

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 p.m., holydays, or by appt.

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the church office.

Holy Mystery of Anointing Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the church office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes Spring/Summer Recess. Begins again September 2026.

GCU See Bill Dzurisko.

St. Michael's Activity & Recreation Team (SMART) Everyone encouraged to help out.

Bethany Ministry Ministry to the sick; see Joan Walker for info.

St. Michael's Social Center Call parish office for rentals.

St. Michael's Cemetery, 2296 Longview Rd., Hermitage Steve Sherman II, manager.

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: 4:00 p.m. Sun: 9:00 a.m. **HOLIDAYS:** 10:00 a.m.

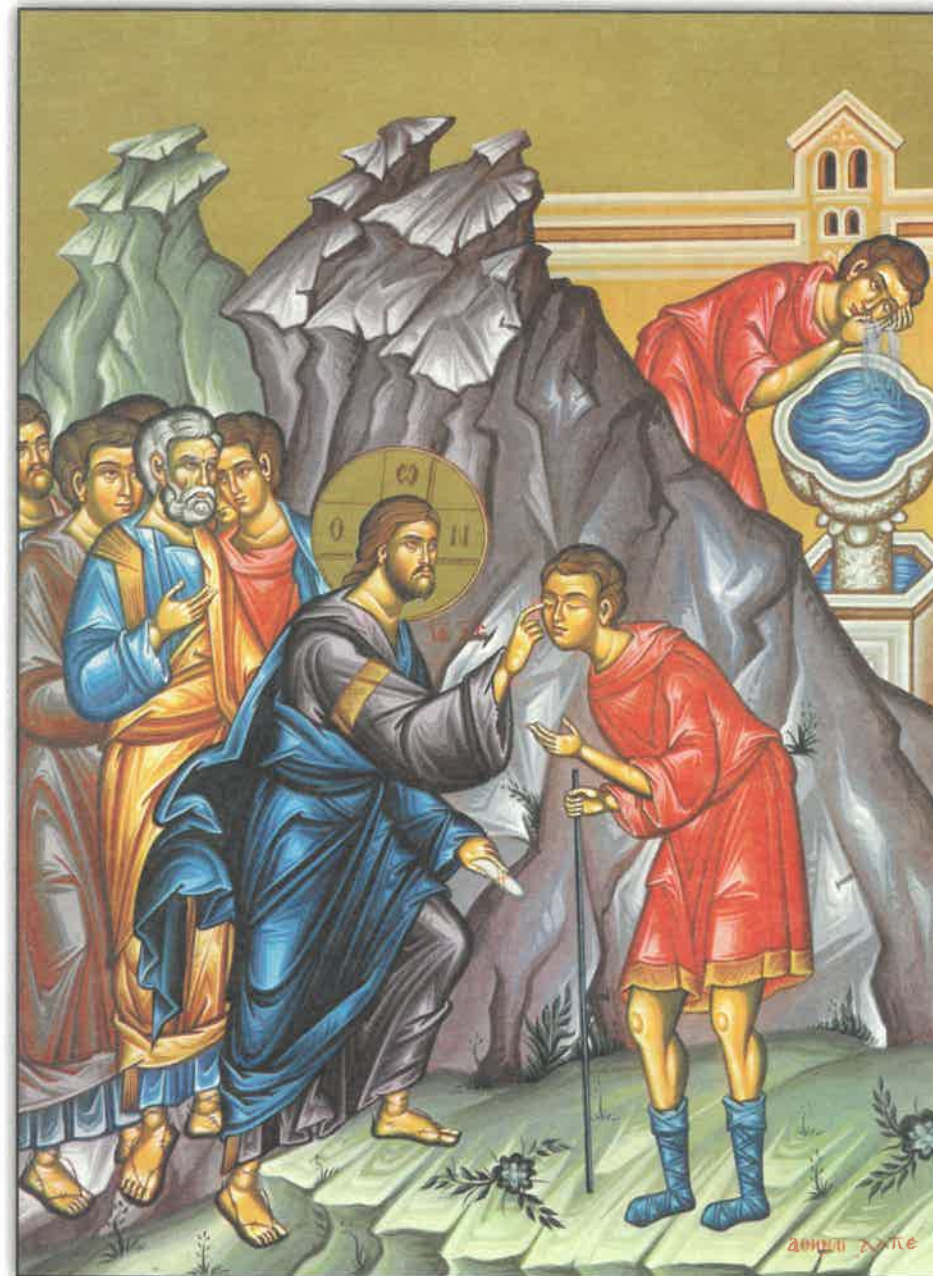
A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man

but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

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



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May 10 – Regina Sferra
May 12 – Geri Romito

