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Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

St. John Chrysostom

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Unforgiving Servant

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



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SAT., AUG 8

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Patricia "Patti" A. Tirpack
 (1st anniversary of passing 8.5)

requested by: Jerry & Pauline Shirilla

SUN., AUG 9

11:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – Within the Transfiguration Feast

+Marcella M. Hospodar
 (5th anniversary of passing 8.2)

requested by: Son: David & Annette Hospodar

Fri., Aug 14

4:00 p.m.

Vigil for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – Obligation Holyday - Blessing of Flowers

Fr. Michael Farynets, Celebrant
 For The Parishioners



SAT., AUG 15

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Andrew Tablack
 (remembrance of birthday)

requested by: Granddaughters

SUN., AUG 16

11:00 a.m.

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – Within the Dormition Feast – OUTDOOR DIVINE LITURGY

Blessing of Teachers & Students

+Agnes M. Kinnick
 (25th anniversary of passing 7.10)

requested by: Joe Kinnick

12:15 p.m.

Parish Picnic



August 11 – Lindsay Perrone
 August 12 – T.J. Griffin, Janice Vokish
 August 14 – Leslie Davis
 August 15 – Elliot Fuller

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: August 7, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, 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 August 1 & 2, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$1,660.00

Loose Currency....\$20.00

Candles....\$93.00

Holyday (July 20)....\$5.00

TOTAL: \$1,778.00

Cemetery: \$900.00

Hall Funeral luncheon 7/20: \$200.00



August 2nd TOTAL:

\$502.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Aug 2	\$1,778	\$2,950	(\$1,172)
YTD	\$83,767	\$91,450	(\$7,683)



A drug company would like to know why your Sunday homilies are more effective than their sleeping pills.

Quote of the Week

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

ADVENTURE
AMUSEMENT PARK
AUGUST
BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKYARD
BICYCLE
CAMPFIRE
CAMPING
CORN ON THE COB
FARMERS MARKET
FIREFLY
FLOWERS
FRUIT
FUN
GRILLING
HOT
HUMID
LAKE
PLAYGROUND
POPSICLE
RELAXATION
ROAD TRIP
SAILBOAT
STATE FAIR
SUMMER
SUNFLOWER
SUNNY



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



The Dormition of the Theotokos



On August 15th, we will observe the Holy Day of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos (Dormition). The Byzantine Catholic Church, in honoring the Mother of God, has determined celebrations in her name to be commemorated at certain times throughout the year. Nothing is said in Scripture about her last days. Many stories and legends have come to be told about her departure from this world.

As this is one of the oldest Holy Days of the Church, we can learn much from the readings and prayers of the various services of the Day. We learn that all the Apostles except St. Thomas had been gathered together to be with her at the end of her earthly life. As the tropar puts it: "She passed over into Life." A solemn procession was formed to carry her to the grave she had chosen in Gethsemane. This procession is repeated in our churches during the Vesper Service for the feast where we process with the shroud of the Dormition and place it into a tomb in the center of the church. St. Thomas came too late for the burial, but he wanted to pay his "last respects." He was taken to the tomb, but she was not there. The tomb was filled with fragrant flowers and herbs. Because of this, many churches follow the tradition of blessing flowers and herbs on this day.

We can see why the proper word for this day is either Dormition or Falling Asleep. The Greek word is "koimisis", the Slavonic word is "uspenije." These words mean sleep, the Christian word often used for the final sleep. The Eastern Churches stress her repose and not her ascension, a later tradition which the Roman Catholic Church later stressed calling the Holy Day the Assumption. Since almost the beginning of Christianity, the Mother of God was honored by the celebration of her repose (uspenije).

The tropar doesn't mention her assumption but rather her falling asleep. "In giving birth you did keep your virginity: in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Birth-giver of God, you passed over into Life you who are the Mother of Life, and by your intercession you do deliver our souls from death."



