

## 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.

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](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.

### *Humility is the Mark of a Sinner*

In the case of that Pharisee who was praying, the things he said were true. Since he was saying them out of pride and the tax collector was telling his sins with humility, the confession of sins of the last was more pleasing to God than the acknowledgment of the almsgiving of the first. It is more difficult to confess one's sins than one's righteousness. God looks on the one who carries a heavy burden. The tax collector therefore appeared to Him to have had more to bear than the Pharisee had. He went down more justified than the Pharisee did, only because of the fact he was humble. If this Pharisee had been sinful, his prayer would have added iniquity to iniquity, but the Lord purified the tax collector of his iniquity. If just by praying, the Pharisee's prayer provoked God's wrath, then as a result of that provocation, the prayer of the tax collector proved all the more potent.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

The stern Pharisee, who in his self pride not only boasted of himself but also discredited the tax collector in the presence of God, made his justice void by being guilty of pride. Instead of the Pharisee, the tax collector went down justified, because he had given glory to God, the Holy One. He did not dare lift his eyes but sought only to plead for mercy. He accused himself by his posture, by striking his breast, and by entertaining no other motive except propitiation. Be on your guard, therefore, and bear in mind this example of severe loss sustained through arrogance. The one guilty of insolent behavior suffered the loss of his justice and forfeited his reward by his bold self-reliance. He was judged inferior to a humble man and a sinner because in his self-exaltation he did not await the judgment of God but pronounced it himself. Never place yourself above anyone, not even great sinners. Humility often saves a sinner who has committed many terrible transgressions.

*St. Basil the Great*



## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



*Icon of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)*

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



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SAT., JAN 24

6:00 p.m.

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Rosemary Dubos

(2nd anniversary of passing 1.27)

+Dr. Paul M. Dubos

(6th anniversary of passing 1.27 & remembrance of birthday 12.28)

+Helen Dubos

(remembrance of birthday 12.29)

requested by: Family



SUN., JAN 25

11:00 a.m.

**The Sunday Of The Publican & Pharisee – The 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday**

+Maryann P. Maker

(6th anniversary of passing 1.22)

requested by: Julie & Ron Tabus

Tues., Jan 27

6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at Hall

Fri., Jan 30

\*5:00 p.m.

**The Feast Of The Three Holy Hierarchs — Simple Holy Day**

+Florence Galida

(3rd anniversary of passing 1.29)

requested by: Bill Leombruno



SAT., JAN 31

6:00 p.m.

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Edward A. Tirpack

(40th day of passing 1.27)

requested by: Family



SUN., FEB 1

11:00 a.m.

**The Sunday Of The Prodigal Son – The 3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday**

+John F. Thomas

(remembrance of 98th birthday 1.20 & 5th anniversary of passing 1.22)

requested by: Family

+Richard W. Trexler

(8th anniversary of passing 2.12)



January 27 – Isabella Sferra, Zoe Vincent

January 30 – Michael Patellis

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 1/17 – **47** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 1/18 – **55** (11:00 am)

**Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery** updated: Jan. 23, 2026

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, 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 Jan. 17 & 18, 2026**

Sunday Offering....\$1,550.00

Loose Currency....\$63.00

Candles....\$109.00

**TOTAL: \$1,722.00**

**BCW: \$56.00**



**January 18th TOTAL:**

**\$249.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Jan.18	\$1,722	\$2,850	(\$1,128)
YTD	\$8,046	\$8,550	(\$504)



**Quote of the Week**

“Do not be afraid, you are not alone. Lonely is he who does not know God, even if he is friends with half the world.”

— St. Velimirovic





# Winter Weather

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them both  
horizontally and  
vertically.



BLIZZARD

FOG

RAIN

BLUSTERY

FREEZING

SLEET

BRISK

FROST

SLUSH

CLOUDY

GALE

SNOWDRIFT

COLD

HAIL

SNOWFLAKE

COLD SNAP

ICICLES

STORM

CRISP

ICY

SUBZERO

FLURRY

NIPPY

WIND CHILL

## The Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Today is the second pre-Lenten, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Publican is an old-fashioned word for a tax collector. Since the publicans in Palestine at the time of our Lord were collecting taxes for the Roman Empire, and took a commission for themselves, most people had a very low opinion of these tax collectors. The Pharisees took great pride in observing every detail of the Mosaic Law to the letter, and they looked down on other people who were not so conscientious of it.

