

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.

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.

Exalting the Cross

Inasmuch as the cross has become as it were the altar of this fearful sacrifice – for on the cross the Son of God died for the fall of man – therefore the cross is justly revered and worshipped and depicted as the sign of the common resurrection of all men, so that those who bow down before the wood of the cross might be delivered from the curse of Adam and receive the blessing and grace of God for the doing of every virtue. For Christians the cross is magnification, glory, and power: for all our power is in the power of Christ who was crucified; all our sinfulness is mortified by the death of Christ on the cross; and all our exaltation and all our glory are in the humility of God, who humbled Himself to such an extent that He was pleased to die even between evildoers and thieves. For this very reason Christians who believe in Christ sign themselves with the sign of the cross not simply, not just as it happens, not carelessly, but with all

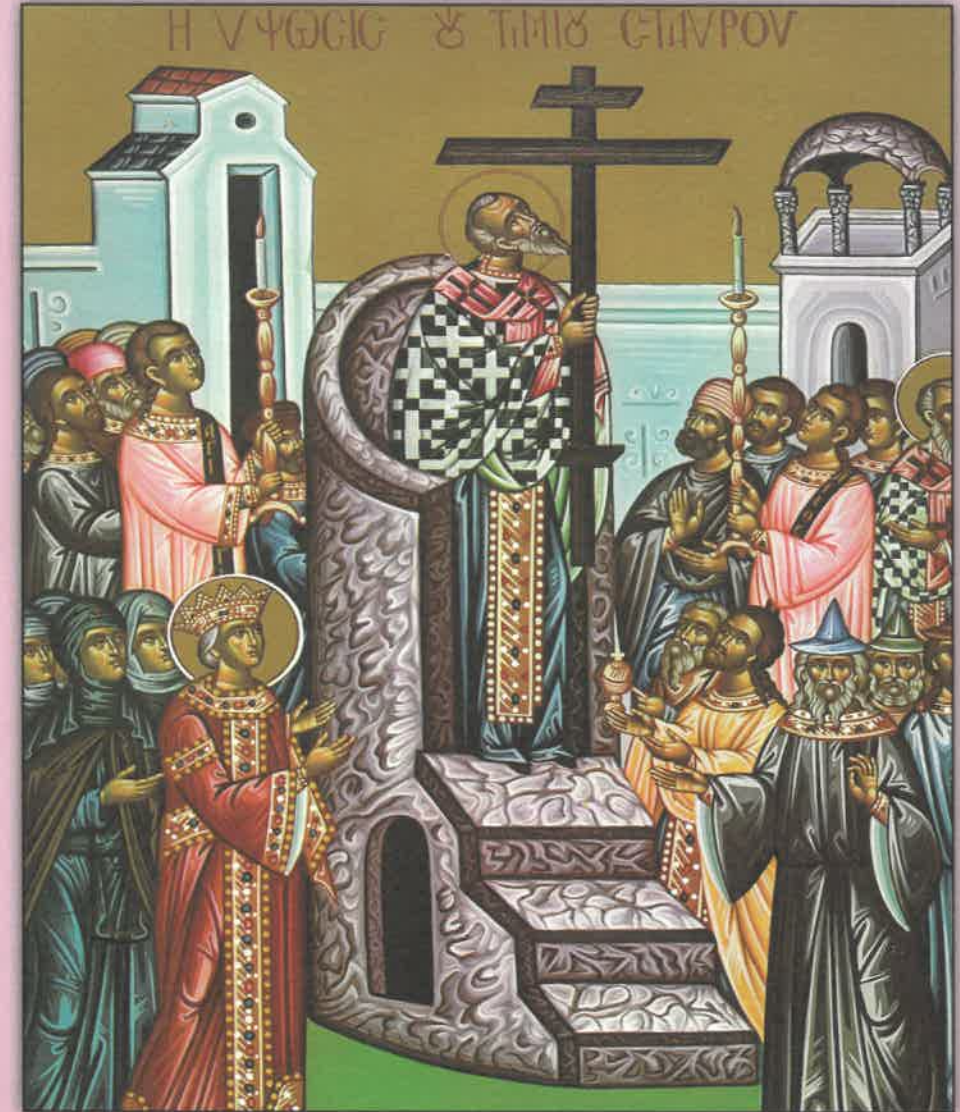
heedfulness, with fear and with trembling, and with extreme reverence. For the image of the cross shows the reconciliation and friendship into which man has entered with God.

Therefore the demons also fear the image of the cross, and they do not endure to see the sign of the cross depicted even in the air, but they flee from this immediately knowing that the cross is the sign of the friendship of men with God ...

