

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.

CCU 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.

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

The Power of Christ's Blood

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors. If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced His side with a lance and immediately there poured

out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of Baptism and the blood, of the Holy Eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

There flowed from His side water and blood. Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from Baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the Holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of Baptism and the Eucharist flowed from His side, it was from His side that Christ fashioned the Church, as He had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam.

St. John Chrysostom



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Veneration of the Holy Cross



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



SAT., MAR 22
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Richard Lucas

requested by: Patti Tirpack



SUN., MAR 23

11:00 a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – The Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross

+Beverly +Steve Peroski

requested by: Dr. Andrew Bulazo

Health & God's Blessings Upon
Marlene Hahn – (83rd birthday 3.18)

requested by: Regina Sferra



MON., MAR 24

6:00 p.m.

Vigil for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos — Solemn Holy Day - Mirovanije

+John +Mary Gaydos

requested by: Dr. Andrew Bulazo

TUES., MAR 25

6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall



WED., MAR 26



6:00 p.m.

4th Wednesday of the Great Fast - No Meat OBLIGATED

The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

FRI., MAR 28



SAT., MAR 29

9:00 a.m.

4th Universal All Souls Saturday

+All Souls with the reading of the *Hramoty*

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Francis Kotasek

requested by: M/M E. Tirpack

6:00 p.m.

SUN., MAR 30

10:40 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – The Sunday of St. John Climacus

Holy Mystery of Chrismation of Lucia Marie Beatty



+Joseph John Kinnick

requested by: Son: Joe Kinnick

(25th anniversary of passing 3.24)



March 17 – Louis Colbert, Joseph Colbert
March 23 – Maria Circelli
March 24 – Ken Payne
March 29 – Salena Patellis

Church Attendance

Saturday 3/15 – **52** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 3/16 – **64** (11:00 am)

Wednesday 3/19 – **no count taken** (6:00 pm)

Saturday (All Souls) 3/22 – **7** (9:00 am)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: March 21, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, Irene Fedorek, Ted Fesz, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz, Lucille Puhak, Martha Swantek, 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 Mar 15 & 16, 2025

Sunday Offering \$2,011.00

Loose Currency \$110.00

Candles \$70.00

Holyday (Mar 25) \$15.00

TOTAL: \$2,206.00



March 16th TOTAL:

\$444.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Mar 16	\$2,206	\$2,850	(\$644)
YTD	\$23,365	\$31,350	(\$7,985)



Quote of the Week

“Prayer does not change the purpose of God. But prayer does change the action of God.”

— Chuck Smith



Thanks to Gail

YOU'RE RIGHT ... THIS IS MORE CHRISTIAN

01-23-2006

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WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS. THE WORDS HAVE BEEN PLACED HORIZONTALLY, VERTICALLY, AND DIAGONALLY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

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BIRDS
BLOOM
BLOSSOM
BUTTERFLY

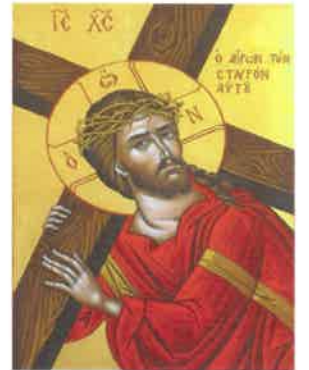
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CHIRPING
DRAGONFLY
FLOWERS

GARDENING
GRASS
LADYBUG
LEAVES

RAINBOW
SEASON
SPROUT
THAW

Am I “Cross Fit?”

We now are at the mid-point of the Great Fast: the Sunday of the Cross, where we are reminded of what is to come—the Crucifixion of our Lord and His triumphant Resurrection. We are reminded that our Lenten journey should be a journey of discovery and renewal. We are on a journey of strengthening ourselves. We are on a journey of fighting temptations and human weakness. We are on a journey with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as our guide!



As we celebrate this Sunday—and Holy and Passion Week—we must ask ourselves: “Am I Cross Fit?” Am I worthy to approach the Holy Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Do I work to spread His Gospel, not just by words and pontificating to others what they “should do,” but by my actions toward others? Do I take the opportunity to pray according to the prescriptions of the Church by attending the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and each Sunday Divine Liturgy? Am I keeping the fast? Have I exercised the Mystery of Repentance truthfully and with preparation? Do I work to increase my prayer life at home with my family?

These are all things that we should be working on during this time of Lent. In following the prescriptions of the Great Fast, we can work on our souls and bodies. It’s amazing how many people pay hundreds of dollars a month to work on their bodies, to better themselves. It seems you see so much about Cross Fit these days in ads and on social media. People are so dedicated to this regiment and program. It almost operates as a religion for so many. People spend so much money to strengthen their bodies, but not their souls!

During our journey to Pascha, we have an opportunity to recalibrate our spiritual selves. Our doctor, the Church, prescribes the fast of letting go of certain foods, of letting go of the worldly things that weigh us down and keep us from focusing on Christ. We imitate the way of our Lord, who fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11), and we work to build ourselves up so that we can indeed be “Cross Fit,” to follow the way of our Lord.

