

# 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.; final class April 21st.

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. **HOLIDAYS:** 6:00 p.m.  
**BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE:** Inside Bulletin

## Love Conquers All

A story is told of a man who, while he lived upon the earth, was unconcerned about the state of his soul, or spiritual growth, or eternity. When he died he found himself not enjoying eternal happiness but, rather, suffering eternal torment.

His friends and relatives went down to the gates of hell and tried to intercede for him, giving him a positive endorsement and a good character reference, but the gates of hell would not open to release him. Likewise, his parish priest tried to plead for him saying that he really wasn't all that bad. Still, the gates of hell remained closed. Finally, came his mother. She did not plead for him, she did not try to bargain for him, she did not make excuses for him. She simply said, "Let me in." The gates

of hell opened immediately because they could not withstand the force of love.

Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom writes: "Let no one fear death, for our Savior's death has set us free. He has destroyed death by enduring it. He has despoiled death by going down to its kingdom. O Death where is your sting, O Hades where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished! Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead, for Christ has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and honor forever!" (*Paschal Sermon*)

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Risen!**  
**Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**

## PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



*Icon of the Resurrection*

*Christ Is Risen!  
Indeed, He Is Risen!  
Christós Voskrése!  
Voístinnu Voskrése!*



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April 4 – Ed Stanko, David Vasilchek  
April 6 – Michael Backes  
April 8 – Karen Lindberg  
April 9 – Krissy Cruz, Gregory Hymes, Diana Vrabel

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 3/28 – **68** (6:00 pm)  
Palm Sunday 3/29 – **77** (11:00 am)  
Holy Tuesday 3/31 – **91** (6:00 pm)  
Holy Wednesday 4/1 – **44** (6:00 pm)  
Holy Thursday 4/2 – **24** (6:00 pm)  
Good Friday 4/3 – **83** (5:00 pm)



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

CHRIST IS RISEN



**\*10:30 a.m.**

**THE RADIANT RESURRECTION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*The Great Day - Mirovanije*

**EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE  
READING OF THE GOSPEL IN LATIN,  
CHURCH SLAVONIC, & ENGLISH**



**Mon., APR 6**

**BRIGHT MONDAY** — Procession with the reading of the  
Resurrectional Gospels — Solemn Holy Day

+Stephen, +Susan, +Diane requested by: Kotasek Family  
Drapp

**Tues., APR 7**

**BRIGHT TUESDAY** — Simple Holy Day

+Helen Cebula requested by: Daughter: Pat Gomori  
(33rd anniversary of passing today)

**SAT., APR 11**

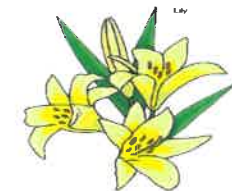
**(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Billy Marks Jr. requested by: Brother: Fr. Kevin  
(12th anniversary of passing today)

**SUN., APR 12**

**The Sunday of St. Thomas – Distribution of the  
Artos Bread**

+Ruth Kinnick requested by: Husband: Joe & Family  
(remembrance of 77th birthday 4.10)



*Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery* updated: April 3, 2026

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz,  
Kathi Klimis, 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 28 & 29, 2026**

Sunday Offering....\$2,199.00

Loose Currency....\$71.00

Candles....\$108.00

Holyday (March 25)....\$65.00

Easter....\$250.00

**TOTAL: \$2,693.00**



**March 22nd TOTAL:  
\$260.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Mar. 29	\$2,693	\$2,850	(\$157)
YTD	\$30,371	\$37,050	(\$6,679)



**Quote of the Week**

“The Resurrection gives my life meaning and direction to start over no matter what my circumstances.”

