

# 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) ..... Recess until September 2026.

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.

## *The Samaritan Woman*

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

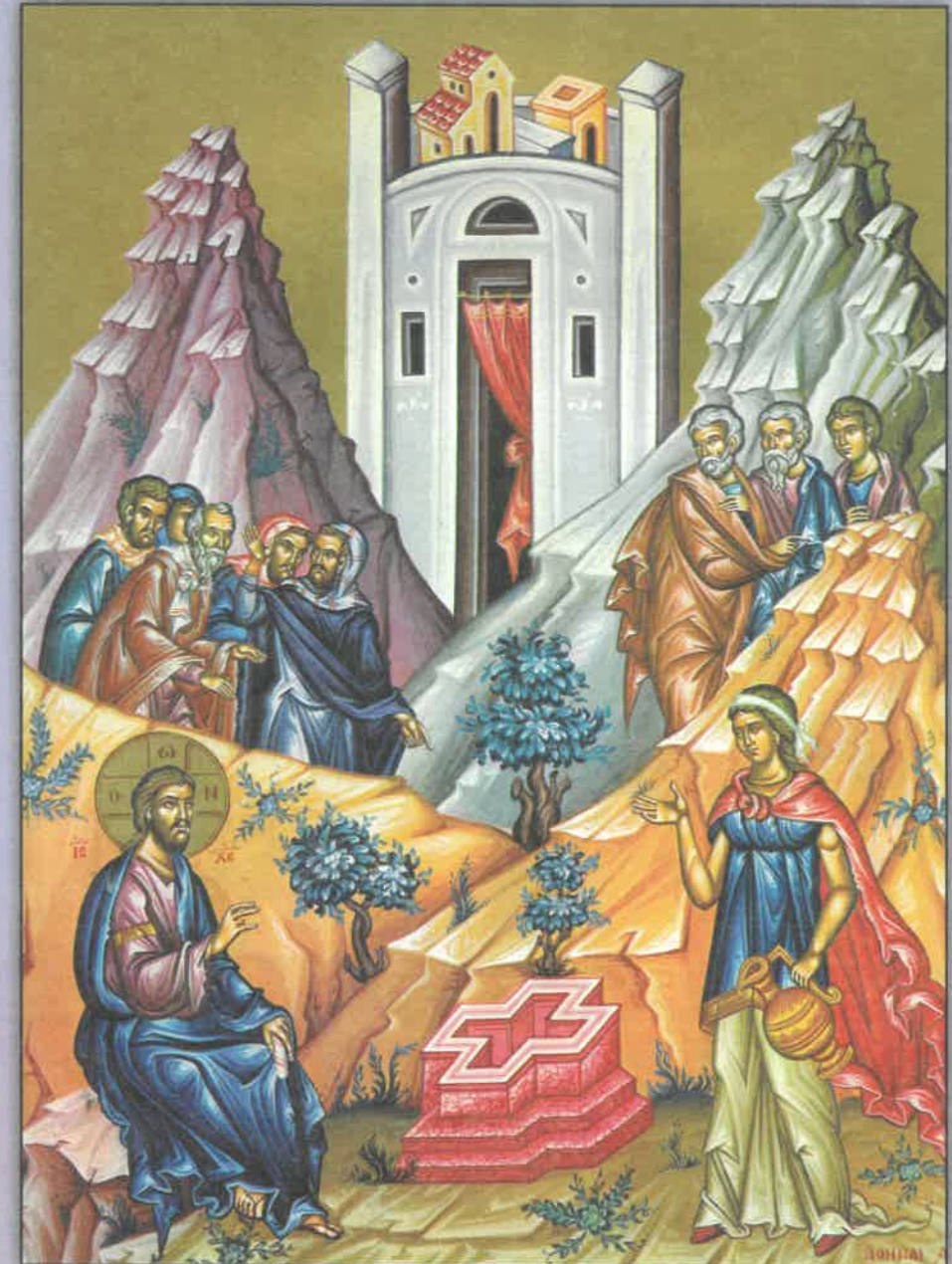
In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

*Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos*

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman*

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



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May 6 – Denise Swantek  
May 8 – Noah Colovos  
May 9 – Atty. Brian J. Macala

**Church Attendance**

Saturday 4/25 – **48** (6:00 pm)  
Sunday 4/26 – **47** (11:00 am)



**SAT., MAY 2**

6:00 p.m.

**(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)**

+Victor G. “Mr. Vic” Vrabel  
(remembrance of 75th birthday 5.4)

requested by: wife, children  
& grandchildren

**SUN., MAY 3**

11:00 a.m.

**The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – The 5<sup>th</sup> Paschal Sunday**

+Ruth Kinnick  
(23rd anniversary of passing 4.22)

requested by: Husband: Joe & Family

**Thurs., May 7**

6:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation of  
Oliva Bigley, Maria Circelli, Meeka Griffin, & Torsten Griffin



**SAT., MAY 9**

12:30 p.m.