This Gospel lesson reminds us of the crucial importance of humility. We could be tempted to think that, by fasting, prayer, attending divine services, and alms-giving, we are "better" than other people. However, when God gives us greater abundance of grace, He expects us to grow in humility, which is a very powerful virtue. In this lesson, the Pharisee stands in front of everyone professing himself while being judgmental of others. The Publican, on the other hand, prays before God (and not everyone else) and asks for forgiveness by expressing "God, be merciful to me a sinner." It is this expression of humility, from what one could consider a genuine (and perhaps professional) sinner that we derive our lesson. If we want to accomplish great things, we should grow in humility. Genuine humility is freedom from illusion, freedom from showing others "what I have" or "what I do" or "how many friends I have" and so forth. Illusion comes from the devil who tries to drive us from our relationship with our Lord. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, brings us the Truth, to lead us into the Truth.



We seek to grow in this Truth each and every time we participate in the Divine Liturgy. We come seeking our Lord's Word through the Gospel and our Lord's Body and Blood through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. We repeat the words of the Publican: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" where we do not seek to excuse our faults, but rather ask God to forgive us and show mercy to us.

If we expect mercy from our Lord, we need several things—the spirit of true repentance where we are genuinely sorry for our sins and seek to make amends; the ability to forgive others for the faults they commit against us as we expect forgiveness from our Lord and from those we wrong; the patience and love not to judge others like the Publican, but rather to pray for others and reveal our Lord's love through OUR actions and words; and finally the ability to forgive ourselves so that we can see ourselves as children of God and share in His Divine Grace.

May today's lesson be a reminder of our call to be humble in our actions and words. May we acknowledge our own condition as sinful persons before rushing to judgment of others. May we exercise the Mystery of Repentance willfully and meaningfully as we strive to grow in our relationship with God and to bring others to Him.

## The Feast of the 3 Holy Hierarchs



On the **30th day of January**, our Byzantine Catholic Church celebrates the memory of three great and very outstanding bishops, teachers, preachers and Fathers of the Eastern Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. These three hierarchs-bishops were giants of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They handed down to us the pure faith of the Council of Nicea; they expounded the dogmas of the Holy Trinity, Christ's divinity and the Holy Eucharist. Because of their great merits, in her liturgy our Eastern Church calls them peers of the Apostles, instruments of the Holy Spirit, pillars of the Church and universal teachers of the whole world. All three lived in the fourth century—the golden age of the Christian faith. St. Basil and St. Gregory were sons of Cappadocia in Asia Minor, intimate friends of approximately the same age. St. John Chrysostom, an Antiochian, was younger than the other two by 20 years. Apostolic zeal for the holy faith and salvation of souls united them. **Join us for the holyday Liturgy this Friday, January 30th at 5:00 p.m.**

## No penitential practice this Friday

Our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes NO FASTING/ NO PENANCE **this Friday, January 30th**...lest we become puffed up with the unholy pride of the Pharisee who boasted about his fasting. So enjoy meat and all the goodies this Friday.

## 'Night At the Races' on SATURDAY

The Civic Club will be hosting its **2nd 'Night At The Races' THIS Saturday, January 31st**. Civic Club members are selling tickets (\$20 each) and horses (\$10 each - all horses must be pre-sold); the deadline to purchase a horse is TODAY. The owner of each winning horse in each race receives \$25. The Civic Club looks forward to an exciting event on Saturday!



## Called By Name program enters week 2

Reminder – Mail your **Called by Name** recommendation card to the Office of Vocations. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish. Please use the nomination brochure form in the narthex or the QR code. You may also find all information at the Metropolitan Vocations website at: [byzantinecatholicvocation.com](http://byzantinecatholicvocation.com).

## Kitchen volunteer work

This Tuesday, January 27th – Pirohi making – 10:00 a.m.

## Pastor to give spiritual talk to Nuns on Tuesday

Our pastor was asked to be the speaker for a reflection day for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Uniontown, PA this Tuesday, January 27th. He will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy for them.

## Contribution Statement from 2025

Forms are in the narthex to request your contribution statement from 2025. If you need it, please fill out the form and submit it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish.

## Feb. fundraiser tickets available

--Submitted by Annette Hospodar

"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. Also, there are letters in the narthex to solicit area businesses who may want to help out. **Tickets are now available for the dinner.** Thank you all in advance. Please see or call Annette for tickets or any questions 330-540-4334."

## Join Us For Some Winter BYZI Family Fun!

### GLO Tubing @ Funtimes Fun Park

**Friday, February 13th from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

12175 State St., NE

Alliance, OH 44601

[funtimespark.com](http://funtimespark.com)

**SPECIAL EVENT INCLUDES...**  
**3 Hours of Unlimited:**

GLO Tubing Slide (42' & Taller)

Light Maze

Spin Zone Bumper Cars (36" or Taller)

Musik Express (36' or Taller)

Meet & Greet Pete Penguin

Toot-N-Hoot Train (Under 54" Tall)

Club Chill Lighted Dance Floor

Photo Opportunities

Light Displays

Gellyball (36" & Taller)

Bonfires

Outdoor Movies & More!



**Sign-Up in the Narthex no later than February 6th!**

