

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) Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

BryanTEEN 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.

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.

The Christ

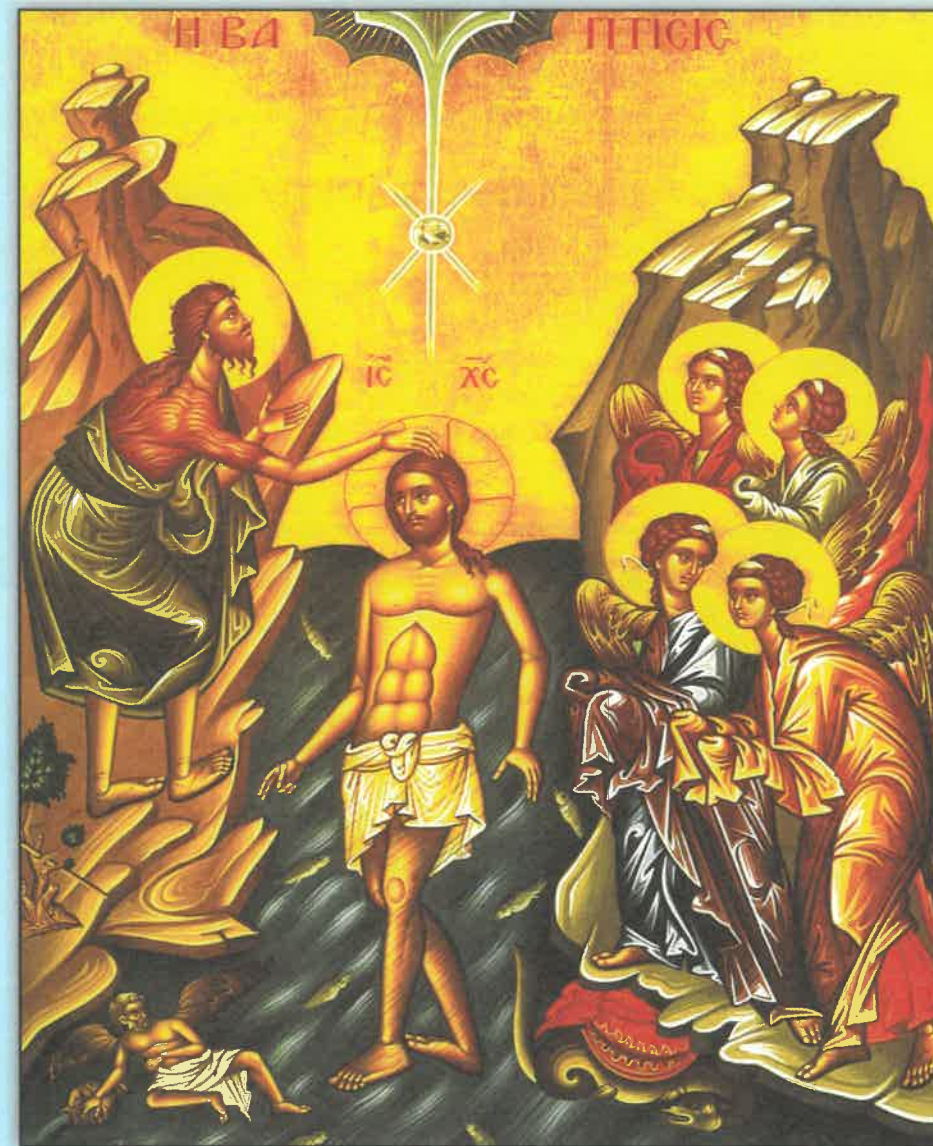
Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.



SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

Christ Is Baptized!
In the Jordan!
Christós Krescajetsja!
Vo Jordani!



Vol 13 #1



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



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participants for January 4-10:
Michael & Linda Stanko

TUES., JAN 6
6:00 p.m.



The Feast Of The Theophany Of Our Lord - His Holy Baptism — The Great Sanctification Of Water — Holyday of Obligation
+Paul Hospodar requested by: Dave & Annette Hospodar
(17th anniversary of passing 1.7)



SAT., JAN 10
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Gloria M. Katula requested by: Priscilla Turscak
(remembrance of 89th birthday 1.8)

SUN., JAN 11
11:00 a.m.

