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Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

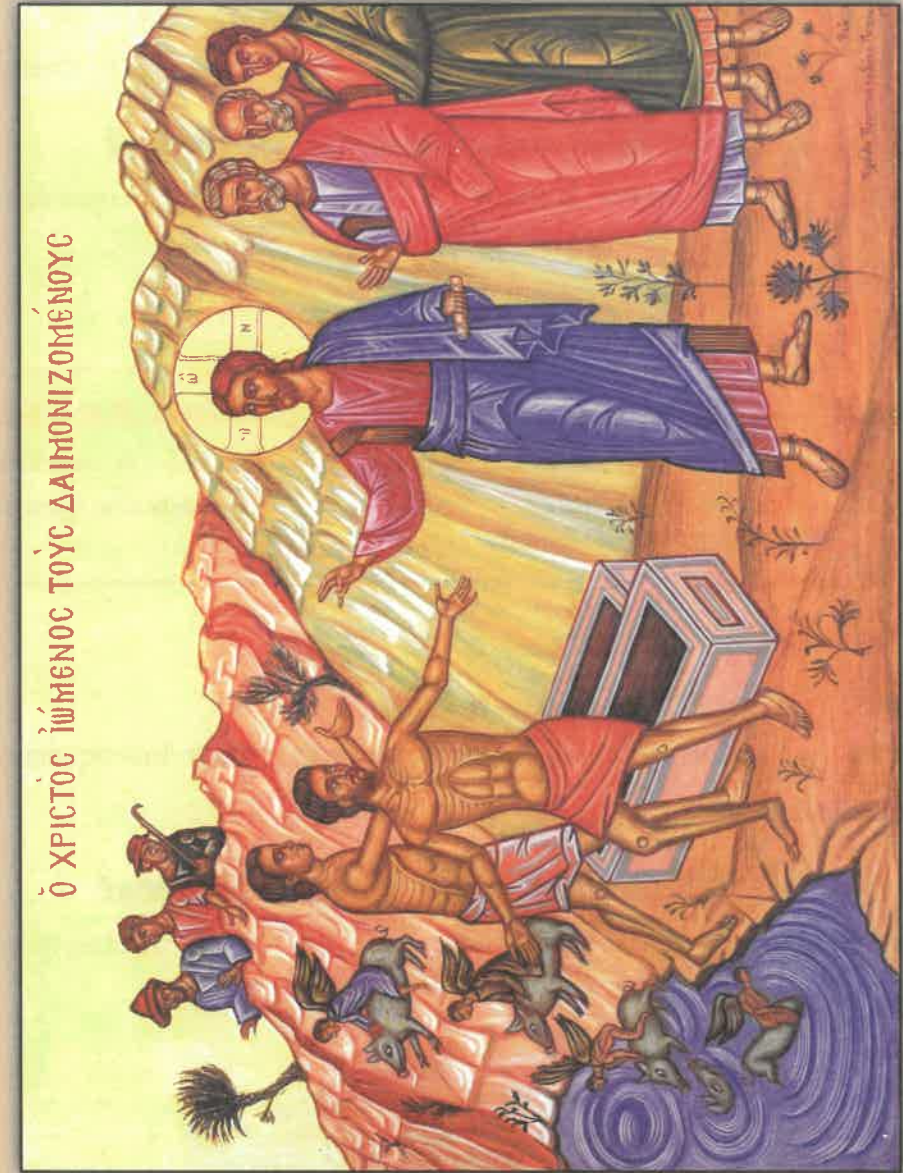
Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end

of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

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



SAT., JUNE 27
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Dr. Paul M. Dubos

requested by: Children: Peter & Ava

SUN., JUNE 28
11:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

+Norene C. Kotasek

requested by: Daughters

(remembrance of birthday 6.27)

MON., JUNE 29

**The Feast Of The Supreme Apostles,
Peter & Paul – Holyday of Obligation**

– Fr. John Welch, Celebrant

6:00 p.m.

