

# 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.

## *Mercy and Forgiveness*

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

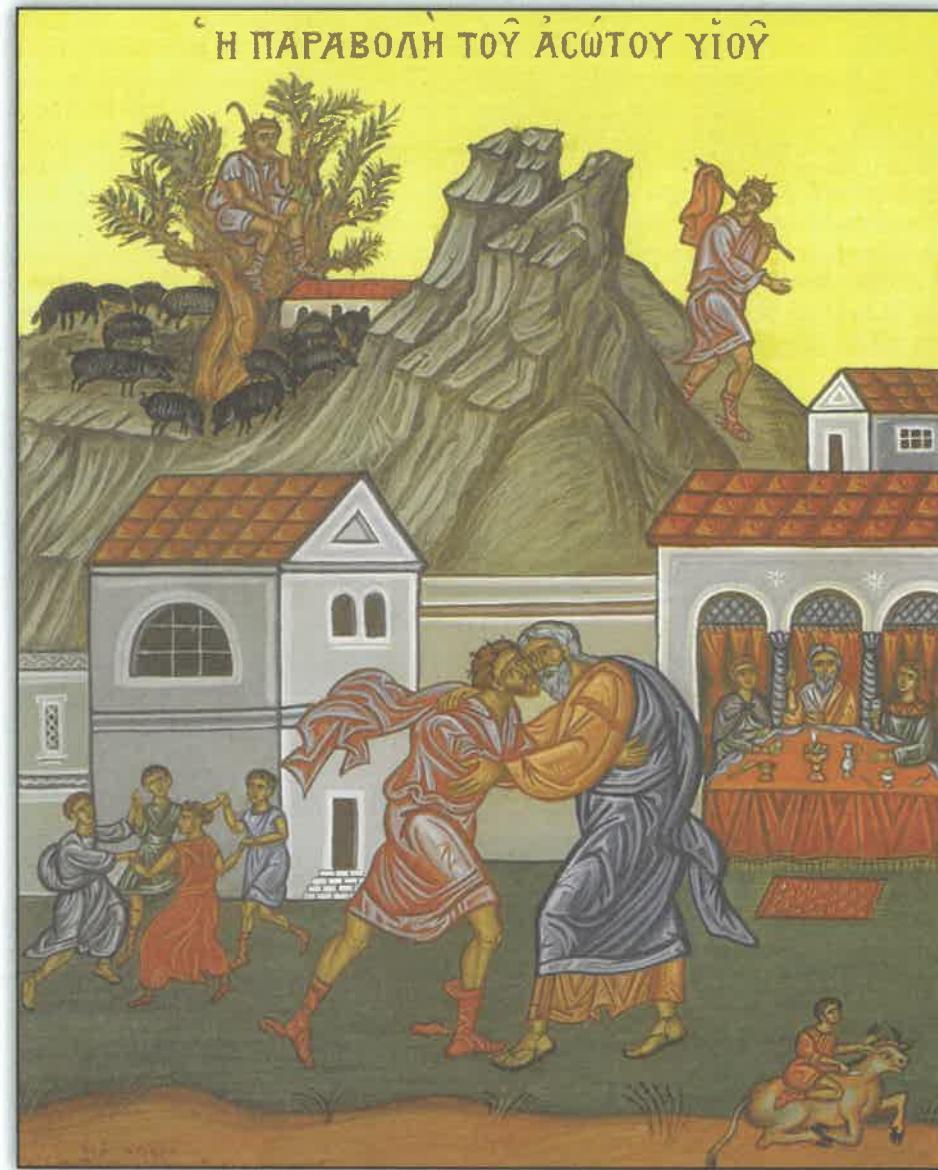
What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."



## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



*Icon of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)*

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



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**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Edward A. Tirpack

(40th day of passing 1.27)



requested by: Family

**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)

+Richard W. Trexler

(8th anniversary of passing 2.12)

requested by: Family

Mon., Feb 2



**The Feast Of The Encounter Of Our Lord — Solemn Holy Day** — *Solemn Holy Day* — *The Solemn Blessing of Candles* — *Mirovanije*

+James T. Klingensmith

(4th anniversary of passing 12.17)

requested by: Keri Vokish

Tues., Feb 3

6:00 p.m.

*ECF classes at Hall*

Fri., Feb 6

\*5:00 p.m.

**Vigil For the 1st Universal All Souls Saturday**

+All Souls with the reading of the Hramoty

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Edward Lucas (5th ann. of passing 9.3)

+John R. Lucas (7th ann. of passing 11.2)

+Richard Luas (1st ann. of passing 1.3)

requested by: Family

SUN., FEB 8

11:00 a.m.

