

# 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.

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.

HOLIDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

## *Christ and the Law*

When Christ says to him, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," the man expects Him to add immediately, "my commandments." "Which ones?" he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for "no one is justified by the law," as it is written, but because the life lived according to law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. "For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ."

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance with a view to the greater good, teaching that "if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well."

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the 40 Women of Macedonia and Ammon -- September 1st*





August 31 – Matthew Hymes, Stephen Kovach  
September 3 – Nicholas Stanko  
September 5 – Peter Patellis

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 8/23 – **23** (6:00 pm)  
Sunday 8/24 – **84** (11:00 am)  
Friday 8/29 – **8** (6:00 pm)

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



**SAT., AUG 30**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**  
+Norene C. Kotasek requested by: Kotasek Family  
(13th anniversary of passing today)

**SUN., AUG 31**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Labor Day Weekend  
+Jim Vargo requested by: Regina Sferra  
(40th day of passing 8.19)



**MON., SEPT 1 -  
FRI., SEPT 5**

*No divine services scheduled this week*

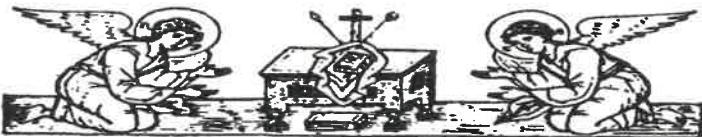


**SAT., SEPT 6**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**  
+Margaret A. Hudak requested by: Daughter: Regina Rovnyak  
(3rd anniversary of passing 8.23  
& remembrance of 91st birthday 9.10)

**SUN., SEPT 7**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE UNIVERSAL  
ELEVATION OF THE CROSS - Grandparents Day**  
Health & God's Blessings Upon  
All Grandparents



"BLASTED WOODPECKERS!"

**Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery** updated: August 30, 2025  
**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Ken Beraduce, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Greta Marks, 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 23 & 24, 2025**

Sunday Offering....\$1,090.00  
Loose Currency....\$74.00  
Candles....\$15.00  
**TOTAL: \$1,179.00**



**August 24th TOTAL:**  
**\$119.00**

**Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses**

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Aug 24	\$1,179	\$2,850	(\$1,671)
YTD	\$80,072	\$96,900	(\$16,828)

**Quote of the Week**

"To have what you have never had, you have to do what you have never done."

**-Roy T. Bennett**

Get ready for Labor Day fun with this word search! The words are mixed up in all directions—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal. Find and circle each Labor Day term, then cross it off your list to see how many you can spot!



APPRENTICE	Z	H	R	M	F	Z	T	N	W	H	A	R	D	H	A	T	R
BBQ	L	R	E	B	M	E	T	P	E	S	J	C	P	N	D	L	K
BREAK	Y	K	R	O	W	M	A	E	T	W	K	O	K	R	O	W	R
CELEBRATE	G	K	R	G	T	Y	S	B	O	J	R	M	B	R	E	A	K
COMMUNITY	E	R	Q	E	Z	T	Z	Y	T	T	P	M	H	X	C	Y	Q
CRAFT	D	X	E	P	R	H	F	S	T	I	Z	U	G	J	I	Q	J
EFFORT	A	F	Y	E	C	O	A	I	N	X	L	N	L	L	T	H	M
ENGINEER	R	L	C	R	N	F	B	D	H	L	R	I	B	L	N	O	G
FLAG	A	L	A	E	E	I	U	A	I	S	J	T	N	I	E	N	A
GRILL	P	F	H	T	L	S	G	R	L	C	R	Y	B	K	R	O	L
HARD HAT	T	T	Y	O	T	E	G	N	I	R	G	E	Y	S	P	R	F
HOLIDAY	J	C	M	R	L	L	B	N	E	E	M	N	L	Q	P	W	M
HONOR	K	K	Y	L	M	I	C	R	S	S	P	O	H	A	A	M	Z
INDUSTRY	P	R	I	D	E	I	D	L	A	T	M	I	W	R	X	Y	H
JOBS	P	N	F	Q	P	R	O	A	F	T	G	N	T	R	A	D	E
LABORER	F	T	B	T	L	O	G	H	Y	L	E	U	T	R	N	X	J
PARADE	L	B	F	R	T	R	T	R	O	F	F	E	G	Q	Y	R	M

PICNIC

PRIDE

RELAX

REST

SAFETY

SEPTEMBER

SHIFT

SKILL

TEAMWORK

TOOLS

TRADE

UNION

WORK

## Following the rules

As human beings, we are conditioned to follow rules, follow directions; in other words, we look for a list of things that we “have to do” in order to reach a certain goal. Students in school look to meet guidelines to reach a certain grade. People go to college so that they can get a good job. Employees meet quotas and standards so that they can get a raise. Yet, how many actually feel or live what they are doing?

This is the message of today’s Gospel. This young rich ruler is proud to say that he’s followed the commandments since his youth. When he asks our Lord what one must do to inherit eternal life, he expects a checklist, a set of rules and guidelines to follow such as the commandments, so that he can check everything off and gain access to Paradise. However, our Lord instructs him that just observing and following the rules does not merit salvation. Our Lord tells him to “Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” This makes the rich ruler sad. You see, following the rules is one thing, but living the rules is an entirely other element. The young ruler feels safe; he feels accountable for his deeds because he follows the rules. Yet, he is unwilling to live a life truly devoted to God. In his steadfast observance of the rules, the young man lives his life for himself. He figures he is all taken care of, but living a faith filled and faithful life requires much more. We must continually give of ourselves—freely and without seeking recompense—if we are to work toward our own salvation.