+Nicholas Ihnat

requested by: Gene & Lorretta Estok

(2nd anniversary of passing 6.22)

SAT., JULY 4

*11:00 a.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

God’s Blessings upon our country – 250th Independence Day

No 6:00 p.m. today

SUN., JULY 5

11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

+Kathleen Straub Hall

requested by: Sister: Liz & Family

(remembrance of 84th birthday 7.4)



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June 30 – Father Kevin
July 1 – Nancy Coccitto, Nadyne Dubos

Church Attendance

Saturday 6/20 – **46** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 6/21 – **39** (11:00 am)
Wednesday 6/24 – **14** (6:00 pm)

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: June 27, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Greta Marks, Patty Orenic, 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.
Hampton Woods (1517 E Western Reserve Rd., Poland, OH 44514) – Michael Katula.

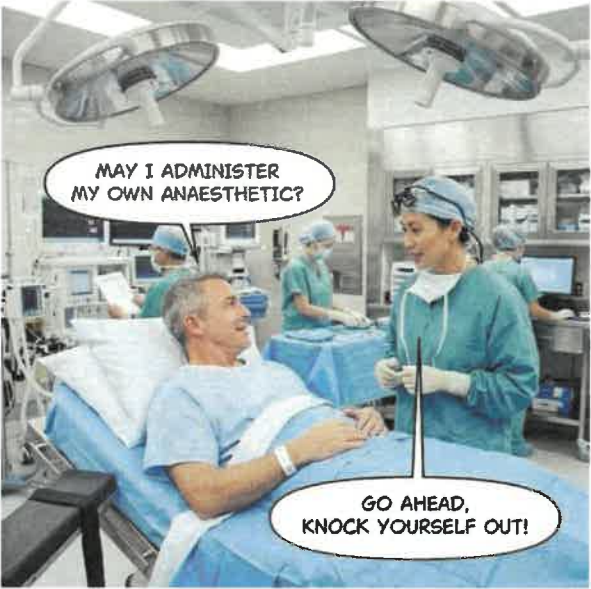
Church offerings from June 20 & 21, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,615.00
Loose Currency....\$56.00
Candles....\$104.00
TOTAL: **\$1,775.00**



June 21st TOTAL:
\$444.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 21	\$1,775	\$2,950	(\$1,175)
YTD	\$69,533	\$ 73,750	(\$4,217)



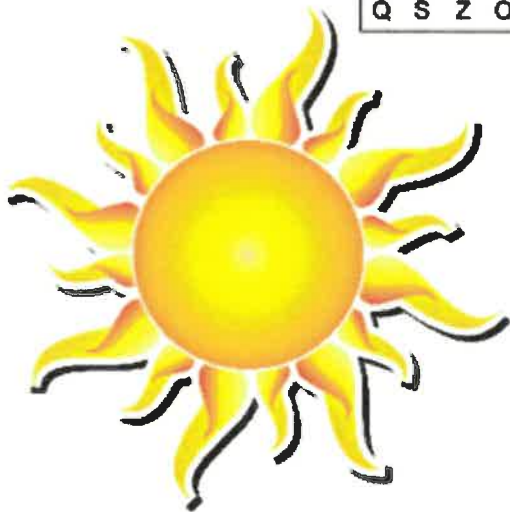
Quote of the Week

“Discipline is remembering what you want.

— David Campbell

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for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

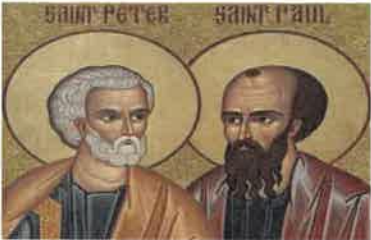
- AUGUST
- BASEBALL
- BEACH
- CAMPING
- FRISBEE
- GAMES
- GARDEN
- GRASS
- ICE CREAM
- JULY



SUMMER FUN

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| JUNE | SHORTS |
| OCEAN | SNORKEL |
| OUTDOORS | SUNSHINE |
| PARK | SWIM |
| PICNIC | THUNDER |
| PLAY | VACATION |
| SANDALS | WATERMELON |



The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul tomorrow

Saints Peter and Paul were both men who could look frankly at themselves and face up to the truth of man’s fragility. This led them to an openness to God, and a willingness to be used by Him.

