

# 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**

## Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

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



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requested by: M/M Mark Vitus



**SAT., MAR 21**  
 6:00 p.m.

**(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)**  
 +Ed +Maria Tirpack

**SUN., MAR 22**

**The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast – The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

11:00 a.m.

+Mary Lou Macala  
 (6th anniversary of passing 4.2)



requested by: Lori, Jim, Aaron Graneto

**Tues., Mar 24**  
 6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at Hall

**Wed, Mar 25**

**Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation – Solemn Holyday – Mirovanije**



6:00 p.m.

+William C. Marks Sr.  
 (8th anniversary of passing 3.7)

requested by: Dr. Steve & Barbara DuBos

**Fri, Mar 27**  **Final Friday of the Great Fast - No Meat Obligated**

**SAT., MAR 28**  
 \*5:50 p.m.

**(Vigil Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy)**  
 +Antoinette H. Filak  
 (remembrance of 94th birthday today)

requested by: Daughter: Diana,  
 Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**SUN., MAR 29**

**THE ROYAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY**

\*10:50 a.m.

+Cheryl Ann Abeid  
 (40th day of passing)

requested by: Family



*HOSANNA in the highest!*



March 23 – Maria Circelli  
 March 24 – Kenneth Payne

*Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery* updated: March 20, 2026

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, 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 Mar 14 & 15, 2026**

Sunday Offering....\$1,905.00

Loose Currency....\$61.00

Candles....\$76.00

Easter....\$500.00

**TOTAL: \$2,542.00**



**March 15th TOTAL:**  
**\$234.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Mar. 15	\$2,542	\$2,850	(\$308)
YTD	\$26,501	\$31,350	(\$4,849)



**Quote of the Week**

“True fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one’s tongue, suppressing hatred, and banishing one’s lust, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows.”

— St. Basil the Great



# SPRING WORD SEARCH

## WORD LIST

- APRIL
- BASEBALL
- BIRDS
- BLOSSOMS
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLIES
- CHICK
- CLEANING
- CLOVER
- CROCUS
- DAFFODIL
- DAYLIGHT
- EQUINOX
- FLOWERS
- FORSYTHIA
- GARDEN
- JACKET
- LADYBUG
- MARCH
- MAY
- PICNIC
- PUDDLES
- RAINBOW
- ROBIN
- SEEDS
- SHOWERS
- SPRING
- UMBRELLA

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



## The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

The fifth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, who died around the year 500. Egyptian by birth, Mary ran away from her parents to the city of Alexandria at the age of twelve. Here, she lived an extremely sinful life. She often refused the money offered for her sins of the flesh, as she was driven by an insatiable and an irrepressible passion, and she mainly lived by begging.

After seventeen years of this lifestyle, she traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. She undertook the journey as a sort of anti-pilgrimage, stating that she hoped to find in the pilgrim crowds at Jerusalem even more partners in her lust. Once in Jerusalem, she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and she was barred from doing so by an unseen force. Realizing that this was because of her impurity, she was struck with remorse, and when she saw an icon of the Theotokos outside the Church, she prayed for forgiveness and promised to give up the world. She then again attempted to enter the Church, and this time was permitted in. After her conversion to Christianity, she fled into the desert beyond the river Jordan, where she spent the remainder of her life doing penance for her past sins. She reached such a high degree of perfection that she became a beloved disciple of Christ and a model for all penitent sinners.



As we near the final days of Lent, the Church gives us the example of Mary of Egypt so that we might not lose hope and to teach us that no sin is too great to be forgiven. In Scripture we read: "though your sins be red as scarlet, I shall make them white as snow." Mary of Egypt provides us with an excellent example of true conversion and love of the Lord. As we near the conclusion of the Great Fast, we, ourselves, certainly have the time to pray, reflect, and examine our consciences, and we still have time to make a good confession.

Let us pray for the sincerity of heart and strength of conversion Mary of Egypt experienced so that we can wander our own spiritual deserts, growing stronger in our faith and serving the Lord. Let us also be mindful not to condemn the sinner, but rather guide him/her to our Lord for forgiveness and salvation.



### THOUGHTS FOR LENT: WHAT IS REAL CHARITY?

- It is SILENCE - when your words would hurt.
- It is PATIENCE - when your neighbor is curt.
- It is DEAFNESS - when a scandal flows.
- It is THOUGHTFULNESS - for another's woes.
- It is PROMPTNESS - when duty calls.
- It is COURAGE - when misfortune falls.



## Spaghetti dinner NEXT SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY, March 29th, is our Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m. at our St. Michael Hall (**Dine-in or Take-out**). The dinner will be Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Bread/Butter and dessert. The price per dinner for adults is \$12.00; children ages 10 & under is \$6.00. Forms are available in the narthex.



### Volunteer Worker's Schedule For Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, March 28th - 10:00 a.m.** - set up eat-in tables, take-out table & other details.