When we go to venerate the Cross this Sunday, we are not venerating a work of art. We are not venerating something “pretty” or decorated. We approach the life-giving Cross of our Lord, and as we prostrate ourselves—bowing down—before the Cross, we should be gauging how Cross Fit we are. Have I truly accepted Christ in my life? Do I truly anticipate the Resurrection, or am I just going through the motions?

We should keep these thoughts in our mind as we mend and grow spiritually over this Great Fast. Where people pay thousands to better themselves in our world today, all we have to do is listen and follow the prescriptions that our Church Fathers have for us: for free! Let us work toward strengthening our bodies and spirits, to indeed be Cross Fit and to experience the true joy of Pascha and Resurrection! Let us fast and do good works, not for show or with complaint, but with the feeling and knowledge that we can worthily approach our Savior and His Cross and imitate His ways. Truly, then, we can consider ourselves Cross Fit!



The Flowers That Adorn The Cross On The Tetrapod For
This Weekend & This Week Is:

In Loving Memory Of +HELEN CEBULA
February 20, 1924 – April 7, 1993

Donated by: Daughter: Patty Gomori

Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

This feast recalls to us the Incarnation of the Divine Word in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This mystery merits for Mary her most beautiful name, Theotokos or Mother of God. It is this title which merited for her all her graces. This is why the Angel greeted her on this day: "Rejoice, Full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among all women." In becoming the mother of the New Adam, Mary became by the same fact the Mother of the whole redeemed human race. By her voluntary acceptance ("let it be done to me according to your word"), she, the only creature actively participated in the realization of this grandiose mystery by which humanity would be saved. "All generations will call me blessed," she cried out in her enthusiasm. This is why the Church, in the name of the entire human race, today renders to the Virgin Theotokos the altogether exceptional honors to which she has a right. Join us for the Vigil Holyday Liturgy, this Monday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m.



Spaghetti dinner in 3 weeks



The annual spaghetti dinner will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. The dinner will be eat-in or take out. The price per dinner for adults is \$12.00; children's dinner is \$6.00. The time of the dinner is 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Your help is needed. Please sign the list in the narthex if we can count on you to help out.

Drive thru Lenten food sales

Please promote and support these sales. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Walk-ins welcome until supplies last. You may pre-order for any of the weeks in the narthex or call/text Regina at 330-720-2100.

DRIVE THRU 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Fridays	Food Item \$10	Soup - \$10 per quart
THIS FRIDAY, March 28th	Halushki	Potato
April 4th	Pirohi (<i>potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar</i>)	Vegetable Barley

Final day to order chocolate crosses

Please mark your quantity along with what kind on the special sheet in the narthex. They will be distributed on Palm Sunday weekend. All orders must be in by TODAY.

Retired Deanery Priest falls asleep in the Lord

Funeral arrangements for +Father Simeon B. Sibenik
Everything at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Warren, OH

Thursday, March 27, 2025: Visitation from 2:00 -7:00 p.m.

Parastas at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 2025: Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m.



"83" and counting

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **MARLENE HAHN** who celebrated her **"83rd" Birthday** on Tuesday, March 18th. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Marlene, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahja l'ita. Happy 83rd Birthday Marlene!

Parish Lenten project update

Just a reminder that if you are participating in our parish Lenten project for Akron Children's Hospital, please **DO NOT** gift wrap your item(s) that you bring in. The hospital requires all items to be unwrapped and donated just the way you purchase them from the store. Also, please return the egg tag with your item. You can just scotch tape the tag to what you bring in. Thanks!

Update on Fire Code compliance

The final problem that must be fixed to meet fire code is installing a proper ansul system for the stoves in the Hall kitchen. Our pastor has found a good Company to do this, and to get us in full compliance with the city's fire code. "Silco Fire & Security" Company out of Akron, OH has been contracted. They will install the new ansul system and all the necessary work and conditions that are required with it. Permits are now being obtained and the new system should be installed hopefully in the next few weeks.

Note from the BCW editor

It's that time of year when I come to you to ask for Easter stories for publication in the Pascha edition of *The Byzantine Catholic World*. A little background: I recently sent emails to the Eparchy of Mukachevo asking for stories from people in Ukraine about their Lenten and Easter traditions. I am hoping to receive some responses. So I will ask you the same questions I asked of those in Ukraine. *Why is Easter and Lent important to you? What does it mean to you? *What are some of your Lenten/Easter traditions? *What kinds of foods do you enjoy eating during the Lenten season and Easter? I look forward to receiving your stories. Feel free to answer any or all of the three. If I receive any replies from Ukraine, I want to run everyone's stories together. Please include your name and church you belong to. And please send photos if you have any to go with your story. I'd like to receive everything by Tuesday, April 2. Please email your stories and photos to: bcw@archpitt.org. Or mail to: The Byzantine Catholic World, Attn: David Mayernik Jr. 66 Riverview Ave. Pittsburgh, PA. 15214

Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday

The annual "EASTER EGG HUNT" will be **Easter Sunday, April 20th following the 10:30 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy**. All children are invited.