The Sunday After Theophany
+Dan Cebula requested by: Daughter: Patty Gomori
(11th anniversary of passing 1.9)



January 4 – Diane Battaglini, Dr. John Galida
January 9 – Elizabeth Hicks
January 10 – Ivan Lindberg

Church Attendance
Saturday 12/27 – **47** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 12/28 – **39** (11:00 am)
Wednesday 12/31 – **11** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Jan. 2, 2026

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. 27 & 28, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$1,835.00
Loose Currency....\$82.00
Candles....\$67.00
Christmas....\$910.00
Holydays....\$305.00
TOTAL: **\$3,199.00**



December 28th TOTAL:
\$240.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Dec. 28	\$3,199	\$2,850	\$349
YTD	\$145,044	\$148,200	(\$3,156)

Christmas included in YTD



Quote of the Week

“Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope for
tomorrow.”
— Albert Einstein



January

F R I G I D S F E G O A L S I
S H I V E R N J I F L E E C E
A C H I Y S O N H R U W Z K W
M L K D A Y W Z O C S M M I I
V O R F L P Y O J P U T I K N
N B E S J S A P C O L D T B T
N U I W V Y D R S Z K P T E E
D S N O W M A N K D P A E G R
S H E A T E R L L A V R N I T
O L H S P R E O N S X T S N I
S I E A E I Z G P K E Y Q R M
J A C D T I E M Z A S P O N E
M M D E B O O T S T K F M E E
F I R E P L A C E E I Y C W G
Q A T R E S O L U T I O N S B

BEGIN
BOOTS
COLD
FIREPLACE
FIRST
FLEECE
FRIGID
GOALS
HAT

HEATER
ICE
MITTENS
MLK DAY
NEW
PARKA
PARTY
RESOLUTIONS
SHIVER

SKATE
SKI
SLED
SNOWMAN
SNOWY
WINTERTIME



Why did Jesus allow Himself to be baptized?

John’s baptism was not a baptism of salvation; it was a baptism of repentance for sinners. The Jews held a unique belief about repentance. This belief held that if Israel could repent perfectly for even one day, the Messiah would come. It was only the hardness of their hearts that was delaying the coming of God’s Redeemer into the world. John was aware of this conviction, and his actions cemented his reputation as the forerunner of the Messiah.

An interesting feature of John’s baptism was the fact that Jews did not need baptism. Only converts to the Jewish religion were baptized. No Jew ever conceived that he or she, a member of the Chosen People, a son or daughter of Abraham assured of God’s salvation, could ever need baptism. Yet Jews, after hearing John preach his message of repentance, were submitting to his baptism as a way of demonstrating their change of heart and of experiencing God’s forgiveness of sins.

When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified himself with his people’s search for God. Identifying with his people’s sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized at the hands of John to demonstrate his solidarity with the people and to signal the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised. After Jesus’ baptism, John’s mission was accomplished and Jesus took center stage.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to go baptize all nations. This baptism would not be a baptism of repentance but a baptism of water and the Spirit, which would signify that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.



THE VALUE OF TIME: A New Year’s Reflection

- The clock is running. Make the most of it.
- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
 - To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
 - To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
 - To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
 - To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.
 - To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.
 - To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

God bless you and Happy New Year! ❤️



Seasonal Christian greeting

The greeting that we salute each other with is **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!** (Christós Krescajetsja). The response is **IN THE JORDAN!** (Vo Jordani!). This is also the greeting we use for mirovanije.

The baptism of Jesus, holy Theophany - Obligation

It was on January 6th that Christ was made known as the Son of God. It was on this day that our Lord appeared before John the Baptist in the River Jordan and asked to be baptized-not that He was sinful or needed to be cleansed through Baptism, but that He might teach us the importance and necessity of this great sacrament. While He was being baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven saying: "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased." Thus on this day not only does Heaven tell us that Christ is God, but we see God manifested in the Holy Trinity. We have before the three persons of the Godhead: the Son, being baptized in the River Jordan, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and the voice of the Father in heaven: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the meaning of the great feast of Theophany - the showing forth of God in three Persons. At Christmas, we saw Christ as a new-born babe. This week on Theophany, we will see Him a full-grown man of 30 beginning His ministry among people. Today the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is expanded into a full celebration. It is in this act of coming forth from the Holy Altar and carrying the Gospel aloft, that the priest represents Jesus Christ coming forth to bring the Gospel of Salvation to all. The Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy is in reality a Little Theophany. On this great Feast of the Theophany, the Church of Christ calls all of us to go together to the river Jordan to witness the manifestation of God and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. There we shall see, with the eyes of our soul, our Lord immersing Himself once again in the waters of the River Jordan, and thus sanctifying the oceans and the rivers and the lakes of all the world. Join us on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Obligation Holyday Divine Liturgy. Holyday in Hermitage is Tuesday morning, January 6th at 10:00 a.m.

