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Actions Speak Louder Than Words

All you who are gladdened by the gift of rebirth, all you who boast of that saving renewal, show me, after the sacramental grace, the resulting change in your ways. ... There surely must be some outward proof by which we may recognize the newborn person, something that clearly set the new apart from the old.

As darkness is dispelled by light, so the old nature disappears when clothed with the works of righteousness. Notice now Zachaeus, after the change of his life, put to death the tax collector that he was, made fourfold restitution to those whom he had unjustly damaged, and the rest he divided with the poor – the treasure that he had extorted from the poor (Lk 19:1-10). The

evangelist Matthew, a tax collector like Zachaeus, after his call changed his life as if it had been a mask. Paul was a persecutor, but after the grace given to him he became an apostle, bearing the weight of his chains for Christ's sake.

So you should be in your rebirth. So you should blot out your habits that lead you to sin. Just so the sons of God should live, because after the grace He has given us, we are called His children. And so we need to carefully study our Father's characteristics, so that by fashioning and framing ourselves to the likeness of our Father, we may seem true children of Him who calls us to adoption through grace.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople -- August 30th

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



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August 30 – Jack Macala, Nick Maker
August 31 – Matthew Hymes, Stephen Kovach
September 5 – Peter Patellis

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/22 – **40** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 8/23 – **50** (11:00 am)
Friday 8/28 – **15** (4:00 pm)



SAT., AUG 29
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Norene C. Kotasek
(14th anniversary of passing 8.30)

requested by: Kotasek Family

SUN., AUG 30
11:00 a.m.

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

+Frank Callalla

Mon., Aug 31 -
Fri., Sept 4

No services scheduled this week



SAT., SEPT 5
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Duane John VanSuch

requested by: Sister: Denise Cutrone
& Family

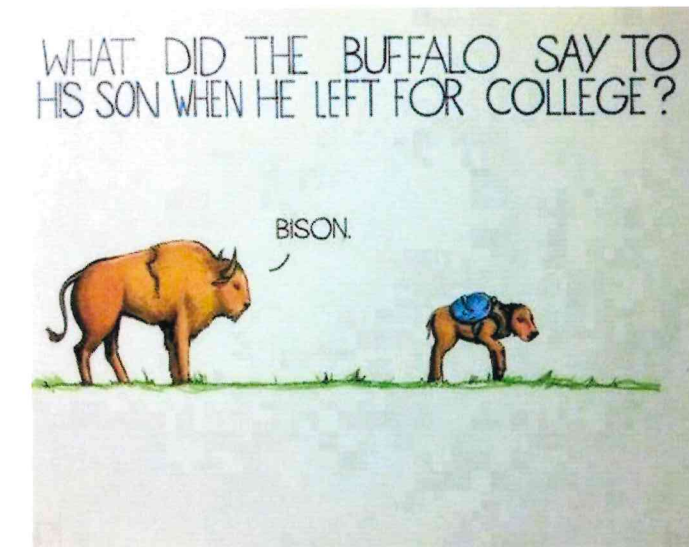
SUN., SEPT 6
11:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost –

Labor Day Weekend – Pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina

+Dr. John Galida

requested by: The Stanko Kids



Church offerings from August 22 & 23, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,559.00

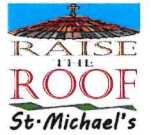
Loose Currency....\$85.00

Candles....\$56.00

Holyday (Aug. 15)....\$60.00

TOTAL: \$1,760.00

Cemetery: \$300.00



August 23rd TOTAL:
\$140.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Aug. 23	\$1,760	\$2,950	(\$1,190)
YTD	\$91,204	\$100,300	(\$9,096)

Quote of the Week

“The longer you wait for
the future, the shorter it will
be.”

