

# 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.

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](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.

**HOLYDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.

## *The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known to the Whole World*

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith.

In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world. ... As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke

you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,  
JAMES THE BROTHER



*Icon of the Visit of the Magi*

Christ Is Born!  
Glorify Him!  
Christós Raždájetsja!  
Slávite Jeho!



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**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) & St. Stephen**

+Steve Arendas requested by: Marge & Andy Arendas  
+Steve Millich, +Steve Milich Jr.  
+Steve Yuhaz

**SAT., DEC 27**

6:00 p.m.



**SUN., DEC 28**

11:00 a.m.



**THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS —**

*Commemorating St. Joseph, King David, & St. James*

+Dorothy H., +Anna Likso requested by: John Lisko  
+Andrew, +Bo Lisko  
+Anna, +Michael Danko



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participant for Dec. 28-Jan. 3:  
Agnes Ihnat

**WED., DEC 31**

6:00 p.m.

**Vigil For The Feast Of The Circumcision Of Our Lord & The Feast Of St. Basil the Great — Solemn Holyday**

+Andrew Tablack requested by: Granddaughters  
(47th anniversary of passing 12.28)

**FRI., JAN 2**

11:00 a.m.

Funeral Divine Liturgy of +Edward A. Tirpack

**SAT., JAN 3**

6:00 p.m.

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

Health & God's Blessings requested by: Liz McGarry  
Upon: Marge Shabella (celebration of 100th birthday last November 8)

**SUN., JAN 4**

11:00 a.m.

**THE SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

+Helen +John +Peter requested by: John Lisko  
+Mary +John G. +Mary Lou Macala  
+Dorothy Lisko



December 31 – Marian Katula

January 1 – Bill Ohlin

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 12/20 – **53** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 12/21 – **52** (11:00 am)

Christmas Eve 12/24 – **106** (9:00 pm)

Christmas Day 12/25 – **46** (11:00 am)

Friday 12/26 – **13** (5:00 pm)

**Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery** updated: Dec 26, 2025

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

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. 20 & 21, 2025**

Sunday Offering....\$2,895.00

Special Offering....\$3,000.00

Loose Currency....\$106.00

Candles....\$111.00

Christmas....\$1,310.00

Holiday....\$85.00

**TOTAL: \$7,507.00**



**December 21st TOTAL:**

**\$322.00**

**Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses**

Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Dec. 21	\$7,507	\$2,850	\$4,657
YTD	\$125,664	\$145,350	(\$19,686)

**Church offerings from Christmas Eve/Day**

Christmas Offering....\$10,735.00

Special Christmas Offering....\$5,000.00

Offertory....\$80.00

Loose Currency....\$255.00

Candles....\$51.00

Holiday....\$60.00

**TOTAL: \$16,181.00**



**Quote of the Week**

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

# NEW YEAR'S EVE WORD SEARCH



RESOLUTIONS  
CHEERS  
CALENDAR  
FATHER TIME  
HUGS  
MASK

FOOD  
BALLOONS  
FIREWORKS  
NOISE  
DANCE  
MUSIC

JANUARY  
HATS  
SONGS  
CONFETTI  
GOALS  
TWELVE

NEW YEAR  
COUNTDOWN  
CLOCK  
PARTY  
MIDNIGHT  
CELEBRATION

## ‘Tis The Season

Ever year, we tend to see more and more commercialization of the Christmas season. We see countdowns on people's social media pages for months; stores are decorated by September: it seems that, wherever we turn, we cannot escape this. It is indeed a joyous holiday, and people generally share the sentiment that, at Christmas time, all problems seem to disappear, even if for one day, and there is truly joy in the world.

When we think on this, however, wouldn't it be wonderful if this feeling extended throughout the entire year? We get so wrapped up (no pun intended) in the buying of gifts, planning of meals, going to the city to shop and see Christmas plays and shows, sending greeting cards, and attending Christmas parties that we often fall into the trap of associating the magic of this season with all of these transient, earthly joys. Do we ever stop to think that perhaps we lose this "holiday spirit" because our focus is only seasonal, much like the advertisements and countdowns we experience each and every year?

Our Lord gives us the joy of the Gospel and His presence each and every time we participate in the Divine Services. We greet each other with "Christ is among us," but even with these words, do we experience the same "magic" that the Christmas spirit brings upon us, knowing and expressing that our Lord is truly in our midst?

The purpose of this reflection isn't to discourage one from feeling and experiencing the joy of the Christmas season; it is meant to share that we have this feeling present in ourselves and in our churches all through the year. We don't need Walmart or Amazon to remind us of our liturgical feast. Our faith teaches us that our Lord is eternal; He is eternal and always present to listen and help us.

As we continue these post festive Christmas days, with its special sales, events, and gatherings, let us focus on becoming more outward in our practice, sharing the love of God with others by exercising the corporal works of mercy by actually doing something for someone on a personal level. Let us truly be grateful for what we have, most especially for knowing our Lord and seeing His presence in our lives. May we share this grace with others and remain mindful of what this season truly represents!