The great sanctification of water on Tuesday

The most outstanding liturgical aspect with regard to the Feast of the Holy Theophany is the Great Sanctification of Water. The colorful and elaborate ceremony for sanctifying the waters commemorates Jesus' descent into the River Jordan and begins with the reading of three paremias taken from the Holy Prophet Isaiah which foreshadow the baptism of Christ. A lengthy prayer that is attributed to Saint Sophronios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, is interrupted three times: once when the priest blesses the water with the trojca, a three-branched burning candlestick; then again when he breaths upon the water in the form of a cross; and finally when he blesses the water by making the sign of the cross with his hand in it. At the end of the ceremony, he submerges the hand-cross into the water, making the sign of the cross with it while singing the troparion of the feast. The priest then sprinkles the church and the entire congregation with the newly-sanctified Jordan waters. The faithful then come forward to be blessed with the water, to drink it, and to take some of it into their homes.

2026 Liturgy Intentions

You may schedule your 2026 Liturgy Intentions. If you have a special occasion this upcoming new year, or an anniversary of a loved one's passing, or would like certain dates for intentions, please schedule them asap. The stipend for an intention is \$20.00.



2 retired priests fall asleep in the Lord



+**ARCHPRIEST EUGENE P. YACKANICH**, 87, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 19, 2025. Visitation for Archpriest Eugene will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown from 2 PM to 7:00 PM. A Parastas will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan William Skurla at St. John Church on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Burial will take place following the funeral at Mt. Macrina Cemetery.



+**FR. JOHN J. KAPITAN JR. OFM**, 74, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, December 29, 2025. Visitation for Father John will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Mt. Macrina Monastery Chapel, Uniontown from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. A Parastas will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Monastery Chapel on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:30 AM. Burial will take place following the funeral at Mt. Macrina Cemetery.

Parishioner Turns "91"

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **DR. JOHN GALIDA** who celebrates his "91st" birthday today, January 4th. May the Lord God grant to His servant, John, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita. Happy 91st Birthday, Dr. Galida!



Civic Club meeting next Sunday

The St. Michael's Civic Club will have a meeting on **Sunday, January 11th** at 12:15 p.m. in the bar room. Agenda is Night At The Races. Members are asked to attend. Any info, see Nick DuBos.

Halushki sale this Friday



Our St. Michael's famous homemade Halushki Sale is this **Friday, January 9th** from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Only \$10 per quart. No need to get out of your car, just follow the signs, pull up to the door and someone will bring your order to you. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by phone or text at 330-720-2100. Kitchen help to make halushki is this Friday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

'Heavenly Hunky Dinner' on Jan. 18th

There will be a 'Heavenly Hunky Dinner' on **Sunday, January 18th from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.** You can either eat-in or take out. This \$15 Dinner includes: Holupki (stuffed cabbage), kolbasi with kraut, pirohi, halushki, and dessert.

Volunteer Work Schedule for dinner

Fri., January 16th – 10:00 a.m.; Sat., January 17th – 9:00 a.m.; Sun., January 18th – 9:00 a.m.

Thanks extended to funeral home

Our St. Michael Church extends a big **THANK YOU** to the **WASKO FUNERAL HOME** for providing the costs of our 2026 liturgical wall calendars. They are located in the narthex. Make sure you get one.



Fundraiser for Carmela Circelli & Family

Sunday, February 15, 2026

12 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

St. Michael Hall - 405 Robinson Rd. Campbell

**Chicken Parm Dinner
\$15**

**Pasta/Meatball Dinner
\$10**

EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

**Basket Auction
prizes**

**Meet
beautiful
Carmela**



Carmela is the youngest daughter of Sarah and Patsy Circelli and sister of Maria and Dominic. She was born with Atrial Septal Defect, a congenital heart anomaly (hole in the heart). Recent testing confirmed that Carmela will need surgery to close the ASD. Our parish family would like to help the Circelli family defray some of the expenses they will incur during and after surgery. The Circelli Family reside in Lowellville.

**For dinner tickets contact Annette at 330-540-4334
or tickets available at entry**



Accepting donations for our upcoming fundraiser for our parishioner, little Carmela Circelli and her family. Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and Marked as such and placed in the offering basket. Auction baskets may be dropped off in the church narthex from Sunday, February 1st thru Thursday, February 12th after any Liturgy. Looking for volunteers to help with preparation and work at the event. Please sign up. It will be such a fun and worthwhile event. Thank you all in advance. Please see or call Annette for any questions 330-540-4334.