— Loesje

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

- BACKPACK
- BINDER
- CALCULATOR
- COMPASS
- CRAYONS
- ERASER
- FOLDERS
- GLUE STICK
- GRAPH PAPER
- HIGHLIGHTER
- INDEX CARDS
- LUNCHBOX
- MARKERS
- NOTEBOOK
- PAPER CLIPS
- PEN
- PENCIL
- PENCIL CASE
- PROTRACTOR
- RULER
- SCISSORS
- SHARPENER
- STAPLER
- STICKY NOTES
- TEXTBOOK
- USB DRIVE
- WHITEBOARD

School Supplies

Word Search



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Happy Church New Year

On September 1st, we begin the new Ecclesiastical Church Year. It is called the beginning of the “indiction” – meaning “to impose.” It was first applied in imposing taxes in Egypt. The Roman Emperor, Diocletian, extended the system of taxing conquered people to the whole Roman Empire. The first official worldwide indiction originated with the Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D. when he saw a miraculous vision of the sign of the Cross in the sky. The Church picked this day to begin its calendar for various reasons. Before the Julian Calendar, the Romans began their year on September 1st. Once the Julian Calendar was written, the year began in January and ended in December. Many years later the Gregorian Calendar took its place, and because the Julian Calendar was thirteen days behind, today we use the Gregorian Calendar.

According to Holy Tradition it was on September 1st that our Lord first entered the Jewish Synagogue (Luke 4) to preach his mission to us. At this time, Jesus quoted from the 61st chapter of the Book of Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” As we begin the new Liturgical Year, let us continue Jesus’s mission. Let us have a “new year resolution” to be more steadfast in our faith, to learn about it, and to practice it so that others can see Christ in us!

New Year’s Resolutions for the New Church Year

September—I will resolve to attend Divine Services more regularly. Not only will I attend, but I will also participate more with my singing, listening to homilies, and applying what I experience and learn at church into my daily life.

October—I will put others before myself. I will work toward setting aside my pride and be more open to helping others.

November—I will practice the Nativity Fast, not to merely say that ‘I fast,’ but to prepare my body and soul to the coming of our Lord and Savior in His Nativity. I will allow this fast to encourage more prayer in my life and to do works of charity and mercy for others.

December—I will remember that it is much more pleasant to give than to receive.

January—Alongside secular New Year and my resolutions, as I think about my life, I will confront debilitating patterns of sin in my life. I will work toward repentance and learn from my mistakes to grow closer to God.

February—I will quit comparing myself to other parishioners, Christians. I will prepare to enter the Great Fast with no resentment or jealousy toward others. I will read more theological texts and spend time reading and understanding the Bible.

March—I will respect life, a great gift that God gives to each of us. I will increase my personal prayer life and focus on serving others, resigning myself to God’s will.

April—Like the ointment-bearing women, I will seek Christ and share the joy of Christ’s Resurrection with all that I encounter.

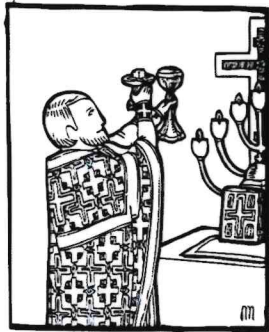
May—I will work harder to find Christ in those that I encounter. I will work harder to dawn my baptismal garment and reveal Christ, Who resides in me, to others.

June—I will promise not to take a “break” from my faith. Even though it is the beginning of summer, it is important for me to practice my faith and to show, by my example, the importance of practicing my faith.

July—I will thank God for being part of a free country. I will count my blessings of family and friends, and I will thank God for all of the good things in my life.

August—I will not use ministry or my faith for my own personal ambition or gain. I will pray alongside others, and I will work with them to grow in Christ as a community of believers.

