

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.

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.

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.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought Him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet Him.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens everyone who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a

hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in His splendor.

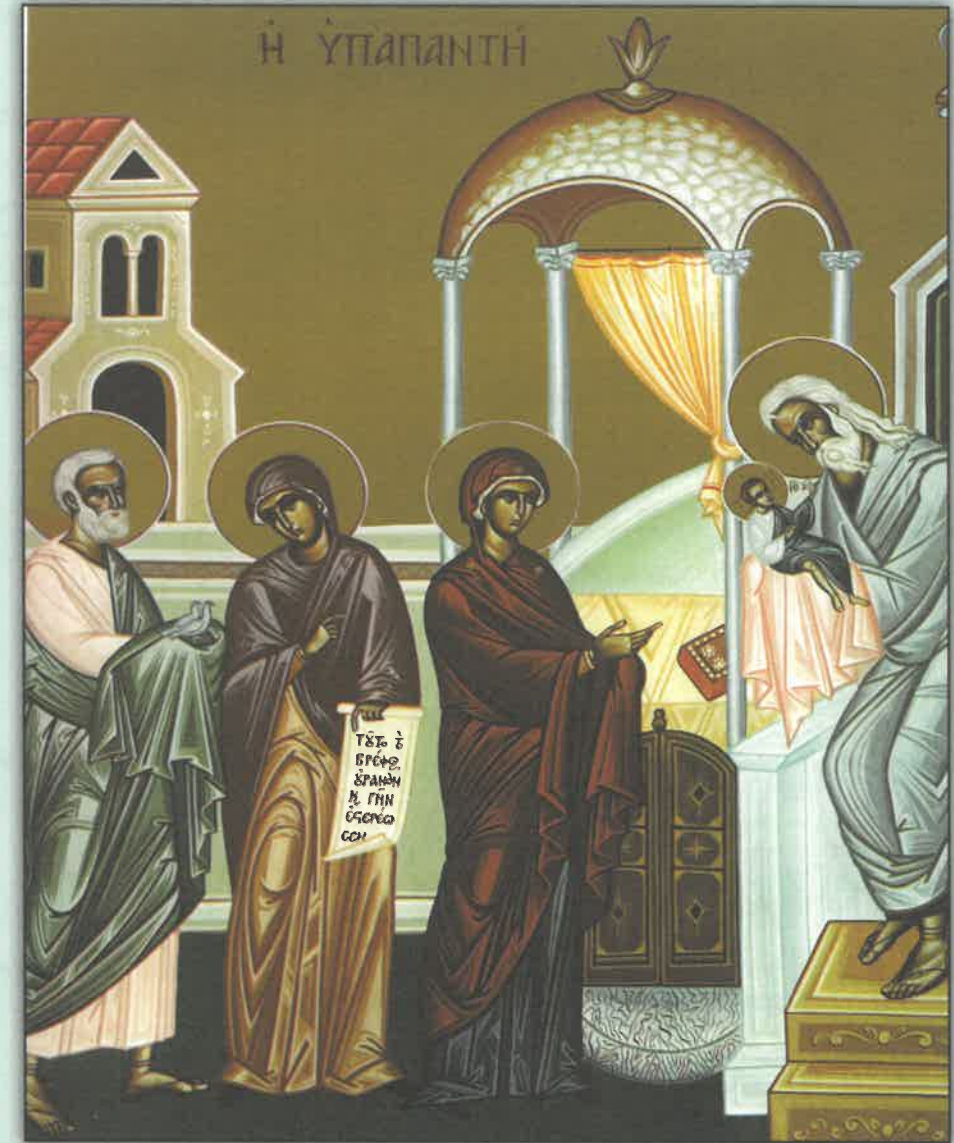
Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which He prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as He came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen Him present among us and have mentally received Him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in His honor.

St. Sophronius



SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE



Icon of the Presentation of Our Lord -- February 2nd



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



SAT., FEB 1

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Blessing of Candles

+George Swantek

requested by: Wife: Martha & Family

(remembrance of 89th birthday 1.18)



SUN., FEB 2



11:00 a.m.

**THE FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR
LORD & THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS –
The Blessing of Candles – The First Pre-Lenten Sunday**

+Alexander J. Orosz

requested by: Gary A. Orosz

(34th anniversary of passing 2.11)



TUES., FEB 4

6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall



SAT., FEB 8

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Stephen Macala

requested by: Family of Jack & Betty Macala

(60th anniversary of passing 1.5)

SUN., FEB 9

11:00 a.m.