Liturgical Schedule for the Dormition Holyday of Obligation

Fri., Aug. 14th – 4:00 p.m. @ St. Michael Church, Campbell - *flowers blessed*

7:00 p.m. @ National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon with Bishop Robert Pipta

Sat., Aug. 15th – 9:00 a.m. @ St. Michael Church, Hermitage - *flowers blessed*

The Solemn Blessing of flowers & herbs on Friday

According to our Byzantine Catholic custom, flowers and herbs are solemnly blessed on the Feast of the Dormition. Tradition teaches us that when Mary “Fell-asleep in the Lord” the Apostles put her in a tomb, and Thomas, not present for the burial, came later and begged to see Mary one last time. The other Apostles took him to the Tomb, but when they got there, the grave was empty. Only flowers and herbs were present where the Mother of God laid. As a reminder of this event, flowers are brought to the Church and blessed. After Divine Services, they are taken back home and seen not merely as a thing of beauty, but more importantly as a living sign of God’s presence in nature and in our lives. The herbs, used by our people as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and extra-ordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrimage at Mary’s tomb. The blessing of the herbs on the Feast of the Dormition was introduced by the Fathers to combat the superstitious incantations and charlatanism among people. Flowers and herbs will be blessed before the final blessing at the Dormition liturgies. You may bring in flowers if you want them blessed as well.



Our Parish Picnic is next Sunday

Our Parish Family summer picnic will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, August 16th** here at our St. Michael Church grounds. The 11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy will be held outside by the hall under the tent



11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Divine Liturgy with blessing of students & teachers

12:30 p.m. - Food will be served

*(Fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, salad
Fruit & desserts brought by parishioners)*

**Afternoon - Music
Games**

bounce house/volleyball/cornhole/other games

Volunteers needed for Picnic set-up

Volunteers who are able to lend a hand with the church picnic set-up are asked to be at the hall on **Friday, August 14th at 10:00 a.m. for kitchen prep and hall set-up and on Sunday, August 16th at 8:00 a.m. for outside tables/chairs set-up (men needed).**

Blessing of Teachers & Students next Sunday

In preparation for the new upcoming school year, which for several already will begin very shortly, our pastor will bestow God’s blessings upon all students and teachers at the **Outdoor Sunday Divine Liturgy on August 16th.** Students and teachers are asked to be present to receive this special blessing and to dedicate the upcoming academic school year for the glory of God.

Calling Pirohi pinchers – schedule change

Volunteers to make dough and pinch pirohi are asked to be at the Hall kitchen on **Tuesdays, August 18th & 25th and Thursday, August 20th.** Start time will be 10:00 a.m. There will be no making pirohi on August 11th and 13th as previously announced.

Congratulations Newlyweds

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations and Best Wishes to **GERI ROMITO & ABRAHAM SANTANA** who were united in the Holy Mystery of Crowning (Marriage) on Friday, August 7, 2026 at our St. Michael Church. May the Lord God grant to His newlywed servants, Geri and Abraham, peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l’ita.



Requesting bottles for Reverse Raffle

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 bin. For questions or info, you may see Atty. Brian Macala.

Reverse Raffle - get your number 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 stmikesbykids@gmail.com Get your lucky number(s) now! Don't wait.

Kitchen sales to start in September - Come, help

It is only about a month away before our parish food sales start up again for September through April. The food sales are not only delicious, but the profit provides big help in maintaining our parish financially. As a new season begins, **EVERYONE** is invited to help with as much or as little time you can give. The kitchen crew is not a clique, and there is no boss! Simply, just parishioners who want to work together, have fun, and do this for the church. Consider volunteering with kitchen food sales and helping in anyway!

Parish Census taking place in September

Our last parish census was in 2014. Many of the census forms are not up to date with accurate phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and even home addresses. Father would like to do a census during the month of September. You will be asked to fill out a simple form (on-line or hand-written) with updated information. It won’t take long and please kindly cooperate. Having updated parishioner information is very vital for your parishioner status.

Come to Uniontown

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