Those who have understood this mystery and in very fact have known in experience the authority and power which the cross has over demons, have likewise understood that the cross gives the soul strength, power, meaning, and divine wisdom ... To the degree of the reverence which one has toward the cross, he receives corresponding power and help from God. To Him may there be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th



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



SAT., SEPT 13

***5:50 p.m.**

(Vigil Sunday Holyday Divine Liturgy) – Mirovanije

+Carmen Lanzo

requested by: Family

(40th anniversary of passing 8.26)

+Patricia A. Tirpack

requested by: Diane Bennett &
Andy Kicos

(40th day of passing today)



SUN., SEPT 14



***10:50 a.m.**

+Anna Drotar

requested by: Family

(17th anniversary of passing 9.9

& remembrance of birthday 9.16)

**MON., SEPT 15 -
FRI., SEPT 19**

No divine services scheduled



SAT., SEPT 20

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Stevie Dimoff

requested by: Parents: Jerry & Debbie

(remembrance of 50th birthday)



SUN., SEPT 21

11:00 a.m.

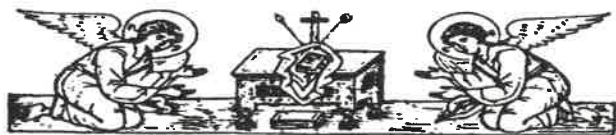
**THE SUNDAY AFTER THE UNIVERSAL
ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS –**

Catechetical Sunday

+Anne F. Kohut

requested by: Children: Maurene & Ronald

(60th anniversary of passing)



September 20 – Mario Moschella

Church Attendance

Saturday 9/6 – **58** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 9/7 – **47** (11:00 am)

Monday 9/8 – **16** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Sept. 12, 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 Sept. 6 & 7, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$2,255.00

Loose Currency....\$63.00

Candles....\$69.00

Holydays....\$125.00

TOTAL: \$2,512.00



September 7th TOTAL:
\$469.00



"What do you mean, you forgot where you parked? You're shopping online."

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Sept. 7	\$2,512	\$2,850	(\$338)
YTD	\$86,243	\$102,600	(\$16,357)

Quote of the Week

"To belittle
is to be little."

- seen on outside sign

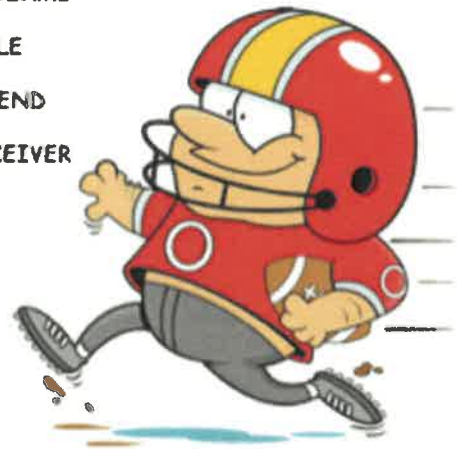
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Football Word Search

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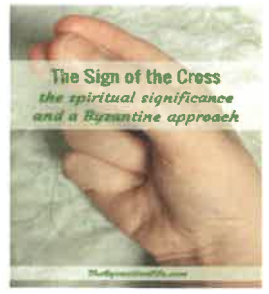
- BACKFIELD
- CENTER
- CORNERBACK
- DOWN
- DRIVE
- END ZONE
- EXTRA POINT
- FAIR CATCH
- FIELD GOAL
- FULLBACK
- FUMBLE
- GUARD
- HALFBACK
- HAND OFF
- HUDDLE
- INCOMPLETION
- INTERCEPTION
- KICKOFF
- LINEBACKER
- OFFENSIVE LINE

- PUNT
- QUARTERBACK
- RED ZONE
- RETURN
- RUSHING
- SACK
- SAFETY
- SNAP
- SPECIAL TEAMS
- TACKLE
- TIGHT END
- WIDE RECEIVER



Properly bless yourself the Byzantine Way!!!

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life Creating Cross of the Lord. It is a good time to examine the way in which we bless ourselves. As is customary in the Byzantine Catholic Church, we hold the thumb and first two figures together signifying our belief in the Three Persons in One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The remaining two fingers are indicative of our belief of who Jesus is: God and man. These two figures are pressed into the palm reminding us that God came to earth and was incarnate of the Virgin Mary. Thus, when we make the sign of the Cross over ourselves, we begin by touching the forehead with the thumb and two fingers together while saying either "In the Name of the Father or Glory to the Father." Our action continues to move down below the heart (near the naval) signifying that the Son descended to earth to become man, to die and then resurrect from the dead. The movement then is directed to the right shoulder while saying "and to the Son" since He (Jesus) sits at the right hand of the Father. The gesture then goes across to the left shoulder while saying "and to the Holy Spirit. Amen." Historians seem to agree that this is the way Christians began signing themselves around the 8th and 9th centuries. The entirely true believing Christian world used this sign as a gesture to confess their faith, hope and love in the One Who was nailed to the Precious Cross. This action is indicated in the catechesis of Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) when delivering the following:



"The sign of the cross is made with three fingers, because the signing is done together with the invocation of the Trinity This is how it is done: from above to below, and from the right to the left, because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth, and from the Jews (right) He passed to the Gentiles (left). Others, however, make the sign of the cross from the left to the right, because from misery (left) we must cross over to glory (right), just as Christ crossed over from death to life, and from Hades to Paradise. [Some priests] do it this way so that they and the people will be signing themselves in the same way. You can easily verify this — picture the priest facing the people for the blessing — when we make the sign of the cross over the people, it is from left to right."