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN &
PHARISEE – The Second Pre-Lenten Sunday**

+Steve Dimoff

(27th anniversary of passing 2.5)

+Mary Dimoff

(9th anniversary of passing 1/25)



February 3 – Agnes Ihnat

February 5 – Kathi Klimis, Douglas Vaclav

February 7 – Kara Colbert, Phil Ford, Betty Macala

February 8 – Arleen Arendas

Church Attendance

Saturday 1/25 – 67 (6:00 pm)

Sunday 1/26 – 70 (11:00 am)

Thursday 1/30 – 10 (6:00 pm)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Jan. 31, 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.

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.

St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital (8401 Market Street, Boardman, OH 44512) – Bob Macala.

Church offerings from Jan. 25 & 26, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,572.00

Loose Currency \$227.00

Candles \$92.00

BCW \$126.00

Christmas.... \$75.00

Holyday (Jan 30) \$105.00

TOTAL: \$2,197.00

CEMETERY: \$450.00



**January 26th TOTAL:
\$339.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Jan 26	\$2,197	\$2,850	(\$653)
YTD	\$8,043	\$11,400	(\$3,357)

Quote of the Week

“February is even better, though,
because it lets us study why so
many of those resolutions are
broken.”

— Sendhil Mullainathan



Pennsylvania
Punxsutawney
underground
groundhog
hibernate
tradition
woodchuck
February
folklore
forecast
overcast
popular
animal
burrow
cloudy
famous
mammal
marmot
rodent
second
shadow
spring
winter
awake
early
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sleep
weeks
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snow
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sun



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Why do I go to Church?

Why do we go to church? What do we seek? What are our motives?

More often than not, people respond that they go to church because they “have to” or that they are attempting to ward off an eternity in hell by collecting tokens each and every Sunday and holy day by attending church. Some people even consider working for a pirohi project or a parish festival as their being a member of a church community.

As humans, we fall into the trap of complacency and habit. We tend to be territorial about things like church, and sometimes that leads us into attending church for all the wrong reasons. When the priest preaches about sin, we complain. When the cantor sings a different melody, we complain. When services go beyond the time *we* expect to be in church for, we complain. When clergy or others instruct us in the faith and our traditions, we complain.

At some point, we need to seriously ask ourselves, why do we actually go to church. Our faith is quite demanding of us. Firstly, we need to understand that our Christian life demands that we change. This change is more spiritual than physical. We need to be receptive to the message of the Epistle and Gospel. We need to be open to Christ’s teachings and His example for us. For instance, when we sing “Lord, have mercy,” do we think about what those words mean, what we are asking for? Do we extend the same mercy to others that we ask our Lord to extend to us? Are we actively participating in services while looking to grow as faith-filled Christians, or do we merely go through the motions and force our own expectations on the priest and other parishioners without even fully understanding or learning about our faith?

Secondly, we need to understand that no man is in charge of anything in church; only God is in charge. This can be a harrowing thought for most, as we tend to think that *we* are in charge. When we work fundraisers or even attend services, we carry ourselves as this or that, but we fail to recognize that, in God’s eyes, we are all equal. Our job as the community of believers is to lift each other up, not tear each other down. We are meant to guide and support each other in our earthly journeys as we strive to grow closer to God and strengthen our faith. If Jesus came back to earth, we would treat Him the same way He was treated during His passion. We would not want to listen, nor would we care to understand, for we typically have our own agendas and visions of how we want things done in relation to life as well as our life in the Church.

To remedy this, we need to be open and receptive to the transformative nature of our faith. Each day, we undergo this change, for each day, we strive to become more like our Lord in His ways, teachings, compassion, and love. This is why the Church teaches us about the saints as examples, especially those who had a pure conversion of heart and soul, those who were the greatest sinners who became the most ardent and selfless followers of Christ.

As we think about our own reasons for going to church, let us always keep God as our focus. It is He that we go to see. It is He that we go to worship. It is He Who will judge us at the conclusion of our earthly existence. He will not ask how many pirohi we pinched. He will not ask us what we were ‘in charge’ of. What He will ask us is how compassionate and understanding we were toward others. He will ask us how freely we gave of our love, time, talents, and treasure. He will ask us if we truly followed His Word, His example, His path for us. Let us make this journey together. Let us grow in faith together and work to understand the beauty of what our faith teaches us and what our Lord has prepared for us!