Paul’s pride in having served God through many difficulties may sound somewhat confident, but it mirrors his honesty of thought, his degree of commitment, and his relationship with God. Peter, freed from his prison, is well aware that his release is to enable him to carry on his service to the community.

Both Peter and Paul realized that they were called to important work. Both know that their power came from God, not from themselves. So they were able to look at each situation anew, through the eyes of Christ.

Today, we need to do the same, not giving any stereotyped solutions, not avoiding involvement, but trying to approach situations and people with honesty, sympathy, and openness. By doing so, we shall be living out Christ’s message in the same fearless spirit as did Saints Peter and Paul.



The liturgical schedule for both churches are as follows:

Monday, June 29th – 10:00 a.m. St. Michael, Hermitage
6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Campbell



WATCH YOUR **THOUGHTS**
FOR THEY BECOME **WORDS**
WATCH YOUR **WORDS**
FOR THEY BECOME **ACTIONS**
WATCH YOUR **ACTIONS**
FOR THEY BECOME **HABITS**
WATCH YOUR **HABITS**
FOR THEY BECOME **CHARACTER**
WATCH YOUR **CHARACTER**
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR **DESTINY**



July 4th vigil Liturgy at 11 a.m. ...no 6 p.m.

This year, Independence Day falls on a Saturday. Since many of us celebrate Independence Day with cookouts, get-togethers, fireworks, and picnics, our pastor is moving the Saturday Vigil Liturgy to 11:00 a.m. There will be NO 6:00 p.m. Liturgy this Saturday only. The Sunday Divine Liturgy on July 5th will remain at 11:00 a.m. as well. As we celebrate and feast next weekend, let us keep in mind God who gives us our freedom, and thank Him this day for all His blessings upon us and upon our country, and ask forgiveness of sins we commit as a nation.

Parish financial report

The 2025 Parish Financial Report is located on the table in the narthex. You may take a copy if you wish. Remember, the financial report is just an overview of our financial status. Any questions are only to be directed to our pastor.

Donations needed for VBS

Many supplies and food will be part of Vacation Bible School Week, July 13-17, for our kiddos. If you would like to make a donation to help with supplies or food, you may do so with the special envelope marked VBS donations in the narthex. Checks can be made out to St. Michael Church. Include your name if you would like credit towards your yearly contribution statement.

Faith & Fun Day for Altar Servers

The Vocations Office of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a Faith & Day for parish altar servers on **Monday, July 27th** in Pittsburgh. Altar servers who would like to attend, please let Father know asap. The day will include the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop William, Pirates game at PNC Park and much more.

Last week to order tickets for Kennywood Park



The Annual Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park will be on **Thursday, July 23rd**. The GCU is offering discounted tickets (ages 4+) for the day at \$28. Ages 3 and under are free. Please sign the special sheet in the narthex if you would like tickets. All tickets bought must be used on July 23rd. Deadline to order is next Sunday, July 5th.

Any more wedding Jubilarians? Anniversaries in multiples of 5

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will pay tribute to couples who are celebrating their 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and additional years that are multiples of five wedding anniversary in this year of 2026. A special Liturgy will be offered on **Sunday, September 20, 2026** at St. Elias Church in Munhall by Archbishop William for couples to attend if they wish. If you have celebrated or going to celebrate one of these milestones this year of 2026, please inform our pastor so he can send your names in. You will receive a special certificate from the Archbishop.

Mark Your Calendars - Annual Reverse Raffle – Saturday, October 3rd

50 in two years can just wait...our pastor turns 48

On **Tuesday, June 30th**, our pastor will celebrate his 48th birthday. Happy 48th Birthday Very Rev. Kev!



Archbishop’s documentary

Logos TV of Presov, Slovakia has produced a documentary of Archbishop William which was launched for his 70th birthday on June 1st.

You can watch it at: www.youtube.com/@ByzantineCatholics_USA

Are you planning to travel during the summer?

Remember to contact our pastor for locations of Byzantine Catholic Churches of where you will be visiting or you can search them on the internet. When you travel, remember to visit our Byzantine parishes. There is no vacation from honoring the Lord’s Day as we should attend The Divine Liturgy.



The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.