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Christ and Fear

For what purpose does He go up into the mountain? To teach us, that loneliness and retirement is good, when we are to pray to God. With this view, you see, He is continually withdrawing into the wilderness, and there often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us earnestly to seek such quietness in our prayers, as the time and place may confer. For the wilderness is the mother of quiet; it is a calm and a harbor, delivering us from all turmoils.

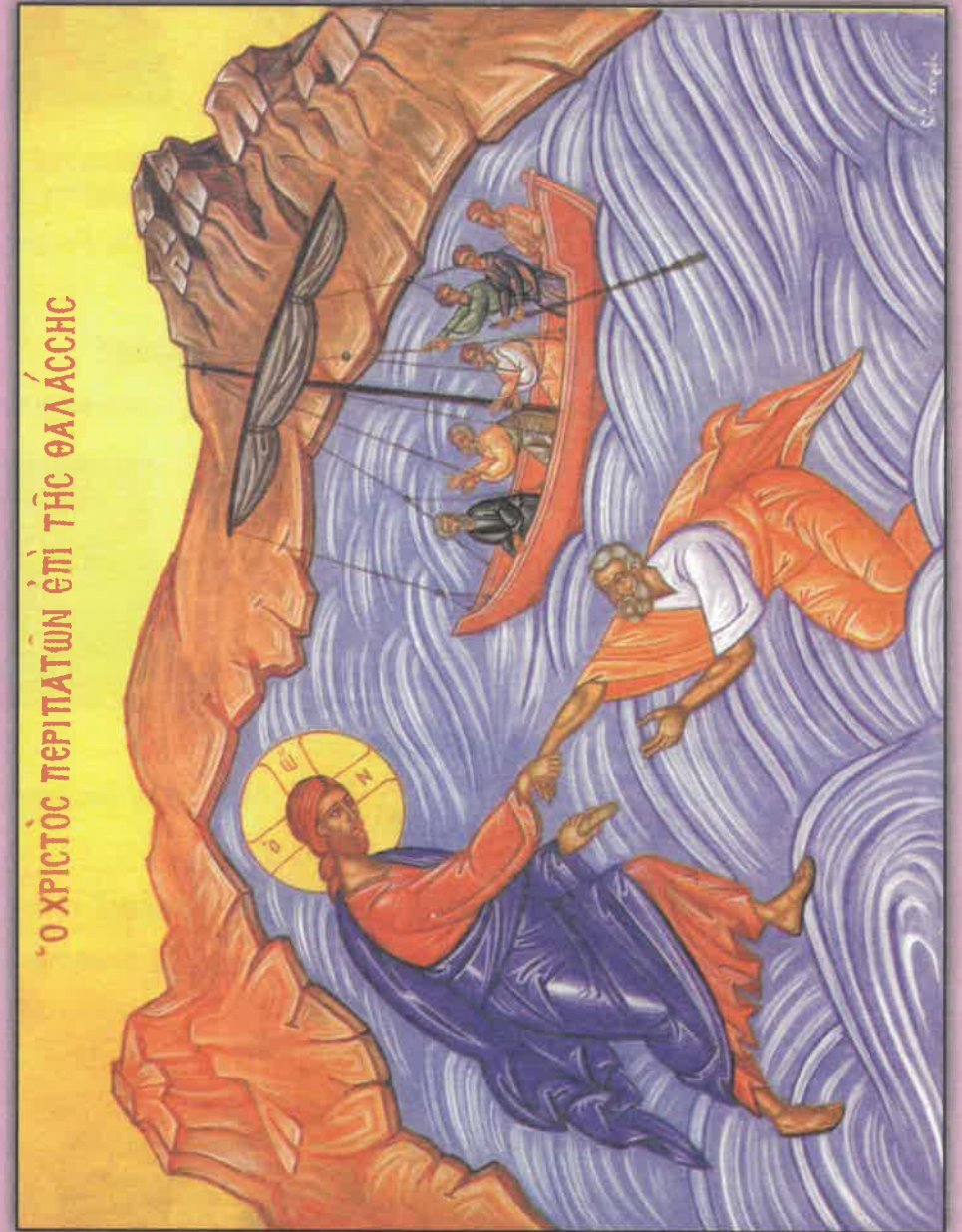
He Himself then went up there with this object, but the disciples are tossed with the waves again, and undergo a storm, equal even to the former. But whereas before they had Him in the ship when this befell them, now they were alone by themselves. Thus gently and by degrees He excites and urges them on for the better, even to the bearing all no-