Church Attendance

Saturday 5/2 – **50** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 5/3 – **42** (11:00 am)

SAT., MAY 9
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Ed +Maria Tirpack
(remembrance of 70th wedding ann. 5.6)

requested by: Joan Lariccia
& Lori Bodnar

SUN., MAY 10
11:00 a.m.



The Sunday of the Man Born Blind – The 6th Paschal Sunday

All Living & +Deceased Mothers



THURS., MAY 14

The Feast Of The Glorious Ascension Of Our Lord – Holyday of Obligation - Mirovanije



6:00 p.m.

+Edward Kovach
(remembrance of 97th birthday 5.17
& 5th anniversary of passing 4.19)

requested by: Daughter: Annmarie DeWitt

SAT., MAY 16
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Anna P. Drotar

requested by: Family

SUN., MAY 17

The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – Within the Ascension Feast

11:00 a.m.

+Bernie Kovach
(remembrance of 83rd birthday 5.16
& 2nd anniversary of passing 4.2)

requested by: Daughter: Annmarie DeWitt



Church offerings from May 2 & 3, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,525.00
Loose Currency....\$21.00
Candles....\$90.00
TOTAL: **\$1,656.00**



May 3rd TOTAL
\$1,089.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
May 3	\$1,656	\$2,950	(\$1,294)
YTD	\$54,927	\$53,100	\$1,827

STUFF YOU ASK MOM:

"What's for dinner?"
"What time is it?"
"How come?" "Why not?"
"When is it my turn?"
"Can I have more?" "Where is it?"
"Will you read this to me?" "Can I watch TV?"
"Can I play with this?"
"Do I have to go to bed?"

STUFF YOU ASK DAD:

"Where's Mom?"

Quote of the Week

"Life doesn't come with a manual; it comes with a mother."

— Unknown



Mother's Day Word Search



APPRECIATE
 BEAUTIFUL
 CELEBRATE
 COMFORTING
 DEVOTED
 FLOWERS
 GIFTS
 HUGS
 JEWELRY
 KISSES
 LOVING
 MAY
 MOM
 MOTHER
 NURTURE
 PROTECTS
 WONDERFUL

S M C Y W D R M C A P K U M I
 F L F T H R R O Q P P A P E N
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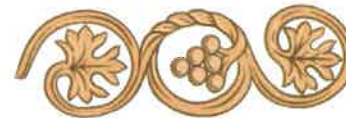


Congratulations First Solemn Communicants!

Our Saint Michael Parish extends most sincere Congratulations to 4 of our young parishioners who marked a spiritual milestone this weekend. On Thursday, May 7, 2026, they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time and on Saturday, May 9, 2026, they received their First Solemn Communion after having Confession.



MARIA DONATINA CIRCELLI



OLIVIA JAMES BIGLEY



MEEKA MARIE GRIFFIN



TORSTEN JASON GRIFFIN

The ASCENSION of our Lord – *Holyday of Obligation*



For forty days after His resurrection from the dead, the Risen Lord appeared to His chosen apostles and to many believers. On the fortieth day, on the Mount of Olives, the Lord ascended into the heavens. In the icon depicting this event, we sense the joy of those present - the Mother of God and the Apostles. Christ is seen ascending in glory surrounded by a circular multi-colored nimbus, supported by angels. The presence of the angels is but another indication of the divinity of the Lord, Jesus Christ. God in the Old Testament was depicted as enthroned upon the Cherubim. The Mother of God is in the center and directly below Her Son. The Apostles are on both sides of the Mother of God. Jesus ascended amidst the peals of the trumpets. Joy for the victory of the Lord God. Joy for His Resurrection and return to heaven. He is in heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and will one day return to the earth - come again to judge both the living and the dead. The good and faithful disciple will be then rewarded with eternal life with the Lord God.