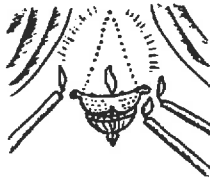
The Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord Today



On February 2nd, we celebrate the Encounter of our Lord Jesus Christ with Simeon in the Temple. In this beautiful scene, the aged Simeon takes the Baby Jesus up in his arms and expresses his delight and joy to God in a brief prayer. The event occurred when Joseph and Mary brought the Child to the Temple to present Him the Lord, according to the law of Moses. The holy family had made its little pilgrimage from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, a distance of about five miles, to accomplish what was called the purification of Mary. This required the presentation of a lamb, or for those who were poor, of two pigeons. In addition, a gift of five shekels to the Temple was required as an acknowledgement of God's claim over the first born male of the household; the child was thus redeemed from sacred duties to enter the secular life. Taking Jesus into his arms was an act of will by Simeon. The Spirit had prepared him to meet Jesus at the correct moment and had providentially brought them together. Simeon was driven under the impulse of the Spirit to hurry into the Temple, and when he was confronted with the Christ Child, he accepted Him into his arms immediately overlooking the poverty, the humility, or the apparent insignificance of the family. The impulse of the Spirit told him this was to be his only opportunity to see Christ

The Solemn Blessing of Candles

On February 2nd, candles are blessed. The blessing of candles is our profession that we have seen the true Light Jesus Christ. We have encountered Him and allowed Him into our lives by our faith in Him and by our worship of Him which stems from faith. The prayer for the blessing asks Christ to bless the candles that they may be lit with a visible flame to dispel darkness, and that our hearts enlightened by the invisible light of the Holy Spirit.



HALUSHKI sale on Valentine's Day – drive thru



Drive thru sales Friday, February 14th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Pre-orders encouraged by signing the sheet in the narthex or call or text Regina at 330-720-2100. \$10 per quart.

Prep for Halushki will be on Thursday, February 13th at 10:00 am in the hall. Chop cabbage make dumplings and package.

Bulletin announcements

If you have anything you would like published in the weekly bulletin (milestone birthdays, anniversaries, achievements, congrats news, etc.) please email, text, or call Father by Thursday morning before the weekend.

Ice machine at Hall repaired

The ice machine at our St. Michael Hall was repaired this past week after a cracked filter and a cracked valve was found which was causing a big water leak and for it to not function properly. The total cost of both repairs was \$707.00.

Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+JULIE J. BROZMAN, 84, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 17, 2025. Her Memorial Divine Liturgy was offered on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at our St. Michael Church with interment at St. John's Cemetery. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Julie, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.



Fašengy Celebration - last Friday of February



Our St. Michael Parish will have a Mardi Gras/Pre-Lenten Party (FÁSENGY) on Friday, February 28th from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. The menu will feature southern cuisine along with Slavic cuisine. Bar provided. 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.

What is meant by 'Fašengy'?

Before the start of The Great Fast (Lent), it was customary to hold "Fašengy," which is the festival of merrymaking observed with feasting, dancing, and jocular revelry. Typically, this shrovetide celebration took the form a carnival. Occasionally, the Fašengy was held in conjunction with a large formal dance known as a fašengovyj ball. This was thus the last occasion for public mirth, lightheartedness, and innocent fun prior to the start of Lent.

Another reminder - No more landline at our Hall

The landline phone for our St. Michael Hall (755-5688) is NO LONGER available and has been eliminated. Due to years of non-use and because just about everyone has a cell phone, it is no longer necessary to have the landline at the Hall. In addition, our parish will be saving over \$50.00 a month.

On Church teaching...

QUESTION: Is it OK to work on Sunday?

ANSWER: Rest from work is necessary. We know that even God himself rests: "he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done" (Gen. 2:2). In recognition of this, the Church obligates us to rest on the Lord's day. The *Code of Canon Law* states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body" (CIC 1247). However, the Church also recognizes that legitimate reasons excuse from this obligation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health" (CCC 2185).



When you are going through difficulty and wonder where God is,
REMEMBER that the Teacher is always quiet during the test!