bly. Accordingly we see, that when they were first near that danger, He was present, though asleep, so as readily to give them relief; but now leading them to a greater degree of endurance, He does not even this, but departs, and in mid sea permits the storm to arise, so that they might not so much as look for a hope of preservation from any quarter; and He lets them be tempest-tossed all the night, thoroughly to awaken, as I suppose, their hardened heart.

For such is the nature of the fear, which the time concurs with the rough weather in producing. And together with the compunction, He cast them also into a greater longing for Himself, and a continual remembrance of Him.

Saint John Chrysostom

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Walking on the Water

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



SAT., JULY 25
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Joanne Hritz

+Daniel A. Watkins
(13th anniversary of passing 7.26)

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

+Daniel Vokish
(remembrance of 80th birthday 7.27)

No Divine Services scheduled

Mon., July 27 -
Fri., July 31

SAT., AUG 1
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Irene Kovalchick
(12th anniversary of passing 8.3)

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

+Richard "Rick" Gozur Sr.
(7th anniversary of passing 7.29)



SUN., AUG 2
11:00 a.m.



St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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requested by: Husband: John
& Daughters: Jennifer & Jacki

requested by: Parents: Alice & John



July 17 – Karina Cruz
July 26 – Carson Brown, Jennifer Pirigyi
July 28 – Doris Kusky, Joshua A. Morales
July 29 – Amelia Lencyk
July 30 – John Hritz
July 31 – Sarah Circelli, Carla Moschella
August 1 – Elaine Burich, Danielle Vasilchek

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: July 24, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz, Michael Katula, 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.

Church offerings from July 18 & 19, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$3,469.00
Loose Currency....\$54.00
Candles....\$75.00
Holydays....\$55.00
TOTAL: **\$3,653.00**



"You heard me, Simmons! You get that cursed bugle fixed!"

Church Attendance

Saturday 7/18 – **41** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 7/19 – **33** (11:00 am)
Monday 7/20 – **9** (6:00 pm)



July 19th TOTAL:
\$240.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
July 19	\$3,653	\$2,950	\$703
YTD	\$79,941	\$85,550	(\$5,609)

Quote of the Week

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."

— Suzy Kassem



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| FREE KICK | TROPHY | STADIUM | PENALTY |
| GROUP STAGE | WORLD CUP | SOCCER | CHAMPION |
| DEFENDER | EXTRA TIME | KICKOFF | QUARTERFINAL |
| YELLOW CARD | MIDFIELDER | FOOTBALL | KNOCKOUT |

Do you have faith?

As we go through life, we allow our human ego to get in the way of many great things. We have desires of stubbornness, jealousy, anger, hatred, lust, and retribution. We also have positive desires or feelings of love, admiration, ambition, and affection that can sometimes get in our way, clouding our judgment.

Our Lord tells us to trust in Him, to believe in Him. However, as we go from day to day, we content ourselves with the physical reality that surrounds us, sometimes so much so that we only see, hear, and feel within this reality. Oftentimes, we forget our spiritual side, and we forget that all things, whether joyful things or sorrowful things, pleasant things or painful things, come from God. These things may not make much sense to us at the time, but in time, God's plan always becomes clear.

All we are asked to do is to have faith. But how many of us truly have this faith? How many of us are willing to venture outside the familiar, to leave all of what makes us feel comfortable and "whole" behind, and totally rely on our Lord? This calls to mind today's Gospel about Peter attempting to walk on the water, and faltering in his faith, goes into the water, so our Lord raises him from the watery depth.

Although it seems simplistic to say the meaning of this story is just to have faith, this is the meaning of the story. Perhaps we view it as simplistic because we view having faith as not enough, or as something trivial. Perhaps we feel this way because we treat our faith in this fashion: it is something we say that we have, yet we never do anything with it or attempt to express it.

Granted, there are times where communication with God may be difficult for us; there may be times where we feel that relying on God could be a fruitless exercise, yet when we think of our Lord extending his hand to Peter, who was lacking in his faith, we can see that God has this very same hand extended to each and every one of us—no matter what we are going through in life.