**The Sunday of Meat-Fare – The 4th Pre-Lenten Sunday**

+Alexander Orosz

(35th anniversary of passing 2.11)

requested by: Gary Orosz



February 1 – Megan Brown  
February 3 – Agnes Ihnat  
February 5 – Kathi Klimis, Doug Vaclav  
February 7 – Kara Colbert, Phil Ford, Betty Macala

**Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery** updated: Jan. 30, 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. 24 & 25, 2026**

**Sunday Offering....\$1,140.00**

**Loose Currency....\$18.00**

**Candles....\$67.00**

**Holydays....\$80.00**

**BCW....\$28.00**

**TOTAL: \$1,333.00**



**January 25th TOTAL:**

**\$85.00**

<b>Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>(Shortage)</b>
Jan. 25	\$1,333	\$2,850	(\$1,517)
YTD	\$9,379	\$11,400	(\$2,021)



**Quote of the Week**

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

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

# Groundhog Day

## February 2nd



BURROW  
CELEBRATION  
CLOUDY  
DEN  
EMERGE  
FEBRUARY  
FORECAST

GROUNDHOG	PUNXSUTAWNEY
HIBERNATE	SECOND
HOLE	SHADOW
MARMOT	SIX WEEKS
MORNING	SPRING
MYTH	SUNSHINE
NATURE	TEMPERATURE
OMEN	WEATHER
PHIL	WINTER
PREDICTION	WOODCHUCK

## The Sunday of the Prodigal Son

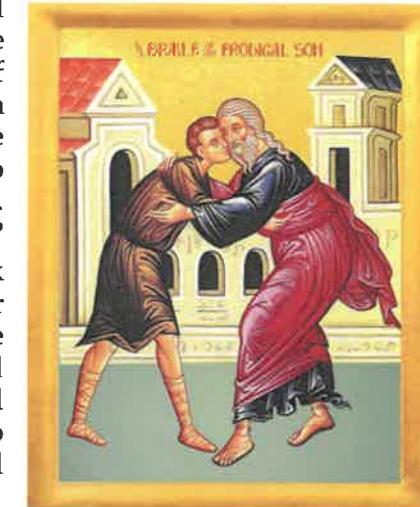
We can learn a lot from the Gospel of the Prodigal Son. Perhaps, one of the more important lessons is the necessity to reflect on how much we waste in our lives. Of course, there is the concept of money: we see no problem in spending so much on unnecessary things or things to make us feel better or superior to others, but when it comes to helping others or various ministries, we balk and withhold. However, do we ever consider how sinful it is to waste time?

A priest, for one of his funeral sermons, would talk about how each of us is given two dates: one we know, our birthday, and the other we do not know, which is the day we leave our earthly bodies. Between those dates is a dash, and that dash stands for everything that we accomplished and did in this life. And he would always ask those present to reflect on their own dashes, to assess where they are and what they are doing with their lives.

We are given a certain amount of time in this life. And it is our choice what to do with it. We have the lessons of the Gospel that instruct us on what we \*should\* be doing with such a valuable gift, but it is our choice in terms of whether we listen or not. The prodigal son wasted everything that his father gave him—including time—but once he realized the errors of his ways, he returned to his father, seeking forgiveness and embracing his father. We, too, have this opportunity to return to our Father. To recognize the errors of our ways. To see how much we have wasted in our lives: time, opportunities, money, feelings, and so much more! Each and every day is indeed a “present” that we receive in order to start anew and right the wrongs of yesterday, but do we take this opportunity? Do we value the chance to repent and change our ways? Or are we content to keep going down the path of wastefulness and destruction without giving a second thought to those around us or even to our own selves and souls?

It's easy to say “could have,” “should have,” or “would have.” Wouldn't it be better, though, to say these in the present tense? To be people of action and not look back—sometimes with regret—on things that we missed out on or did not participate in because we were either too busy or lazy? We can visit the elderly and sick. We can feed the hungry and poor. We can donate our time and talent and treasure. We can pray. We can seek forgiveness. All before it is too late!

This will be the strong reminder we receive in next Sunday's Gospel. We don't want to wait until we are facing our eternal judgment to realize the wastefulness that we allowed in our lives. Let us make the most of our “dash” and continue to grow in spirit and strength! Let us resolve to be like the prodigal son who, in recognizing the error of his ways, returns to his father humbly seeking forgiveness!