How many of us, like this young ruler, feel that we are “covered” by going to church each Sunday? Or perhaps because we pinch pirohi or work at parish fundraisers? Or even better, we gave that can of creamed corn to the local soup kitchen? We pat ourselves on the back and say that we did it... we’re on the road to heaven! Of course, going to church, assisting at parish events, and feeding the hungry—among other corporal works of mercy—are important; however, these are not things to be checked off of a list. This is how we are supposed to live our lives, each and every day. We are called to be vigilant and to serve others at all times. How many of us know people who are suffering or in need and we willingly ignore or, even worse, work to keep them in their unfortunate circumstance either due to anger or jealousy? How many of us have the resources to help others, but fail to do so because we want it to be someone else’s problem?

We—like this young rich ruler—can boast all we want that we follow the rules, yet we do not hold ourselves accountable. We follow blindly without recognizing the greater need of living a life of faith and service. We—like the rich ruler—seemingly follow the rules while building up our riches so that we can boast and brag or have the biggest house or fanciest car so that we can feel secure about ourselves or feel superior to others.

Only God is superior to others! And the only One that we should be worried about “looking good” to us God. Our Lord tells us today what we need to do to inherit eternal life. How many of us are willing to follow Him? How many of us are willing to strip away our earthly desires to work toward a greater understanding of God? How many of us are willing to see Christ in others and actually live by His example? These instructions are important. Always remember, those who tortured, mocked, and crucified Christ “followed the rules” as well.



# Happy Church New Year

On **September 1st**, our Byzantine Catholic Church begins the Ecclesiastical New Year. Christian tradition relates that Jesus began His public ministry in the month of September, leaving His hometown of Nazareth and embarking upon a three year period as in itinerant preacher. Thus in the Byzantine Empire, the civil year began on the 1st of September. Once again in this forthcoming liturgical year, the Lord Jesus beckons us to follow after Him, to observe His commandments, to listen to His preaching, to implement His teachings, and to recommit ourselves to His way of life. As mature Christians, we have the opportunity in this new year to demonstrate our love, loyalty, fidelity, and obedience to the merciful, compassionate, and forgiving Jesus. His divine love is ineffable and unfathomable; it is truly immeasurable and inscrutable. We begin again this Church New year with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the *Alpha* and the *Omega*-the "A" and the "Z"-the *Beginning* and the *End* of all things. We must promise to make more time for Christ by increasing and improving our prayer life. Make a firm resolution for this to be a truly good church year for your individual spiritual life and also for our St. Michael Parish



## The first Labor Day



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

## Final day to register for this year's ECF

**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 TODAY 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.



## 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.

## Appreciative picnic thank you

A very special THANKS to ALL who attended our St. Michael Picnic last Sunday. God blessed us with a perfect picnic weather day. The day was filled with great food, music, games, and fellowship. Thanks to All who helped with set-up and clean-up, working in the kitchen, those who brought desserts, and helped in anyway.

# 3-Tier Auction Next Sunday



The 8th **THREE TIER CHINESE AUCTION** will be **NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th** starting at **NOON** at our church hall. **ADMISSION is \$10.00** which includes: 25 tier one tickets and pasta bowl lunch. Winners need not be present. Please have ALL donations in by this Tuesday, September 2nd. Please promote and support this fundraiser. Drawings start at 2:15 p.m.

## Volunteer schedule for 3-Tier Auction this week

- Volunteers are asked to help out this week:
- Tuesday, September 2 – 6:00 p.m.** – begin to assemble auction items
  - Wednesday, September 3 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** - assemble auction items
  - Thursday, September 4 – 6:00 p.m.** – set up tables/chairs
  - Friday, September 5 – 10:00 a.m.** – finish all items and number prizes and set up containers
  - Sunday, September 7 – report at 11:00 a.m. if attending Saturday Liturgy or after Sunday Liturgy**

## 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 – about a month away

**Ticket Numbers Available as of the morning of August 30th**

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



## Consider donating bottle(s) to R.R.

There will be a card game at the Reverse Raffle with wine and liquor bottles. This was super popular last year and it sold out quick. Your help is needed. Donations of wine or liquor should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Place donations in the back of the church in the marked bin. Please bring them in soon...we don't have many bottles as of now.

## Designer purse bingo in Hermitage in September

On **Saturday, September 27th** at St. Michael's Social Center in Hermitage will be a "Designer Purse Bingo"; the event showcases beautiful Designer Purses that include matching accessories; a Fab Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Jackpot Raffle, 50/50 and over a hundred Gift Cards! Yummy Concessions too! BYOB! Doors open 5PM and Bingo begins 6PM. Admission is \$30 (ages 18 & up); includes 13 Gam e Bingo Packet plus free dauber. Call or text your reservation to Megan @ 724-699-0613 or Donna @ 724-877-6736. For payment, use ZELLE: St Michael Smart@roadrunner.com or mail a check to St. Michael Church, Purse Bingo, 2230 Highland Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148. They reserve for large groups!