**Sunday, March 29th - 9:00 a.m.** - cooking begins; all final details needing done.

## Feast of the Annunciation THIS WEDNESDAY



This feast recalls to us the Incarnation of the Divine Word in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This mystery merits for Mary her most beautiful name, Theotokos or Mother of God. It is this title which merited for her all her graces. This is why the Angel greeted her on this day: "Rejoice, Full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among all women." In becoming the mother of the New Adam, Mary became by the same fact the Mother of the whole redeemed human race. By her voluntary acceptance ("let it be done to me according to your word"), she, the only creature actively participated in the realization of this grandiose mystery by which humanity would be saved. "All generations will call me blessed," she cried out in her enthusiasm. This is why the Church, in the name of the entire human race, today renders to the Virgin Theotokos the altogether exceptional honors to which she has a right.

## The Solemn Blessing of Palms & Willows info

Next weekend, we celebrate our Lord's Royal Entry into Jerusalem. According to our Byzantine Catholic custom, palms along with pussywillows are blessed and distributed this day to symbolize our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The palms and willows will be solemnly blessed starting 10 minutes before the weekend Liturgies and then you will come forward to receive them. We will hold the palms and willows throughout the Divine Liturgy.



## Singing practice this Monday

This Monday, March 23rd, a cantoring practice will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall. As our pastor mentioned in his remarks in church, now is the time to 'step up' and be a part of the cantorial group. This is open to any of our parish men, women, and children.

## Last Lenten food sale this Friday - Halushki

This Friday, March 27th will be a Halushki sale (\$10 per quart). Drive Thru 2:00-6:00 p.m. You may pre-order by calling/texting Regina at 330-720-2100.

## Final week to bring in Akron Children's hospital gifts

Just a reminder that this in the final week to bring any items in for our parish Lenten project for Akron Children's Hospital.

## Holy Tuesday presanctified, confessions, fellowship

On Holy & Great Tuesday, March 31st, at 6:00 p.m., our Parish will host a Deanery Presanctified Liturgy followed by confessions made available, and a fellowship social in the Hall. We will welcome faithful from area Byzantine Catholic Parishes. The visiting priests will be: **Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec Jr., Fr. Michael Farynets, Fr. John Welch, & Fr. Richard Lambert.**

## 12 Passion Gospels in Hermitage

The 12 passion gospels (Good Friday Matins) will be celebrated on **April 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael's, Hermitage.** It is highlighted by 12 men holding candles for each gospel read. If any of our parish men would like to participate for this service, please let our pastor know.

## Altar Servers must be here for Holy Week – plan schedules

All parish altar servers are encouraged to serve Holy Tuesday-Thursday, and REQUIRED for Good Friday, Holy Saturday, & Easter Sunday.

## Everyone invited to feast on Holy Saturday

Following the blessing of baskets on Holy Saturday evening **April 4th**, everyone is invited to stay in the Hall to eat of the blessed Paschal foods. Paschal foods and drinks will be provided.

## 🥨Lent & the pretzel🥨

According to pretzel maker Snyders of Hanover, a young monk in the early 600s in Italy was preparing a special Lenten bread of water, flour and salt. To remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough in strips and then shaped each strip in the form of crossed arms, mimicking the then popular prayer position of folding ones arms over each other on the chest. The bread was then baked as a soft bread, just like the big soft pretzels one can find today.

Because these breads were shaped into the form of crossed arms, they were called *braccellae*, the Latin word for "little arms." From this word, the Germans derived the word *bretzel* which has since mutated to the familiar word *pretzel*.

Another possibility for the origins of the word *pretzel* is that the young monk gave these breads to children as a reward when they could recite their prayers. The Latin word *pretiola* means "little reward," from which *pretzel* could also be reasonably derived. Apparently, this simple Lenten food became very popular. Pretzels were enjoyed by all people. They became a symbol of good luck, long life and prosperity. Interestingly, they were also a common food given to the poor and hungry. Not only were pretzels easy to give to someone in need, but also they were both a substantial food to satisfy the hunger and a spiritual reminder of God knowing a persons needs and answering our prayers.

Another interesting story involving pretzels arises in the late 1500s, when the Ottoman Moslem Turks were besieging the city of Vienna, Austria. The Turks could not break the city's defenses, so they began to tunnel below ground. The monks in the basement of the monastery were baking pretzels and heard the sound of digging. They alerted the guard and saved the city.

The soft pretzels eventually evolved into hard baked pretzels. Another story is that a young apprentice baker dozed off while tending to the oven where the pretzels were baking. The oven fire began to die out, he awoke, and then stoked up the oven. In the end, he over-baked the pretzels. At first the master baker was upset, but soon discovered that the hard pretzels were also delicious. These hard pretzels were less perishable than the soft, and thereby easy to have available to give to the poor and hungry.