

# 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.  
**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES:** Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. during the Great Fast

## Icons Show the Human Face of God

In recent months my Sunday reflections have frequently focused on our Christian brothers and sisters of the East. Wishing as it were to embrace their rich tradition of faith in a single glance, today I would like to refer once again to the sense of mystery which is apparent in their icons. The East and the West vie with each other to put their art at the service of the faith.

But from the East, where icons had to be defended with bloodshed in the iconoclast crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, comes a particular call jealously to preserve the religious nature of this art. It is based on the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God chose to assume a human face. In the last analysis, sacred art seeks to transmit something of the mystery of that face.

This is why the East firmly insists on the spiritual qualities which must characterize the artist, to whom Simeon of Thessalonica, the great defender of Tradition, addresses this important exhortation: "Teach with words, write with letters, paint with colors, in conformity with Tradition; the painting is true, as is the writing of books; and the grace of God is present in them, because what is represented there is holy."

By contemplating icons in the whole context of liturgical and ecclesial life, the Christian community is called to grow in its experience of God, and to become more and more a living icon of the communion of life between the Three Divine Persons.

*Pope John Paul II*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



*Icon of the Holy Images*



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

**SAT., FEB 21**

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

**6:00 p.m.**

+Betty A. Stanko  
*(2nd anniversary of passing 2.19)*  
  
+Maria Tirpack  
*(1st anniversary of passing 2.24)*

requested by: Alicia Muzina

requested by: Ken Tirpack

**SUN., FEB 22**

**The First Sunday of the Great Fast – The Sunday of the Triumph of True Worship**

**11:00 a.m.**

+Brandon M. Puskarcik Sr.  
*(remembrance of 43rd birthday 2.15)*

requested by: Family



**Tues., Feb 24**

**6:00 p.m.**

*ECF classes at Hall*

**Wed, Feb 25**  **2nd Wednesday of the Great Fast - No Meat Obligated**

5:30 p.m.

Confessions available

6:00 p.m.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



**Fri, Feb 27**  **2nd Friday of the Great Fast - No Meat Obligated**

**SAT., FEB 28**

9:00 a.m.

+All Souls with the reading of the Hramoty for the 2nd All Souls Sat.

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

**6:00 p.m.**

+James G. Szilaygi Jr.  
*(20th anniversary of passing 2.26)*

requested by: Denise Kotasek

Health & God's Blessings  
Upon: Duane VanSuch *(birthday Feb. 20)*

requested by: David Van Such

**SUN., MAR 1**

**The Second Sunday of the Great Fast – The Sunday of the Palsied Man**

**11:00 a.m.**

+James "Jim" Bigley  
*(3rd anniversary of passing 2.12)*

requested by: Bigley Family



February 22 – Dominic Cutrone, Pamela Kotasek, Joey Kinnick, Fr. Richard Lambert

February 26 – Dolly Lysowski

February 28 – Evalina Morales, Bob Kovach

February 29 – Joey Romito

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: Feb. 20, 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.

**Church offerings from Feb 14 & 15, 2026**

Sunday Offering....\$2,306.00

Loose Currency....\$79.00

Candles....\$73.00

Holyday....\$50.00

**TOTAL: \$2,508.00**



**February 15th TOTAL:**  
**\$133.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Feb. 15	\$2,508	\$2,850	(\$342)
YTD	\$16,324	\$19,950	(\$3,626)

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 2/14 – **55** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 2/15 – **56** (5:00 pm)

Wednesday 2/18 – **36** (6:00 pm)

**Quote of the Week**

“Confession and contrition are so beautiful and fragrant that they erase the ugliness and dissipate the stench of sin.”

— St. Francis de Sales



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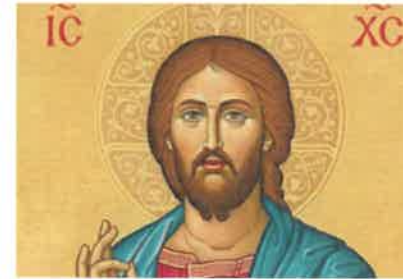
# 2026 Winter Olympics

- ALPINE SKIING
- ATHLETES
- BIATHLON
- BRONZE MEDAL
- CLOSING CEREMONY
- CURLING
- FIGURE SKATING
- GLOBAL AUDIENCE
- GOLD MEDAL
- ICE HOCKEY
- ITALY
- MEDAL CEREMONY
- MILAN-CORTINA
- NATIONAL ANTHEMS
- NATIONAL TEAMS
- OLYMPIC FLAME
- OLYMPIC GAMES
- OLYMPIC STADIUM
- OPENING CEREMONY
- QUALIFICATION ROUNDS
- SILVER MEDAL
- SKI JUMPING
- SNOWBOARDING
- SPECTATOR STANDS
- SPEED SKATING
- WINTER OLYMPICS

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## The First Sunday of the Great Fast



Today, our Church celebrates the triumph of the true faith, the right to use and venerate icons in our liturgical worship. How lucky we are! To be able to walk into church and see the works of the Lord all around us! On the iconostasis, on the walls, on the ceiling, even on the stained glass windows! When we enter the church temple, we constantly encounter the heavenly reality, the spiritual realm to which we are all invited. Yet, even though we see this, even though we have the opportunity to see this, we still choose to turn from God at times; we continue to sin.

