

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.

Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only

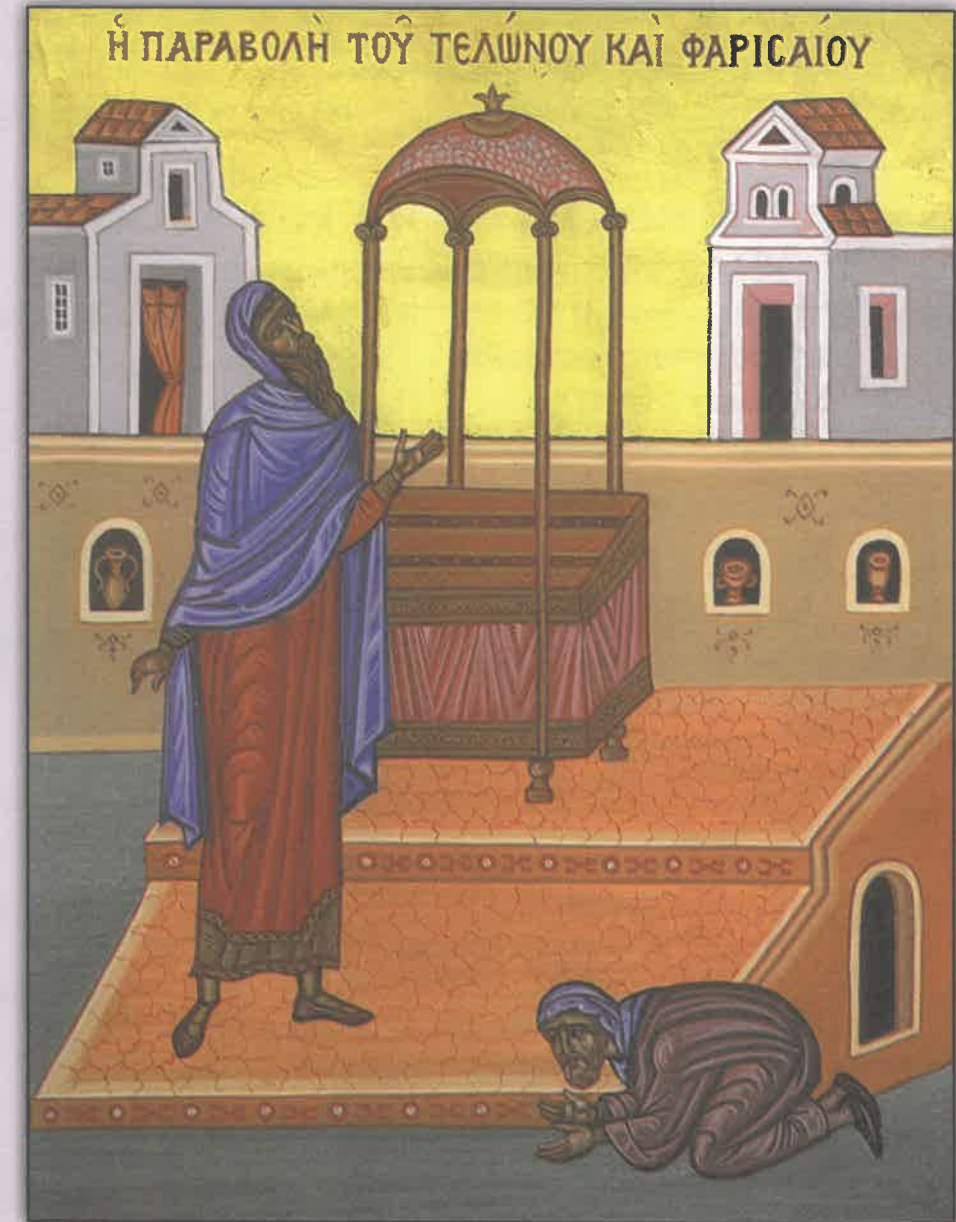
think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