First Solemn Communion of  
Oliva Bigley, Maria Circelli, Meeka Griffin, & Torsten Griffin



**(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 6<sup>th</sup> Paschal Sunday**

All Living & +Deceased Mothers



**Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery** updated: May 1, 2026

**RESIDING AT HOME** – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek, Keri Vokish.

**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 April 25 & 26, 2026**

Sunday Offering....\$1,740.00

Loose Currency....\$74.00

Candles....\$78.00

Holyday (Apr. 23)....\$90.00

**TOTAL: \$1,982.00**

Sock Hop event (4/25): **\$500.00**

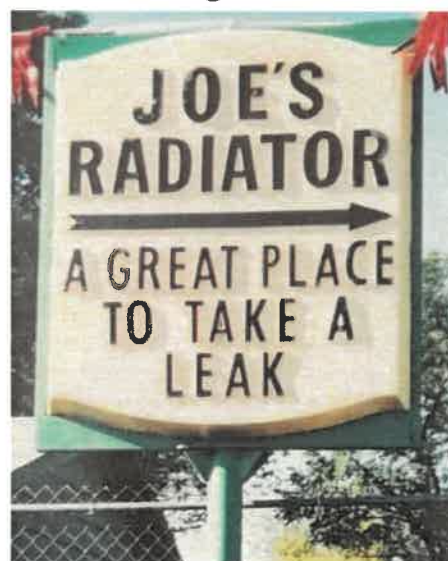


**April 26th TOTAL**

**\$400.00**

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Apr. 25	\$1,982	\$2,950	(\$968)
YTD	\$53,271	\$50,150	\$3,121

An actual sign... 🤔



**Quote of the Week**

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.”

— Plato

# The Month of May

housecleaning  
open windows  
flowerbeds  
baseball  
outdoors  
planting  
sunshine  
veterans  
holiday  
liberty  
picnics  
showers  
walking  
mowing  
flags



K G N I W O M S V S D C Y O P I L  
F P W P X X L G H E C B X I J W U  
B Q L R X H W O A S L G S Q H J X  
O A U A Q G W P I D G E C H Q K J  
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S Q N F B R J L T F S B O A F O Q  
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I R P F J O A W I A W Y M G Q U V  
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## What can we learn from the woman at the well?



The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful lessons for us today. The story of the woman at the well follows on the heels of the account of Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and prominent member of the Jewish Sanhedrin (John 3:1-21). In John 4:4-42 we read about Jesus' conversation with a lone Samaritan woman who had come to get water from a well (known as Jacob's well) located about a half mile from the city of Sychar in Samaria.

This was an extraordinary woman. She was a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is evidenced by the fact that she came alone to draw water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

But there are many other valuable truths we glean from this story. We learn that:

- 1) Only through Jesus can we obtain and receive eternal life: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life'.
- 2) Jesus' ministering to those outcasts of the Jewish society (the Samaritans) reveals that all people are valuable to God and that Jesus desires that we demonstrate love to everyone . . . including even our enemies.
- 3) Jesus is the Messiah.
- 4) Those who worship God, worship Him in spirit and truth.
- 5) Our testimony about Jesus is a powerful tool in leading others to believe in Him: "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.'"

## The Theotokos honored throughout May



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53) Mary embraces God's

will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

## Primary Voting Day Food Sale 🇺🇸🍰🍪🥧

Our St. Michael Hall is the city's voting site for the primary election day **THIS Tuesday, May 5th**. A food and bake sale will take place that's open to the public. Bakers and helpers are needed. Volunteers who can work in the kitchen for any time you can offer would be appreciated.

**Baked Goods** – Can be dropped off at the hall **Monday, May 4th** from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. OR **Tuesday, May 5th** anytime after 6:00 a.m.

### Election Day Menu

- Halushki \$4/bowl. \$10/quart
- Sloppy Joe sandwich \$5
- Chicken Parm sandwich \$5
- Hot dogs \$2
- Kolbasi bites \$4/bowl
- Baked Goods \$1-\$2
- Pop-water \$1

## Halushki sale on Friday

Our St. Michael's famous homemade Halushki sale is **THIS Friday, May 8th** from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Only \$10 per quart. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by phone or text at 330-720-2100.



## Steps at our Hall to be fixed

The concrete steps leading up to the kitchen door and the bar room door at our St. Michael Hall are cracked, deteriorated, and unsafe. Our church has contracted CML CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION to fix the steps. They will tear out the steps and landing and build a new one. Depending on weather, work will begin as soon as this Monday.

## Oh my heavens...Sr. Bernarda turns ninety-seven

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **SR. BERNARDA SEVACHKO, OSBM** who turns "97" on May 5th. May God grant to the nun, Sr. Bernarda, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, for Christ Is Risen. If you wish to send her a card / gift, her address is: 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. Happy 97th Birthday Sr. Bernarda!



## Sympathy extended

+**JAMES J. DUBYAK**, 79, of Campbell, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, March 8, 2026. His Memorial Divine Liturgy was offered at our St. Michael Church on Thursday, April 30, 2026 with interment at St. John Cemetery. May the Lord God grant to His departed servant +James, blessed repose and eternal memory, for Christ Is Risen!

## 4 children preparing for First Confession

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 "T.J" Griffin.**



## St. Michael's Golf League to begin soon

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.

## Class of 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.

## 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 of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church. Application forms are available at the church entrance 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.

## Breaded chicken dinner in two weeks

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.

**Scrappers opening night...**Join the Civic Club for a Scrappers baseball game & picnic on **Tuesday, June 2nd.** game. Sign-up in the narthex. See Nick DuBos for more information.