The importance of Sunday and participating at the Divine Liturgy

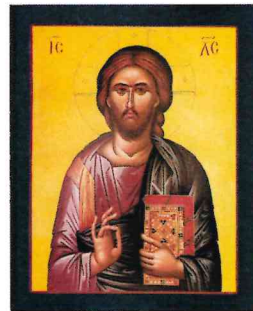


Every Sunday “the whole Christ” is reunited in and through the Holy Eucharist. Moreover, our choice to participate is salvific: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you” (John 6:53). Theologian Colin Donovan reminds us that “in the Divine Liturgy it is Christ himself who worships the Father, joining our worship to His. In no other way is it possible to adequately give thanks (Eucharistic) to God . . . than by uniting our offerings to that of Jesus Christ himself.” Christ does with us in the Divine Liturgy what we cannot do alone: make a perfect offering to the Father. The key to understanding why Catholics must attend Sunday Divine Liturgy lies above all in the essence of the Divine Liturgy itself. Our duty to be willing participants is **NOT rooted in how it makes us feel, but in WHAT it is.** As the sacred meeting place of God and humans, the Divine Liturgy reorients our lives towards God, reunites us with him in love, and thereby communicates the grace of salvation to our souls. In the long run, there can be nothing more productive than that.

Registration for ECF by tomorrow

Tuesday, September 22nd will begin the new school year of ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. The theme for this year is *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news to the poor.”* Kindly fill out the registration by Monday, August 31st on our parish’s facebook page or website so we have current information. Shortly after the registration deadline, you will be emailed further details for the start of this year’s ECF.

Religious Education is so valuable and necessary as children mature and grow into adulthood. Please take it seriously and put your child's religious education before all other activities. ECF not only teaches our children how to become closer to God through prayer, service, and knowledge, but also teaches them what it is to be a Byzantine Catholic and the beautiful traditions of our Byzantine Church. We welcome the opportunity to teach your child about his or her faith, and the ways of our beautiful Rite. Please make every effort so your child is there each Tuesday and give your child this most enriching and faith-filled opportunity at this time in his or her life. *(Please note: This registration is for children Pre-K through 6th grade. Information will be provided soon for the 7th through high school program.)*



Wanna help with our ByzanTEENs?

As noted above, this year our ECF program will have a separate program for grades 7 through high school. Our parish is looking for anyone who might be interested in working and assisting with our middle school through high school kiddos. Please let Father know if you would be interested in this important ministry.

Come to Uniontown next weekend

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

Halushki sale upcoming



Our St. Michael’s famous homemade Halushki Sale is **Friday, September 11th** from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Still only \$10 per quart. No need to get out of your car, just follow the signs, pull up to the door and someone will bring your order to you. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by calling or texting at 330-720-2100. Pre-orders are guaranteed.

Holupki dinner in September

There will be a Stuffed Cabbage Dinner on **Sunday, September 20th from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** at the Hall. You can either EAT IN or TAKE OUT. This \$15 Dinner includes: 2 Stuffed Cabbage (holupki), real mashed potatoes, a vegetable, bread/butter and dessert. Drinks will be available for eat in only. Place your pre-orders by texting/calling Regina at 330-720-2100.



Reverse Raffle about a month away

Saturday, October 3rd. 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.

39 Ticket Numbers remaining to be sold as of the morning of August 29th:

67,69,71,72,73,79,89,94,96,97,
134,135,137,138,141,142,143,147,153,154,157,158,159,160
164,165,166,167,168,169,175,176,177,179,181,183,184,187,188

Consider donating a bottle(s) for R.R. Game

Once again at this year's Reverse Raffle, you will have a new chance to win a prize – a wine/liquor bottle. The PAC, who heads the Reverse Raffle event, is seeking donations of wine or liquor. Donations of wine or liquor should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Please place donations in the back of the church in the marked bag. For questions or more info, see Atty. Brian Macala.



PACK THE VALLEY – St. Michael’s volunteers needed

On **Thursday, October 14th from 1-3 p.m.**, Direction Home is hosting *Pack the Valley* at the Canfield Fair, Michael Kusalaba Event Center, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield. The goal is to pack over **170,000 meals** for families in need right here in the Mahoning Valley. It’s a fun, assembly-line style event and it only takes a few hours of your time to help feed thousands of people. Out St. Michael Church would like to put together a team of **10-14 volunteers** to lead a meal packing line. All supplies and training are provided—we just need willing hearts and helping hands! If interested, please sign up in the narthex.

Haven’t Seen Someone in a While? Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way. Invite them back to church!