Saint John Chrysostom



SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee



February 11 – Patty Gomori
February 14 – Dolly Macala
February 15 – Joe Kinnick

Church Attendance

Saturday 2/1 – **20** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 2/2 – **47** (11:00 am)

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

SAT., FEB 8

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Stephen Macala
(60th anniversary of passing 1.5)

requested by: Family of Jack & Betty Macala

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)



requested by: Dimoff Family

TUES., FEB 11

6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall



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



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Feb. 7, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, Irene Fedorek, Ted Fesz, Kim Liberty, 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 Feb. 1 & 2, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,300.00

Loose Currency \$13.00

Candles \$112.00

Holydays \$135.00

TOTAL: \$1,560.00

Hall Rentals from Bogeys (4): **\$1,200.00**

In Memory of +Richard Lucas: **\$1,000.00**

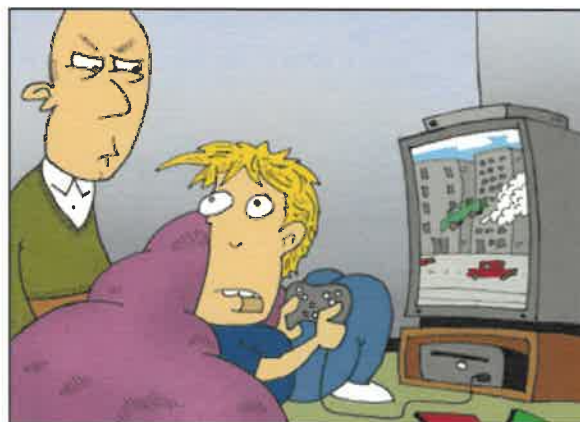
Special donation Phil Ford: **\$200.00**



February 2nd TOTAL:

\$434.00

| Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Date | Collection | Required | (Shortage) |
| Feb 2 | \$1,560 | \$2,850 | (\$1,290) |
| YTD | \$9,603 | \$14,250 | (\$4,647) |



YOU ALWAYS SAID I SHOULD LOOK FOR THE
TALENTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME

Quote of the Week

“Talent sets the floor,
Character sets the ceiling.”

— Bill Belichick

SUPER BOWL

WORD SEARCH

J U M B O T R O N M U P B J V K T U M K I M
 F U M B L E L T E W B A F I D R I T J F X U
 T A C K L E G S K W U C I V P R U C G L G A
 R V I M N Y T F I Q W V G I S T L H K M S T
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FANS
 GRIDIRON
 TACKLE
 KICKOFF
 TEAMS
 TOUCHDOWN

NATIONAL ANTHEM
 FUMBLE
 QUARTERBACK
 JUMBOTRON
 PREGAME
 PLAYERS

CHAMPIONSHIP
 INSTANT REPLAY
 FIELD GOAL
 VINCE LOMBARDI
 COMMERCIALS
 CHEERLEADERS

TICKETS
 HALFTIME SHOW
 BIG GAME
 PASS
 INTERCEPTION
 WATCH PARTY

God's Time

Often, when we worry about time, we are doing something that we don't like, such as counting down the time until the end of the work or school day, or pressed for time when traffic is bad or our flight is delayed or if we are late for a meeting, or even when we are waiting for some trial in our life to pass. We generally do not worry about time when we are enjoying something or caught up in a moment.

Why, then, do we concern ourselves with time when it comes to God and prayer? How often do we ask or hear someone ask "how long is this service going to be?" Or "how long is this actually going to take... I have things to do?" Is it that we do not enjoy the time we spend with God, in His presence, in His House? Is it that we do not want to be with Him? Hopefully, this is not the case. Eternity is a long time.

Think about it. This Sunday, people will be willing to spend countless hours glued to their television set for the Super Bowl. There will be parties and gatherings, and most will not be concerned with time—even with having to go to work on Monday morning. Yet, how many will begrudge the time they spend in church?