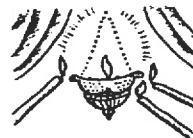
## The Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord tomorrow



On February 2nd, we celebrate the Encounter of our Lord Jesus Christ with Simeon in the Temple. In this beautiful scene, the aged Simeon takes the Baby Jesus up in his arms and expresses his delight and joy to God in a brief prayer. The event occurred when Joseph and Mary brought the Child to the Temple to present Him the Lord, according to the law of Moses. The holy family had made its little pilgrimage from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, a distance of about five miles, to accomplish what was called the purification of Mary. This required the presentation of a lamb, or for those who were poor, of two pigeons. In addition, a gift of five shekels to the Temple was required as an acknowledgement of God's claim over the first born male of the household; the child was thus redeemed from sacred duties to enter the secular life. Taking Jesus into his arms was an act of will by Simeon. The Spirit had prepared him to meet Jesus at the correct moment and had providentially brought them together. Simeon was driven under the impulse of the Spirit to hurry into the Temple, and when he was confronted with the Christ Child, he accepted Him into his arms immediately overlooking the poverty, the humility, or the apparent insignificance of the family. The impulse of the Spirit told him this was to be his only opportunity to see Christ. Join us for the holyday this Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

## The Solemn Blessing of Candles on Monday

On February 2nd, candles are blessed. The blessing of candles is our profession that we have seen the true Light Jesus Christ. We have encountered Him and allowed Him into our lives by our faith in Him and by our worship of Him which stems from faith. The prayer for the blessing asks Christ to bless the candles that they may be lit with a visible flame to dispel darkness, and that our hearts enlightened by the invisible light of the Holy Spirit.



## The 1st Universal All Souls – Vigil this Friday

February 7th is the first of five All Souls Saturday this year. If you wish to add names to your list from last year or make a new one, please submit the special sheet in the narthex. Following the requiem Divine Liturgy, the names of your submitted deceased loved ones are read aloud. The first All Souls Liturgy will be offered this Friday evening, February 7th at 5:00 p.m.

## Called By Name program final week

Last Chance - Mail your Called by Name recommendation(s) to the Office of Vocations. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life. Remember those men and women of our parish whose names were submitted that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to God's call. Please use the nomination brochure form or the QR code. You may also find all information at the Metropolitan Vocations website at: [byzantinecatholicvocation.com](http://byzantinecatholicvocation.com)

## ByzanTEEN National Rally this summer

PARTICIPANT (TEEN) Registration for the ByzanTEEN Rally 2026 is now OPEN! The ByzanTEEN Rally will be held July 9–12, 2026, at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. The rally is open to participants who are 13 years old by the beginning of the Rally, through high school. PARTICIPANT (TEEN) Registration Form can be found at [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org). Volunteer/Chaperone and Clergy/Religious Registration: Coming Soon. All parish teenagers are encouraged to attend. Please see Father for more information.

## Oh dear heaven...someone's turning eighty seven

Our St. Michael Parish extends Happy Birthday wishes to **AGNES IHNAT** who is celebrating her **87th Birthday**, on Tuesday February 3rd. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Agnes, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 87th Birthday Agnes!



## Glo tubing outing – sign-up now

Join us for some winter BYZI Family Fun at Funtimes Fun Park, **February 13th** from 7-10 p.m. Glo Tubing along with other fun things. Sign up in the narthex no later than February 6th. For any questions, call/text our ECF Coordinator Keri.

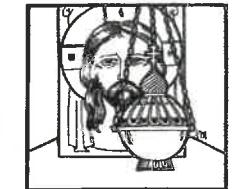
## Benefit for Carmela in fifteen days

*--submitted by Annette Hospodar*

"We are on our way and very excited that our Benefit dinner is coming together nicely. Thank you to all who have and will donate. Remember, baskets can be dropped off in the Narthex after any Liturgy until Sunday February 8th, or at the Hall Thursday, February 12th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Any monetary donations can be dropped into the offertory basket in an envelope clearly marked. Checks can be made out to St. Michael Church. Set up begins Friday morning (Feb. 13) at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall. Saturday morning, we will continue at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, we will begin at 8:30 a.m. We appreciate everyone's help. It really matters. Those who will be working the event are encouraged to wear RED on that day. Again, thank you to all who have been so kind and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Call Annette at 330-540-4334 for tickets and for any questions you may have."

## The Pre-Sanctified Liturgies begin shortly

During the holy season of the Great Fast, which this year begins February 16th, our Byzantine Catholic Church proscribes the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy to be celebrated. This is a special Liturgy with different melodies in which no Consecration takes place, due to the fact that the Eucharist is already consecrated (pre-sanctified). The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy will be offered on **WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 p.m.** Join us for the weekly Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during the season of The Great Fast. Don't miss out on attending this beautiful and uplifting Lenten Liturgy. Make it part of your Lenten goals to attend!



## 2026 Friday Lenten food drive-thru sales

Our St. Michael Church will once again have food sales on the Fridays of the Great Fast. This will follow the drive-thru format. Please promote and support these sales as well. Pre-Orders preferred and guaranteed. Drive-up's welcome until supplies last. Call/Text Regina at 330-720-2100.

Lenten Fridays	Homemade Food Items \$10
February 20	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
February 27	Halushki
March 6	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 13	Halushki
March 20	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 27	Halushki