Why do we wear crosses?

In pre-Christian times, the Cross was the instrument of a shameful and horrible death. The Romans invented it and used it in order to intimidate the people whom they had subjugated. Everyone looked at this instrument of execution, the shameful Cross with horror. But a remarkable change took place with respect to the Cross after Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on it. The Lord suffered and died on the Cross. He took horrible sufferings upon Himself in order to save us from sins. The Cross received great glory, such as no other object made by the hands of man has possessed. The Cross became the sign of our salvation, through which we receive the power of God the grace of God. The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies water, he immerses the Cross in it, and the water becomes holy. When we wear the Cross on our chest, our body constantly touches it, and from this touch it, too, is sanctified. The Cross that we wear protects us from danger.

During the Soviet Union, believing people would wear a Cross at great risk, since there could be much unpleasantness from the godless for this. But these remarkable people were not afraid to confess their faith, and they would fearlessly wear a Cross. One ought not to look upon the Cross as some kind of jewelry like a bracelet or brooch. The Cross must adorn our soul and not our clothing, and must constantly remind us that we are Christians, called to live according to our faith, which is founded on the Savior's sufferings on the Cross!



The Flowers Adorning The Cross For The Feast Of The Universal Elevation this Weekend and next is:

In Loving Memory of +Rev. Edward Stanko

Donated by: The Stanko Family



The Feast of the Universal Elevation of the Cross

Today, **September 14th**, we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross, one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year. The feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 326 during a pilgrimage of Christians to Jerusalem. Among those in attendance at this pilgrimage was St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, who made Christianity the state religion of the empire after having converted to the faith himself. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with the cross placed inside it. In 614, the cross was carried away from the church by the Persians, and remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. The cross was returned to the church the following year after initially having been taken to Constantinople by Heraclius.



Irons Mill Farmstead outing next Sunday

The annual outing to Irons Mill Farmstead is **next Sunday, September 21st**. Sign-up by TODAY.

Civic Club meeting next Sunday

submitted by: Nick DuBos

"The Civic Club will have its first meeting of the year **next Sunday, September 21st at 12:15 p.m.** in the Hall bar room. The club had an excellent year in 2024-25 and hopes to keep the momentum going. The club is open to any parishioner who wants to make a positive difference in the church and in the community. If this sounds like you, please join us on the 21st!"

Reverse Raffle event in 20 days

Saturday, October 4th will mark the 7th annual parish Reverse Raffle. A special Thank You to those who already bought tickets as well as those who took tickets and sold them to others. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The raffle will begin at 7:00 p.m. Also, we are still collecting liquor / wine bottles for one of the raffle games.

19 ticket numbers left as of the morning of September 13th

8,35,40,36,
128,129,131,132,133,134,139,149,
181,182,183,188,189,191,198



Sympathy extended

+**HEATHER L. BIGLEY**, 37, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. She is the sister-in-law of parishioners Jeremy (Gina) Bigley. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Heather, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jej pamjat.

2025 3-Tier Auction Wrap-Up

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL Parishioners, Friends, and Businesses who generously gave an abundance of gifts, prizes, donations, and contributions to help make last Sunday's 3-Tier Auction an awesome success! A record breaking crowd! Thanks so much to ALL who volunteered their time, hard work, and effort in the planning, set-up, and clean-up of the event.

The PROFIT is: \$12,037.00



Catechetical Sunday is next Sunday

Next Sunday, is Catechetical Sunday in the United States and the theme for Eastern Catholic Churches in "Jesus Christ our Hope". Special prayers for the beginning of the catechetical year will be included in the Divine Liturgy. We will commission our catechists and all those involved in ECF are asked to be present as we implore God's wisdom upon them.

Backflow prevention to be installed

Our parish office received a letter from AQUA Ohio that Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Act and state regulations require water distribution systems to be protected against potential contamination from backflow events. Therefore, the Church and Rectory is required to have a backflow device installed and tested yearly. It will be installed next week, tested, and results sent in to the proper authority. The total cost will be \$874.75 for materials and labor.

Saturday Vigil Liturgy November 8th note

The Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 8th will begin at 5:00 p.m., not the regular time of 6:00 p.m. This is for this Saturday only. All others will remain the normal time at 6:00 p.m. Please make a note of the change for this day.

St. Michael Social Hall uses & rentals

September 23, 30 – ECF classes

October 4 – Reverse Raffle

October 7,14,21,28 – ECF classes

October 18 – Wedding reception Pope-Fenati (rental)

October 25 – Wedding reception Griffin-Moland (rental)

November 4 – Election day voting & food sale

November 8 – Birthday party reception

November 11,18 – ECF classes

