

# 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 (ECF) ..... Begins September 23, 2025.

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](mailto: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.

## Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

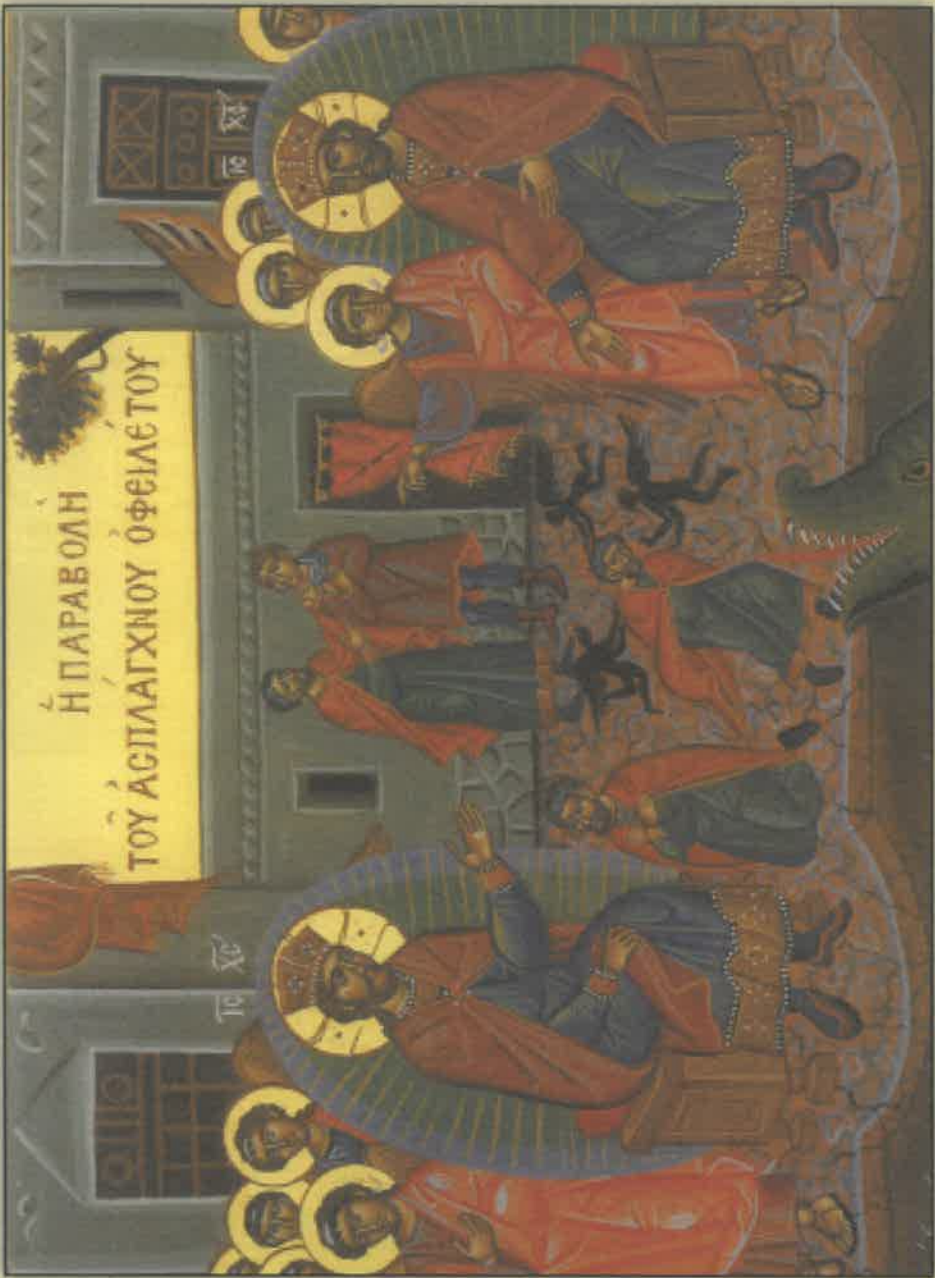
greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

*St. John Chrysostom*



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-25)



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



SAT., AUG 23

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Anna M. Marks

requested by: Grandson

(remembrance of 107th birthday 8.20)

SUN., AUG 24

THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

– OUTDOOR DIVINE LITURGY – Blessing of Teachers & Students

11:00 a.m.