In the Divine Liturgy, we sing that we "set aside all cares of life" to remind ourselves that God's time is eternal; it is a beautiful experience that we are invited to. We are invited to this because it is an opportunity to lay all of worries, cares, fears, animosities, sinful desires, all of the things that weigh us down at His feet. One of these cares is, in fact, time. We certainly can not focus on prayer if we are constantly looking at our watch or thinking about other things that we need to do. Our Lord wants us to approach Him willingly and unreservedly. If we concern ourselves with "how long" this will take, we undermine the purpose of accepting His invitation. Think about last Sunday's Gospel and recall that Zacchaeus willingly sought our Lord, accepted His invitation to dinner (without asking Christ how long He intends to stay with him), and changed his life to serve our Lord.

This lesson shows contrition; it shows a change of heart; it shows a strong desire to serve and change a way of life. What a great example for us! Let us try to change our outlook, especially with Great Fast approaching, and make the time for God. Let us renew ourselves and seek to do His will in our prayers, actions, and words. Let us explore and experience the beauty of being in God's House, without the worry of earthly cares and the things of this world bogging us down. And, finally, let us share this joy with others and embrace the beauty and awesome mystery that is our faith without relating it to temporal worries and cares.

Fašengy party – RSVP now



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. 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. The final day to submit RSVP forms is February 23rd. \$25 per adult and kiddos are free.

No penitential practice this Friday

Our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes **NO FASTING/ NO PENANCE this Friday, February 14th**...lest we become puffed up with the unholy pride of the Pharisee who boasted about his fasting.

Civic Club meeting next Sunday

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

Thanks rendered

"The Civic Club would like to thank all parishioners who volunteered, attended, purchased horses, sponsored races, or donated money or gifts towards last Saturdays Night at the Races. The event was very successful and we hope you had an enjoyable evening." -**Nick DuBos**

Halushki sale THIS FRIDAY – drive thru

Drive thru sales **THIS 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.



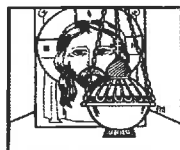
The All Souls Saturdays for 2025



February 22nd marks the first of the All Souls Saturdays for this year of 2025. 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. A stipend is usually given for each of the liturgies.

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!



Who is St. Valentine?



The ancient martyrology of the Church of Rome marks February 14th as the remembrance of "the martyr Valentine, presbyter of Rome" (Valentinus mean "vigorous" in Latin). St. Valentine lived in Rome in the third century and was a priest who helped the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II the Goth. The great virtue and catechetical activities of the saint had become familiar. For this, he was arrested and brought before the imperial court.

"Why, Valentine, do you want to be a friend of our enemies and reject our friendship?" asked the emperor. Then the saint replied "My lord, if you knew the gift of God, you would be happy together with your empire and would reject the worship of idols and worship the true God and His Son Jesus Christ."

The emperor, however, continued his questions with curiosity, and found a welcome opportunity to finally learn what the faith of these Christians was. Valentine then found the courage to urge him to repent for the blood of the Christians that was shed. "Believe in Jesus Christ, be baptized and you will be saved, and from this time forward the glory of your empire will be ensured as well as the triumph of your armory." Claudius became convinced, and said to those who were present: "What a beautiful teaching this man preaches." But the mayor of Rome, dissatisfied, began to shout: "See how this Christian mislead our Prince."

Then Claudius brought the saint to another judge. He was called Asterios, and he had a little girl who was blind for two years. Listening about Jesus Christ, that "He is the Light of the World", he asked Valentine if he could give that light to his child. St. Valentine put his hand on her eyes and prayed: "Lord Jesus Christ, true Light, illuminate this blind child." The child saw! So the judge with all his family confessed Christ. Having fasted for three days, he destroyed the idols that were in the house and finally received holy baptism.

When the emperor heard about all these events, he initially thought not to punish them, but thought that in the eyes of citizens he will look weak, which forced him to betray his sense of justice. So St. Valentine along with other Christians, after they were tortured, were beheaded on February 14th in the year 268.

The Great Fast begins March 3rd – Now is the time to start planning Lenten goals, meals, coming to church extra, etc.