

# 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) ..... Resumes January 13, 2026.

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.

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

## Invited to the Banquet

It is written in the Gospel: The Master sent out his servants to call them who wish to come, inviting them: "My banquet is ready." But those who were called began to excuse themselves, one saying: "I bought some yoke of oxen." Another: "I have married" (Luke 14:16ff). You see, he was ready who called, but the invited refused. They themselves were alone responsible in the way they answered.

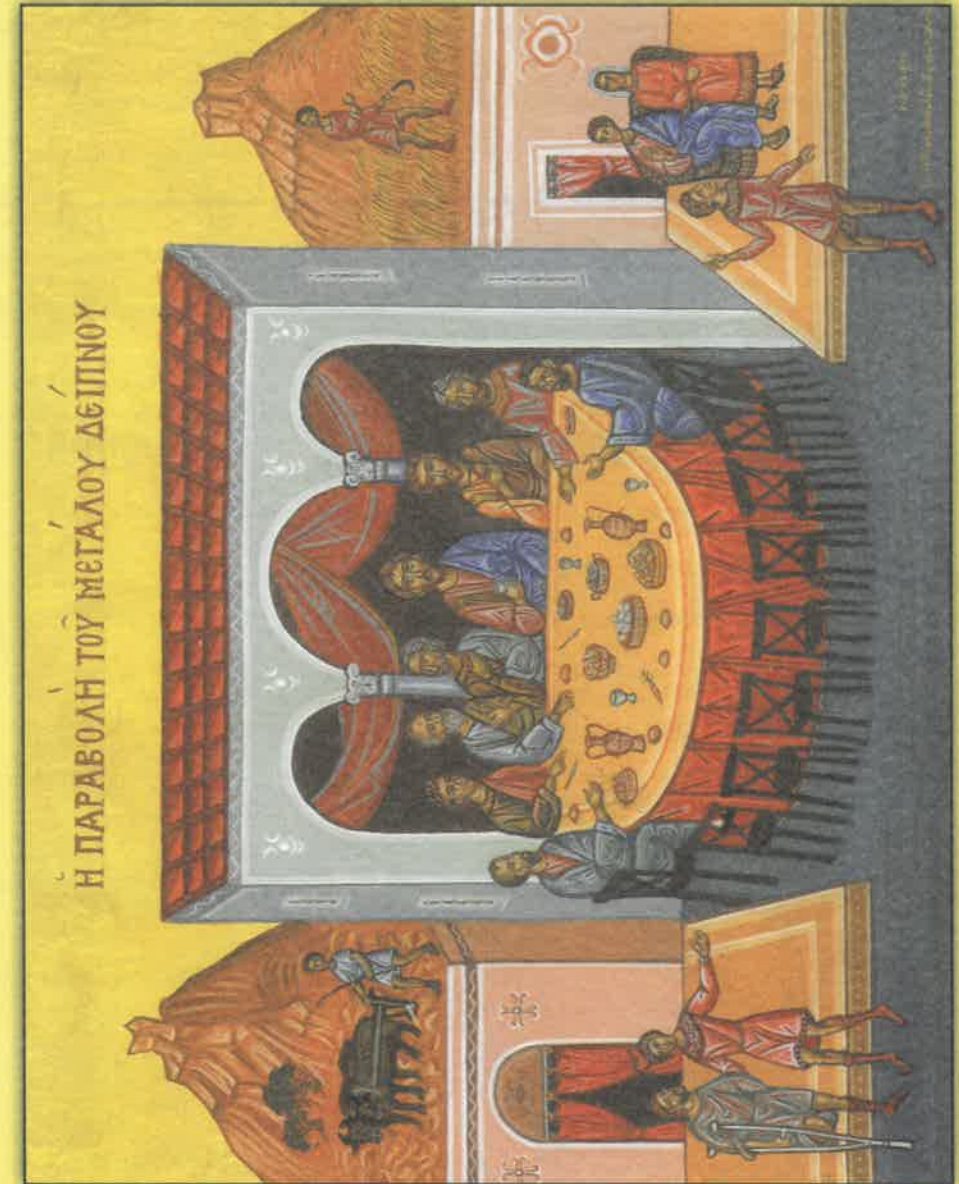
Thus, so great is the dignity of Christians. Consider, the Lord has prepared for them the Kingdom and has called them to enter, but they have refused.

Concerning the gift that Christians will receive by way of their inheritance, one could rightly say that if anyone, from the time of Adam's creation to the end of the world, should battle against Satan and put up with afflictions, it would be nothing in comparison to the glory which he is to obtain. For he will reign forever together with Christ. Glory to Him who so loved such a person that He gave himself and His grace and entrusted himself to Him. Glory to His greatness!