+George R. Swantek

requested by: Wife & Children

(remembrance of 66th wedding anniversary 8.22)

12:15 p.m.

Parish Picnic

FRI., AUG 29



Holyday of the Beheading of the Glorious,  
Prophet, Precursor, Forerunner and Baptist John

Simple Holy Day — Voluntary Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m.

+Giulia & +Salvatore Sferra

requested by: Regina Sferra



SAT., AUG 30

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.

+Norene C. Kotasek

requested by: Kotasek Family

(13th anniversary of passing today)

SUN., AUG 31

THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Labor Day Weekend

11:00 a.m.

+Jim Vargo

requested by: Regina Sferra

(40th day of passing 8.19)



August 24 – Derek Streb  
August 28 – Jimmy Klimis  
August 30 – Jack Macala, Nick Maker

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/16 – **35** (6:00 pm)  
Sunday 8/17 – **62** (11:00 am)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: August 22, 2025

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Ken Beraduce, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz, Frank Phillips, Ed Puhak, Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.  
**The Inn at Ironwood** (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.  
**Windsor House at St. Mary's** (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from August 16 & 17, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$1,421.00  
Loose Currency....\$100.00  
Candles....\$114.00  
Holydays....\$205.00  
TOTAL: **\$1,840.00**



August 17th TOTAL:  
**\$115.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Aug 17	\$1,840	\$2,850	(\$1,010)
YTD	\$78,893	\$94,050	(\$15,157)



"I enjoyed the deviled ham, the deviled eggs, and the devil's food cake, but I think we need to work on a menu more in tune with our mission."

Quote of the Week

"Count your blessings, not your problems. Count your own blessings, not someone else's. Remember that jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own."

-Roy T. Bennett





## BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

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classroom

lesson

recess

bus

lunch

education

backpack

playground

student

field trip

school

grade

teacher

books

exam



### Why ECF classes every year?

*Luke 18:16 – “But Jesus called the children to him and said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*

What does every parent want for their child? That they are able to have all that they need to be happy, healthy, and successful in life. Especially through education, parents seek to form their children into good people by providing them with the knowledge that they will need to live life well. But, often times, while parents emphasize the need for academic and social education, sports and activities, these same parents can forget that their children, in order to be fully prepared to live the Christian life, need to have yearly education in the Catholic Faith. Our St. Michael Church offers Eastern Christian Education (ECF), formerly CCD, to provide the moral responsibility to teach our parish children our faith, worship, and traditions. For some, there seems to be a bad mindset that religious education is to stop after 2nd grade, since a child received his/her First Confession & Solemn Communion. Religious Education continues into 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grades and so on.

Now, sometimes ECF is viewed as an unnecessary burden. But, instruction in the Faith is never a burden, nor is it simply about learning lists of religious factoids. When a child comes to ECF, they learn about the God Who created them, the God Who loves them, the God who will accompany them and support them throughout their lives. More importantly, children who are in religious education MEET and ENCOUNTER this same God in a personal way. Simply attending religious instruction when convenient, or for a party, or when it seems important, like only attending through 2nd grade, does a great disservice to the relationship of the child with God. Just like it is important for a parent to allow a child to be with a friend on a regular and consistent basis so as to foster a truly loving and fruitful friendship, so, too, a parent should make sure that their child “gets to know” Jesus Christ through religious education on a regular basis, consistently over several years, which allows the relationship to grow over time. In so doing, parents will be giving their children the greatest gift in the universe: the opportunity to know Christ, their Savior. So, parents, knowing His deep love for *you*, hear the words of Jesus and let your children go unto Him, and watch as miracles happen!

Our St. Michael catechists take religious education for our children very seriously. Don’t miss the opportunity in sending your child(ren) for ECF this year or any year. Yes, IT’S THAT IMPORANT AND NECESSARY!

See the article inside for registration information.