## No one should've missed Christmas Liturgy here!

Unless you were out of town, sick, or physically unable to attend church, absolutely NO MEMBER of our St. Michael Church should've missed attending the Christmas Divine Liturgy.

The first precept of the Church teaches that the Christian faithful attend The Divine Liturgy on **ALL Sundays of the year, as well as on ALL Holydays of Obligation**. Besides ALL Sundays, there are 5 Holy Days of Obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) was a Holyday of Obligation. Did you attend Church? Only a serious or honorable reason should've prevented you from attending. When you purposely miss a Sunday (Sat. vigil) or Holyday of Obligation without a serious or honorable reason or dispensation from a priest, the Church teaches you are in the state of mortal sin. The Sacrament of Confession is the cure for this.

## Holiday Vigil this Wednesday

The eighth day following His birth, the Divine Child was presented in the Temple and circumcised according to the Law existing in Israel since the time of Abraham. On this occasion, He was given the name Jesus, which the Archangel Gabriel announced to the All-Holy Virgin Mary. The Old Testament circumcision was the proto-type of the New Testament baptism. The circumcision of our Lord shows that He received upon Himself the true body of man and not just seemingly, as was later taught of Him by heretics. Our Lord was also circumcised because He wanted to fulfill the entire Law which He Himself gave through the prophets and forefathers. Join us this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for the Vigil Liturgy.

## The Feast of Saint Basil the Great

Basil was born during the reign of Emperor Constantine. While still unbaptized, Basil spent fifteen years in Athens where he studied philosophy, rhetoric, astronomy and all other secular sciences of that time. His colleagues at that time were Gregory the Theologian and Julian, later the apostate emperor. In his mature years he was baptized in the river Jordan along with Euvlios his former teacher. He was Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia for almost ten years and completed his earthly life fifty years after his birth. He was a great defender of the true faith, a great light of moral purity, a religious zealot, a great theological mind, a great builder and pillar of the Church of God. Basil fully deserved the title "Great." Numerous works of this Father of the Church are preserved; they include theological, apologetical, ascetical and canonical writings as well as the Holy and Divine Liturgy named after him. This Divine Liturgy is celebrated ten times throughout the year. St. Basil died peacefully on January 1, 379 A.D., and was translated into the Kingdom of Christ.

## No penitential practice again this Friday

In celebration of our Lord's upcoming Baptism, our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes NO FASTING/PENANCE on Friday, January 2nd. Enjoy meat this Friday.

## Upcoming Holyday of OBLIGATION approaching

Tuesday, January 6th is the Feast of Theophany (Baptism of Jesus). It is a holyday of obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated that Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at our church. St. Michael's in Hermitage will be Tuesday morning, January 6th at 10:00 a.m.



## Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+EDWARD A. TIRPACK, 95, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 19, 2025. His Funeral Divine Liturgy will be offered at our St. Michael Church on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. with interment at our St. Michael Cemetery. A visitation hour will precede at 10:00 a.m. at church. May God grant to His departed servant, +Edward, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.



## Heartfelt thanks rendered

(1) Very Rev. Kevin expresses: "Thank You so very much for the Christmas cards, all gifts, and foods. It is greatly treasured and means a lot to me. Your kindness in remembering me this Christmas season touches my heart forever. May God bless you throughout this coming New Year."

(2) A special Thanks to ALL who volunteered and helped in anyway at our Church and Hall in making our Christmas celebration and the events and food sales leading up to it wonderful. Thank you to all those involved in the different ministries at Church for making Christmas so special. Your time, effort, and faithfulness do not go unnoticed and thank you for doing it for the glory of Almighty God.

## Final day to sign-up for N.Y.E. get-together



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 TODAY.

## Parish outing to Festival next Sunday

There will be a parish outing to the 63rd Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival **next Sunday, January 4th**, at St. John's Episcopal Church, downtown Youngstown. 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Sign-up by TODAY.

## 2025 - A LOOK BACK

As we begin the Year 2026, we should reflect on this past year to see where we were, where we are now, and where we are going, especially because of the continued challenges, frustrations, and uncertainties. Not only should we do this individually, but we should do this as a parish family. As a community of faith, our existence is made possible through the efforts of many people. We should take the time to recognize all those who make St. Michael Church what it is today:

God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit; our Holy Father, Pope Leo; Metropolitan Archbishop William; Father Kevin, the clergy and religious sisters and brothers; all of the Parishioners of St. Michael Church; our Volunteers; our Cantorial group; our Catechists; our Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers; our Office Staff, our Parish Advisory Council, our Sacristans and Decorators; our Kitchen crew, Civic Club, and ALL God's faithful.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity toward the growth of your faith community of St. Michael's. Let's begin our 104th year as we journey together towards eternal salvation.