*Pseudo-Macarius*



## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



Icon of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)



Glory to Jesus Christ!  
 Glory Forever!

**SAT., DEC 13**

**6:00 p.m.**

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Margaret Wayda

(remembrance of 97th birthday &  
 13th anniversary of passing 11.20)

requested by: Margaret & Philip Ford

**SUN., DEC 14**

**11:00 a.m.**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT  
 FORE-FATHERS — 2nd Sunday Before Christmas**

+Brandon M. Puskarcik Sr.

(1st anniversary of passing 12.11)

requested by: Wife: Melina & Family



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participant for December 14-20:  
 Arleen Arendas



**MON., DEC 15**

**4:30 p.m.**

Confessions available

**SAT., DEC 20**

**6:00 p.m.**

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Fr. John Welch, Celebrant**

+Fr. Edward Stanko

(27th anniversary of passing today)

requested by: Pastor

**SUN., DEC 21**

**11:00 a.m.**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS — The  
 Sunday Before Christmas**

+Jerry Arendas

(remembrance of 79th birthday 12.22)

requested by: Wife: Arleen & Family

**12:00 noon**

Confessions available



December 15 – Jeremy Bigley

December 17 – Dr. Steve DuBos, Cheryl Vaclav

December 18 – Carol Bukovac

December 20 – Alice Watkins

### Church Attendance

**Saturday 12/6 – 60** (6:00 pm)

**Sunday 12/7 – 37** (11:00 am)

**Monday 12/8 – 20** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Dec 12, 2025

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Marian Katula, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips,  
 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.

**McMurray Hills Manor** (249 W. McMurray Rd., McMurray, PA 15217) – Rita Romza-Smochko.

### Church offerings from Dec. 6 & 7, 2025

**Sunday Offering....\$2,265.00**

**Loose Currency....\$135.00**

**Candles....\$115.00**

**Christmas....\$25.00**

**Holydays....\$220.00**

**TOTAL: \$2,760.00**



**December 7th TOTAL:**

**\$240.00**

### Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Dec. 7	\$2,760	\$2,850	(\$90)
YTD	\$116,592	\$139,650	(\$23,058)



Thanks to Marcus

12-17-1997

**LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE  
 FIRST SNOW**

### Quote of the Week

“Christmas is not as  
 much about opening our  
 presents as opening our  
 hearts.”

— Janice Maeditere





# CHRISTMAS MOVIES

## WORD SEARCH



Y	H	Q	I	M	I	R	A	C	L	E	A	T	V	E	U
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Find the **BOLD** words hidden in the grid above.

ARTHUR Christmas  
A **CHARLIE** Brown Christmas  
White **CHRISTMAS**  
Christmas **CHRONICLES**  
**DECK** the Halls  
**ELF**  
**FOUR** Christmases  
**FRED** Claus

**FROSTY** the Snowman  
The **GRINCH**  
**HAPPIEST** Season  
**HOME** Alone  
**JINGLE** All the Way  
Christmas with the **KRANKS**  
**LOVE** Actually  
**MIRACLE** on 34th Street

The **NIGHTMARE** Before Christmas  
The **POLAR** Express  
**RUDOLPH** the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
The **SANTA** Claus  
**SCROOGED**  
A Christmas **STORY**  
**SURVIVING** Christmas  
National Lampoon's Christmas **VACATION**  
It's a **WONDERFUL** Life



(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

## 5 things to examine our heart & soul

We probably are preparing our menus for Christmas dinner. We will be considering the meats to prepare, the side dishes and desserts, and we will be calculating the time it will take to prepare each item as well as the presentation of the dishes and even the placement of seats so that everyone can enjoy a meal together. Think about all of the time we spend in preparation for this meal: the prep work, the making of lists, the physical shopping from place to place, the hours of cooking... Imagine if we spent this much time taking inventory of our own lives in preparation for confession! So many of us use the excuse that we "don't have the time," yet when we look at life, we can easily see that we always have time for certain things, yet we never have the time for the others.

Aside of this, we do not consider all possibilities for examining our consciences. We tend to minimize sin, even normalize it, in our lives, and the careful examination we are to exercise becomes a last minute run to confession without preparation. Imagine cooking a Christmas dinner without preparation! That would be unacceptable to us, and making such a dinner would seem insurmountable. Now, consider how, metaphorically, our souls must look because of our lack of preparation.

Here are 5 things we should consider when examining our conscience.

(1) I think that I am better than other people. This can be considered a sin of pride, and it is a very dangerous sin. When we think that we are better than others, we lack the empathy and understanding necessary to serve others, to love them, and to see Christ in them.