All things are done with God, through God, and for God. It is our calling to focus, not on our human emotions and feelings, but rather on our spiritual connection with God, so that His will can indeed be done, so that we can see Him working through us. It is not until we untether ourselves from our humanity, from our human passions and drives and desires, when we can truly see His direction and His hand reaching for us as we struggle. Let us always continue to praise God for all things. Let us continue on our spiritual journey toward our Father and, through our example, guide others to His great love, mercy, and guidance. Let us always remember that, truly, with God, ALL things are possible.



4 YEARS AGO

It was four years ago this week, July 31st, that we celebrated our St. Michael Parish 100th Anniversary. Hoping that we are all still cherishing the memories of what a wonderful, glorious, and awesome weekend it was. May we continue to Honor the Past, Give Thanks to the Present, and Ensure the Future!



100th parish anniversary commemorative book

The Parish Commemorative Books that were published for our Centennial Anniversary are still available. You may contact our pastor if you would like one or know of someone who really would appreciate one.

Reverse Raffle tickets available- sales going slow – get your fix now!

Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 5:00 p.m. apps; 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. drawing begins.

200 tickets will be drawn with the grand prize of \$2,500.00. Other cash prizes and games, including liquor bottle card game, bingo, and 50/50. Tickets are \$100.00 & includes dinner, bar, and your number to enter drawing. Tickets are available in the narthex, or by email to stmikesbyzkids@gmail.com Get your lucky number(s) now! Don't wait.



Banns of Marriage II

Geri Romito and Abraham Santana to receive the Holy Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) at our St. Michael Church on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Bar room TV cable disconnected

Due to non-use, basic cable for the TV in the bar room has been disconnected. This will save a cost of over \$50.00 a month.

61st Annual Assumption Pilgrimage at Shrine

The Assumption Pilgrimage at the Maronite National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, OH will be **August 13-15th**. On Friday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m., a Byzantine Catholic Liturgy will be held with Bishop Robert Pipta as the celebrant, and our pastor will concelebrate. This will count in fulfilling your obligation for the Dormition holyday if you attend.

Uniontown pilgrimage Labor Day weekend

The 92nd Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA. on **Saturday, September 5th & Sunday, September 6th**. For the schedule and more information, please visit: www.sistersofstbasil.org

Our Parish summer picnic in 3 weeks

Our Parish family summer picnic will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th** here at our St. Michael Church grounds. Please submit the RSVP form in the bulletin. Join us for a fun filled afternoon with food, games, and parish fellowship.

Why the Dismissal of the Liturgy is Mandatory! **- never, ever leave the Liturgy early**

"The act of dismissal in the Divine Liturgy is as much a liturgical and sacramental action as was the original act of gathering.

It is the final critical step of the entire movement of the liturgy.

In their dismissal from the liturgical gathering, the People of God are commanded to go forth in peace into the world to bear witness to the Kingdom of God of which they were partakers in the Liturgy of the Church.

They are commanded to take everything that they have seen and heard and experienced within the Church and to make it alive in their own persons within the life of this world.

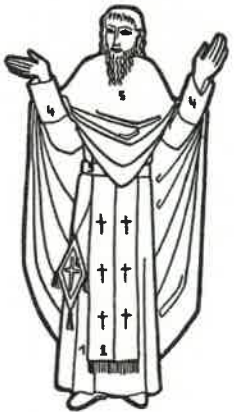
So, there is great power within the words of a blessing.

A priestly or hierarchical blessing extends to everyone who receives it with faith.

If that is so, then with what reverence must we relate to these humble bearers of authority and how ought we to value their blessings.

We should never leave the liturgy without receiving the last blessing of the priest as he offers us the antidoron. As he offers us a blessing with the hand that represents the hand of Christ.

As he sends us out to the world to be witnesses of God's holy works."





St. Michael's PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

11:00 a.m. OUTDOOR SUNDAY
DIVINE LITURGY WITH BLESSING
OF TEACHERS & STUDENTS

12:15-4:00 P.M. PICNIC TIME

FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES • FUN • ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

RSVP BY AUGUST 9th

Name _____

#adults _____ #kids _____

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