Liturgical Schedule for the Feast of the Ascension

Wednesday, May 13th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Hermitage

Thursday, May 14th – 10:00 a.m. St. Michael, Hermitage

Thursday, May 14th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Campbell

Putting away of Burial Shroud & Tomb

Before the Feast of the Ascension this Thursday, the burial shroud will be removed from the Holy Altar, where it has been placed since the beginning of the Resurrectional Matins. It remained on the altar since Easter because it symbolized the Radiant Resurrection of Christ and His constant appearance to His disciples during His last forty days on earth. It is solemnly removed off the altar on the day before the Feast of the Ascension symbolizing the time when Our Lord, having completed His redemptive mission here on earth, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. Also, the empty tomb is now removed from the church.



Civic Club meeting next Sunday

St. Michael's Civic Club will hold a meeting next Sunday, May 17th at 12:15 p.m. in the bar room. This will be the final meeting until September.

Breaded chicken dinner next Sunday



On Sunday May 17th, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., our St. Michael Church is sponsoring a Breaded Chicken Dinner with mash potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw and dessert. **\$15.00 per dinner.** Eat in or take-out. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to pre-order or you may call Regina by phone or text at 330-720-2100.

St. Michael's Golf League begins in 10 days

The Church & Civic Club Golf League will begin the new season on **Tuesday, May 19th.** Play will be at Tanglewood Golf Course. New players are welcomed. Call Jerry Shirilla @ 330-534-9104 with any questions.



History of Mother's Day

It was Anna M. Jarvis who is credited with originating Mother's Day in America. When her mother died in May of 1905 in Philadelphia, she missed her mother. Two years later she and her friends began a letter-writing campaign to gain the support of ministers, business and politicians to declare a national Mother's Day holiday, to encourage children to show appreciation for their mothers while they were alive, thereby increasing respect for parents and strengthening the family. The first Mother's Day was observed May 10, 1908. By May 8, 1914, Congress passed a resolution designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day and President Woodrow Wilson issued the first proclamation declaring Mother's Day an official national holiday.



Blessing of Graves moved to Sunday afternoon

The annual blessing of graves at our St. Michael Cemetery will take place on **Sunday, May 24th at 12:30 p.m.** A Panachida will be offered followed by the blessing of graves of any loved ones you request. Due to our pastor's participation in the city's Memorial Day service on Monday, it is moved to Sunday this year.



Any 2026 graduates?

If you are graduating this year, either from high school, college/university, or other school, let our pastor know of your graduation. You will be honored at a Liturgy in June. So far, NO ONE has contacted our pastor of any graduation.

St. Michael's Civic Club Scholarship opportunity

The St. Michael's Civic Club is pleased to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to students attending either a college or trade school. The scholarships are competitive. Students must be members our Church. Application forms are available in the Narthex. You may also download and print the forms directly from the church website. The deadline to apply is May 31st. For any questions or more info, contact Silvia DuBos at 412-452-8707.

Sign-up for Scrappers game by next Sunday



Hope you and your family can join the Civic Club for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game on **Tuesday, June 2nd** with a picnic included! Game time is 7:05 p.m. The Civic Club is subsidizing the ticket price, so the cost for the group outing is ONLY \$10.00 per parishioner (the price for non-parishioners is \$30). The deadline to sign up for the game is next Sunday, May 17th.

Civic Club Steak Raffle – \$5 tickets in narthex

- 1st Prize: \$250 Gift Card to Badurik's Butcher Block & a \$100 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House
- 2nd Prize: Lottery Tree & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House
- 3rd Prize: Bottle of Bourbon & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House



Special Thanks to...

- Dave & Karen Penwell for power washing and cleaning the area at Our Lady of Grace Shrine.
- Dave & Annette Hospodar for donating the flowers at Our Lady of Grace Shrine. They are in Loving Memory of +Mary Muzina.



436 STRUTHERS COITSVILLE RD

MAY 15, 2026

TICKETS:

\$3.00 Presale

\$6.00 At the Door

10:30-12:30



Seating is limited, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tickets are available for purchase at the CLWCC Front Desk!

All Guests are welcome to stay and enjoy the Wax Museum presentation hosted by our third grade students!

We can't wait to see you there!

• Prizes Food Music Games Community Fun •