(2) I can be ruthless to other people / I show no pity or compassion to others. Do I actually listen to others, or do I simply hear them? Do I demand that others apologize to me for my approval, whether or not they have done something wrong? Do I truly forgive others their trespasses as I expect God to forgive mine? Do I take the time to help, not judge, others who are in difficult circumstances and situations?

(3) I do not pursue or work to understand God's will. As Christians, we are to do the Lord's work. In the Our Father, we say each and every time "Thy Will be done," yet do we actually believe these words? Are we trying to be in control when it is God Who is in control? Do we work against our pastor and other parishioners? Do we make a person's calling to God difficult to follow?

(4) I am jealous of other people. When we see that someone has life, at least in our perception, easier, we can easily be jealous of them. After so long, we can even begin to disdain them or allow that hatred to turn to hurting them. It is important to understand ourselves and keep things in perspective, to appreciate the gifts that God has given us so that we do not allow the ugliness of jealousy to guide how we treat and/or talk about others.

(5) I am angry with people. Christ preaches a Gospel of love, not anger. It is our calling in life to pray, to understand, to help, and to forgive. Carrying anger around in our hearts only works to destroy our own soul. The fires of anger then can never be quelled, and they begin to show in our interactions with others and the ways that we handle daily situations in our lives. Anger can ruin relationships, friendships, and other things in our lives. Most importantly, anger can work toward destroying our connection with God.

Think about these five things. Pray on them. Confess them if need be.

## No one should miss Christmas Liturgy

The Christmas schedule for both Campbell and Hermitage churches are in the narthex. No one should miss worship with us for the upcoming Christmas/Theophany seasons.

## Haven't seen someone in a while? Invite them to Church, especially Christmas Liturgy

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way. And most importantly, invite them to church, especially Christmas Liturgy! Bring someone to worship with us this Christmas!

## Civic Club meeting TODAY

The St. Michael's Civic Club will meet **TODAY, December 14th at 12:15 p.m.** in the Hall bar room to discuss Night At The Races.

## Confession available

There is a special opportunity at our Church before Christmas for the Sacrament of Confession: **Tomorrow, Monday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m. & next Sunday, December 21st after the Sunday Divine Liturgy.** There are also confessions at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Warren with a few priests available on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. Our pastor will be there as well.



Reconciliation

## Christmas "In Heaven" Candles

Our St. Michael Church will have memorial candles to be displayed in the church window sills for Christmas Eve and through all of Christmas week. A label with your intention will be attached to the candle. \$3 each. There are forms in the narthex you can use to order or you may text or call Annette at 330-540-4334. Deadline to order is TODAY.

## Make sure you shop now for your Christmas Eve Holy Supper



On Christmas Eve, we as Byzantine Catholics, celebrate the traditional Holy Supper (*Svjata Večerja*). Sharing a special family meal, different from all other times of the year, has always been an important part of our Christmas celebration. Today, many families look back on and cherish childhood memories of the "Holy Supper." The various foods and customs surrounding this meal differed from village to village, and thus became part of each family's heritage. We must pass this on to future generations. This meal is a vital way of reaffirming today God's love for the world, a vital way of reaffirming the importance of the family where we learn to love and be love.

**Homemade Cookie Tray - 5 doz assorted Christmas cookies - \$50 – lovingly made by our St Michael kitchen ladies.**  
**Call/Text Regina at 330-720-2100**

## Last Friday for Christmas pirohi

Last chance before Christmas to order your Pirohi for Christmas Eve - \$10/dozen – Potato/Cheese, Sweet Cabbage or Lekvar. Drive thru 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - December 19th Please pre-order. Call/Text Regina at 330-720-2100.



## Come celebrate New Years Eve...it is really fun

Over the past several years, we have had a New Years Eve get together and it's been super fun.

# 2026

Let's do it again. There will be a New Years Eve get together at our hall on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Heavy Appetizers and drinks will be provided. You can also bring board games or card games or come anytime or leave anytime. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.** Sign-up in narthex or call/text our Pastor with RSVP's by December 26th.

## Byzantine Choir concert next Sunday in Pittsburgh

The PBCAC (Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archieparchial Choir) invites faithful, friends and family to join them on **Sunday December 21st** as they present "Joyfully We Sing!" a choral program of beloved music of the Nativity season, presented at 2:00 pm at St Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road in Munhall, Pa. Immediately following the program, the Choir welcome all in attendance to gather in the parish social hall for some holiday goodies and refreshments. All are warmly welcome!

## Christmas reflection based on 1 Cor:13 - By Sharon Jaynes

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.