A number of years ago, there was an adult catechism lesson during the Great Fast, and the topic was about 'seeing God.' What makes this particular lesson stand out is that one of the participants was a young woman who was blind since birth. Of course, the lesson focused on seeing God around us, from icons to the beauty of the sunrise, a fresh snowfall, the works of nature, and so forth. This young woman was asked, how does she see God? What is her understanding of God? Her response was so honest and humbling; she spoke of seeing God as pure love, as those who help to take care of her since birth, to ensure her safety, growth, and well-being in terms of her education, not only in school, but in learning how to play piano and singing. She spoke of seeing God when she felt a breeze upon her face or smelling the incense in church, or even when she tastes of the Holy Eucharist. She felt firmly confident that, wherever she is, God is there, too, watching her, loving her, and caring for her. Even though she could not physically 'see' what the rest of us see, she felt sure that God is always with her and that her 'vision' of God was as pure as it could be.

This lesson is humbling because what a gift it was to physically see God and His works, yet there are times when we neglect this. There are times when we feel forsaken by Him, even though the evidence of His greatness and love is all around us! Indeed, all of us tend to take for granted the fact that we can see God and His hand in our lives each and every day, even if we have the spiritual manifestations present in icons.

What makes icons so significant is that, if you recall, icons are called 'windows into heaven.' Think about a window: it is not the same as a mirror where there is a one-way look where the perceiver just sees him/herself in a reflection. A window allows for a two-way communication, a two-way view. THIS is the significance of icons in our lives: when we look upon an icon, there is always someone looking back. This is why we call them 'windows.' We know that we are not alone!

Let us continue to grow in our faith, and, like this young woman, be assured of God's presence and love in our lives. Let us not take for granted that He is around us, nor let us take for granted the great gift that we have of 'seeing' Him everywhere, from icons to other people to the world around us. Let us also strive to work toward our own theosis, to become more Christ-like in our actions, words, and thoughts so that we, too, can become living icons of our Lord in the world and that others can "see" God through us!

## Note of Gratitude

The Circelli family would like to thank everyone who made Carmela's fundraiser such a success.

"We wish to thank Father Kevin and all of the parishioners of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church for all of the prayers, funds, and endless hours that were donated. We will be forever grateful to Mrs. Hospodar for initiating, planning, and carrying out the event from start to finish, as well as the volunteers who worked tirelessly during the weeks leading up to, and including the day of the event. We are humbled by the love we have received and we know that 'Thank You' will never be enough. Carmela is recovering well after her surgery, and will continue to receive care from her cardiology team at the Cleveland Clinic."

## Civic Club meeting TODAY

The Civic Club will have its regular monthly meeting **TODAY, February 22nd at 12:15 p.m.** in the bar room. A wrap-up of the Night of the Races will be discussed.

## Deanery Vespers TODAY

**TODAY, February 22nd, at 4:00 p.m.**, our Youngstown Deanery will have a common prayer of Lenten Vespers at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, in Boardman OH. You will have a chance to spend a prayerful night and receive a blessing and enrich your spiritual life. Priests will be available for confessions and social with refreshments after service. All are invited.

## NEW red Altar linens for the Great Fast

During this season, our Byzantine Catholic Church uses red altar linens and red candles. Red is a penitential color in the Byzantine Catholic Church. It symbolizes the passion of Our Lord. This year, new red altar linens were made for all the altars. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the new linens, you may do so. If using a check, make it out to St. Michael Church with red altar linens in the memo line.

## St. Basil Liturgy on Lenten weekends



During the Sundays of the Great Fast, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. There are longer prayers offered by the priest during the anaphora (the part of the Liturgy around the consecration). St Basil's Liturgy is one the three Liturgies offered. The other two are the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (normally celebrated) and the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (celebrated during the Great Fast). The Byzantine Catholic Church offers this special Divine Liturgy during the penitential season to remind us that praying for our particular needs and those of others is essential.

## The 2nd All Souls Saturday

This Saturday, February 28th is the 2nd All Souls Saturday. **The Requiem Divine Liturgy with the Reading of the Hramoty will be this Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Join us as we pray for our deceased loved ones.

## Sympathy extended

+**CHERYL ANN ABEID**, 65, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. She is the daughter of parishioner Marlene Hahn and the sister of parishioners Regina Sferra and Michelle Miranda. May God grant to His departed handmaid, +Cheryl, blessed repose and eternal memory, *vicnaja jej pamjat*.



## Almsgiving to Akron Children's Hospital underway



This Lenten season, our parish almsgiving project will be to assist Akron Children's Hospital, Boardman Campus. As you come into the church, there is a Lenten Wish Tree and display dedicated to this cause. Each Easter egg on the Wish Tree contains a gift for a child hospitalized at Akron Children's. If you wish to be a part of this Lenten outreach, please take an Easter egg with the description of the gift. Once you have purchased the gift, please bring it to Church unwrapped, and place it by the Lenten Wish tree. Gifts will be collected until Palm Sunday, March 29th.

## Lenten food drive-thru sales

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
THIS FRIDAY February 27	Halushki
March 6	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 13	Halushki
March 20	Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar)
March 27	Halushki

*Pirohi will be cooked & ready to eat*



## 3-bar chocolate crosses available to order

A 3-bar chocolate candy cross made by *Sarris Candies* will be available for \$6.00 per cross. They come in milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and white chocolate. Please mark your quantity along with what kind on the special sheet in the narthex. They will be distributed on Palm Sunday weekend. All orders must be in by Sunday, March 15th.

## St. Michael Hall expenses

Within the past few weeks, our social Hall incurred some needed repairs:

- (1) A new wall mount toilet was installed in the women's bathroom. The old toilet was cracked and did not flush as should. Work was done by L & M Plumbing. The cost of this: **\$395.35**
- (2) There are 3 pumps that control the heat in the Hall. One pump was totally missing, and in early January the motors on the other two pumps blew. Two new pumps, motors, and bearing assembly had to be ordered and installed. The third pump motor is being fixed and hasn't been installed yet. Work was done by York Mahoning Inc. The cost of the first two pumps: **\$9,695.60**