## Our Parish Picnic TODAY 🍌🍌



11:00 a.m. Outdoor Divine Liturgy with blessing of students & teachers  
12:30 p.m. Food will be served  
(BBQ Chicken, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, potato/macaroni salad, baked beans, salad, fruit & desserts brought by parishioners  
Kiddos menu: Chick-fil-A nuggets & mac and cheese  
Afternoon Music  
Games for kids  
Water slide/bounce house/volleyball/cornhole/other games

## Blessing of teachers & students at today's Sunday Liturgy

As the new school year begins, God's blessing will be bestowed upon all students and teachers TODAY, AUGUST 24th. Students and teachers are asked to come forward after communion to receive this special blessing and to dedicate the upcoming academic school year for the glory of God.

## Celebrating 103 Years 🏠✝️🎉



Our St. Michael Parish is celebrating our 103rd Parish Anniversary! It was on August 21, 1922 that our St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church was incorporated and acquired a charter from the state of Ohio. Congratulations and Happy 103rd Anniversary to parishioners, families, and friends!

## Pastor at conference in Long Island

This coming week, our pastor will be attending the National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors held in Huntington, NY. Over 300 Vocation Directors will be gathered from across the United States for this important conference. Please pray for safe flying and for a good conference as our pastor continues his education and knowledge on being our Archieparchial Vocation Director.



## Commemorating the death of St. John the Baptist – August 29th



Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ordered the massacre of the children of Bethlehem, dismissed his first wife and unlawfully cohabited with Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip. St. John the Forerunner publicly rebuked Herod for the scandal; and for this he had to pay with his life. Herodias took revenge on him in a foul manner, by inducing Herod to have him beheaded. A pious legend relates that the severed head of John the Baptist even on the platter spoke, saying: "You cannot have your brother's wife." As a result Herodias was believed to have pierced John's tongue with a needle. Fearing, lest he rise from the dead and his head join his body, she buried the head on the premises of the palace. The disciple of St. John took his body and buried it in Sebaste, in Samaria. Testimony concerning this feast dates from the fifth century. From the earliest times the Eastern Church has observed this as a holy day in honor of the suffering and death of the saintly Forerunner. The Church proscribes a voluntary strict fast day to honor St. John's death. It's not required to strict fast, but you may choose to do so if you want. Also, it is the custom this day to not eat anything in the shape of a head (lettuce, apple, etc.) or eat anything off a plate, but rather use a bowl.



## Priest celebrated 25 years

Our St. Michael Church extends Congratulations to FR. VALERIAN M. MICHLIK, as he celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. He was ordained on August 13, 2000. Fr. Valerian is pastor of St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair, PA and is also the Canon Lawyer for the Archeparchy. He is a good friend of our pastor. May the Lord God grant to His priestly servant, Fr. Valerian, peace, health, and happiness, for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

## Register for ECF by last day of the month

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 will begin our new year of ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Kindly fill out the form on our parish website or facebook page by Sunday, August 31st so we have current information. Shortly after the registration deadline, you will be emailed further details for the start of this year's ECF. All parish students (yes, through high school even though high schoolers will have a different program) should register for ECF. For any further questions or information, please see ECF Coordinator, Keri Vokish.



## 3 Tier Auction in 2 Weeks



The excitement is unstoppable about the upcoming 3 Tier Auction! Please keep the donations coming. Also, consider signing up to help on auction day and the preceding prep days. Sign-ups are in the narthex.

## Take-out pasta dinner on 3 Tier-Auction day

Pasta Dinners will be available for carry-out at \$12.00 per dinner and include pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.

## Reverse Raffle Ticket Numbers Available as of the morning of August 23rd:

37,40,42,45,46,48,49,89,96,98,  
124,126,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,139,  
146,149,157,158,159,  
175,176,177,178,180,181,182,183,188,189,190,191,197,198,199



## Requesting bottles for Reverse Raffle

Donations of wine or liquor for the Reverse Raffle should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Please place donations in the back of the church in the marked bin. For questions or info, you may see Atty. Brian Macala.

## Annual Irons Mill Farmstead outing in September

The annual ECF parish outing to Irons Mill Farmstead is being planned for Sunday, September 21st. Sign-ups are in the narthex.

Uniontown Pilgrimage – August 30 & 31  
Info: [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org)