— Robert Flatt

# Easter Word Search

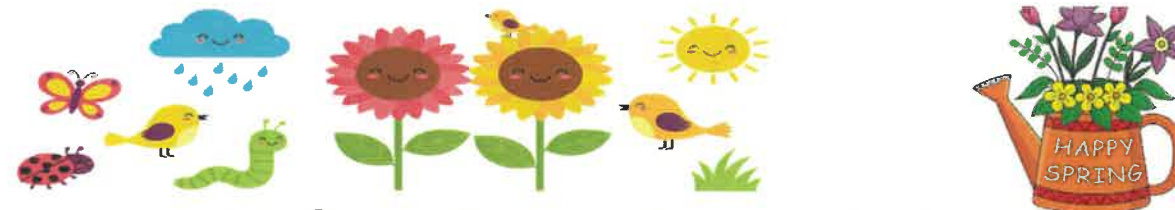
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cheesecake  
 carrot  
 tulips  
 grass  
 lily

chocolate  
 church  
 spring  
 beans  
 bunny

flowers  
 basket  
 hunt  
 peeps  
 eggs



## 2026 Easter Message from our Pastor

My Dear St. Michael Parishioners:

*Christ Is Risen! Christós Voskrése!*

Spring! The beautiful time we are in when the weather gets warm, the birds start singing, the sun is bright and the trees begin to bud. It is a season bursting with new life and I think spring couldn't get here soon enough this year with the extremely cold and snowy winter we had.

As much as we yearn for spring, even more deeply do we yearn for our lives to be great. Some of us are very aware of our need for new life, a change. We may regret bad choices, or have the scars and wounds from traumas that were beyond our control. We may feel overwhelmed at times, trapped, or hopeless. We may have allowed patterns of addiction to rule our lives because they make things more bearable. By addiction, I don't mean just drugs, alcohol, social media, or nicotine. Staying up to the wee hours gaming, binge-watching, snap-chatting or using TV can be an addiction. Making sure there is constant noise in the house, being overly-committed and constantly "busy", shopping, trying to be in control all the time, isolating myself, or making sure I am always with someone are all activities designed to numb the pain.

"What pain?" you might ask. We often fail to recognize the symptoms of pain. We have been made by Love and for Love. God made us for Himself, and no amount of pleasure, possessions, popularity or power will fill this deepest longing. We will only find true life in Him. We will only find true love when we let God love us. His life and His love are already present within you. They are like seeds buried in the soil, ready to burst forth. The problem is you keep piling up snow every time you reject God's will for you and turn to sin. The things you use to cope with life are actually delaying the springtime of your soul.

Easter invites us in a way where Lent left off...to stop coping and to start really living. Living your faith, Living church life, Living a prayer life, Living in a deep relationship with the Risen Christ. Turn to God and let the warmth of His love melt the cold and snow that might be in your heart. Then God's love will begin to blossom and overflow in you.



Your Pastor & Protopresbyter (Dean),

*Fr. Kevin*

## Eating of Paschal foods

Following the Solemn Blessing of the Paschal Foods in our Easter Baskets, we partake of the Sanctified Foods for our Paschal Meal. The Ruthenian people refer to this meal as the **SANCTIFIED DINNER**. This is a beautiful and meaningful custom passed on to us. May we always cherish it and pass it to future generations as a part of our particular custom so that God's grace bestowed on these bountiful gifts may be received by all.



## Today's Gospel read in various languages



The Holy Gospel lesson for the Resurrectional Divine Liturgy is taken from the Holy Apostle and evangelist John's Prologue. It is divided into 12 separate verses, representing the fact that the twelve apostles were to preach Jesus' message of salvation throughout the whole world. These verses are chanted in various languages symbolizing that the Good News, the words of Christ, is spread throughout the whole world and to all nations. During these verses, the bells of the church ring, symbolizing the jubilant message.

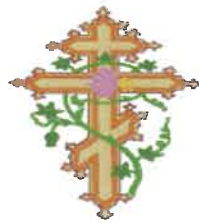
## Bright Monday & Bright Tuesday – ☺ water pouring ☺



After The Divine Liturgy, having exited the Church, the young people (and young at heart) energetically throw water on each other. On Bright Monday, the boys throw water on the girls and then on Bright Tuesday the girls throw water on the boys, saying Christ Is Risen. This Ruthenian Folklore reminds us that Jesus' followers were so overwhelmed with the joy of Easter, that they went through the streets of Jerusalem proclaiming the Resurrection. Their opponents tried to squelch their enthusiasm by throwing water on them. Our Byzantine Catholic Ancestors called it "POLIVANKA" or Water-Pouring.

