.



Happy 97th Birthday

Our Saint Michael Parish offers birthday wishes to MICHAEL DROTAR who turns "97" years old this Thursday, February 20th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, Michael, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita. Happy 97th Birthday Michael

GCU Founder's Day: Feb. 14th: Happy 133rd Birthday, GCU

- Is your Life Insurance/Investment Banking company "non-profit"??
- Does your Life Insurance/Investment Banking company donate money to our <u>St. Michael</u> <u>Church in Campbell</u>??
- Does your Life Insurance/Investment Banking company donate money to our <u>Byzantine</u> <u>Catholic Seminary</u> in Pittsburgh??

The Greek Catholic Union, now known as the "GCU", is a Fraternal Benefit Society that provides Life Insurance and Annuity Investments at very competitive rates, AND is "non-profit". AND does donate funds to our St. Michael Church and our Seminary!! The GCU was founded in 1892 in Wilkes-Barre, PA when 14 independent lodges, associated with "Greek Catholic" (Byzantine) Churches from PA, NJ, NY, and Connecticut, combined to support the Rusin immigrants working challenging jobs in coal mines and steel mills. In 1892 there were 743 members and \$600 in assets. 133 years later, the GCU now has over 50,000 membe ,rs and over \$2.7 billion dollars in assets! The GCU offers a variety of Life Insurance and Investment products; offers matching funds to our local fundraisers; and donated \$100,000 to the Seminary in Pittsburgh at our annual St. Nicholas Celebration in December. GCU's mission: "Protecting Families, Promoting Faith and Fellowship, and Strengthening Communities". To learn more about joining the GCU, talk to our Parish Coordinator, Ed Stanko, or visit the website: gcuusa.com.

2025 Friday Lenten food sales

Our St. Michael Church will once again have food sales on the Fridays of the Great Fast. Please promote and support these sales as well. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Walk-ins welcome until supplies last. Times and ordering information will be given next weekend. Here is a list of what's being planned.

Lenten Fridays	Food Item \$10	Soup - \$10 per quart
March 7th	Pirohi (potato, lekvar)	Vegetable Barley
March 14th	Halushki	Potato
March 21st	Pirohi (potato, lekvar)	Vegetable Barley
March 28th	Halushki	Potato
April 4th	Pirohi (potato, lekvar)	Vegetable Barley

April 13 - Palm Sunday Cavatelli Dinner

Volunteer help this Tuesday - Pirohi pinchers needed at our Hall kitchen for this **Tuesday, February 18th** from **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** If you can spare anytime, it will be appreciated.