## The Glorified Cross during the Paschal Season

Throughout the entire Resurrectional period, the Byzantine Catholic Church glorifies the triumphant Cross of Jesus. The 3-bar Cross equally emphasizes both the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. It is normal position (bottom bar slants upward to Jesus' right side) it is depicted throughout the course of the year. However, during the 50 days until Pentecost, it is turned around on the back side to remind us that Jesus crushed the power of death. He made it a precious symbol of victory and life. So, during these next 50 days, let us turn our crosses around in reverse to emphasize the "Glorified Cross" of our Lord, reminding us of Jesus' victory over death.



## The Empty Tomb remains in Church for 40 days



Over the course of the next 40 days, the Empty Tomb will remain in our church as a reminder that Christ Is Risen! It is meant to motivate us in giving witness to this through and to bring others to experience Him. The burial shroud is placed on the altar signifying that the Resurrected Christ remains with us vicariously as He was with His disciples strengthening them in their Faith.

## No fasting or penance any day this week

For all Byzantine Catholics, Bright Week begins a period of celebration that continues for fifty days until Pentecost. Because of our Lord's Resurrection, there is **NO FASTING** this whole week, especially on Friday. Enjoy all of God's bountiful gifts.

## Civic Club April meeting

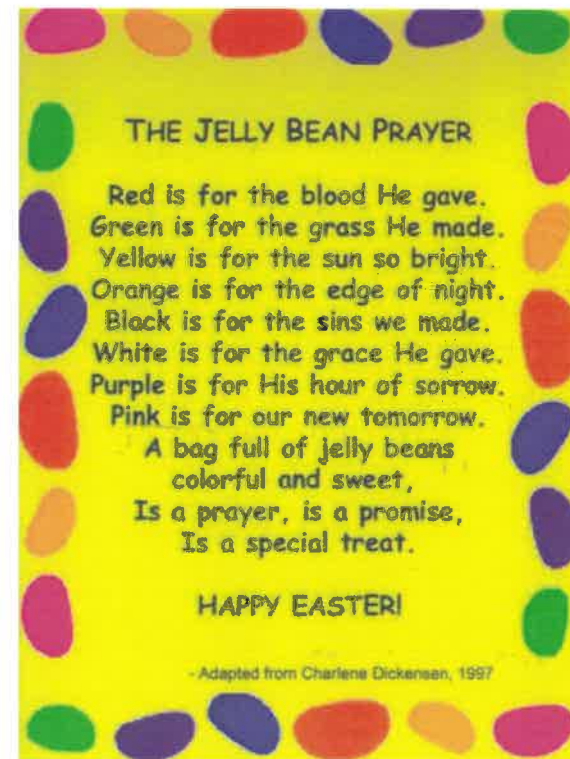
St. Michael's Civic Club will hold a meeting **Sunday, April 19th at 12:15 p.m.** in the bar room.

## 4 children preparing for First Confession this May

On **Thursday, May 7th**, 4 of our young ones will mark a spiritual milestone in their life by making their First Confession. Then on **Saturday, May 9th**, they will make their First Solemn Communion at a special Divine Liturgy. Please remember them as they prepare for their big days: **Olivia Bigley, Maria Circelli, Meeka Griffin, & Torsten Griffin.**

## Women's Day of Reflection

**Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**, Kearns Spirituality Center, Pittsburgh. "Resilience through Hope & Prayer." (John 2:11) Pre-registration is required by April 13th. \$40 includes lunch (no refunds). For more information call 412-322-8773 or email ore@archpitt.org



## Easter Date Trivia

This celebration can fall anywhere from March 22 as the earliest to April 25 as the latest. That is 35 different possibilities.

Observing this on March 22 is very rare. The last time it happened was 1818, and the next time will be 2285. It last fell on the latest date in 1943, and will again in 2038.