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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 p.m., holydays, or by appt.
Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the church office.
Holy Mystery of Anointing Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.
Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the church office at least 8 months prior to wedding.
Religious Education Classes Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
GCU See Bill Dzuricko.
St. Michael's Activity & Recreation Team (SMART) Everyone encouraged to help out.
Bethany Ministry Ministry to the sick; see Joan Walker for info.
St. Michael's Social Center Call parish office for rentals.
St. Michael's Cemetery, 2296 Longview Rd., Hermitage Steve Sherman II, manager.
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: 4:00 p.m. Sun: 9:00 a.m. **HOLYDAYS:** 10:00 a.m.

Pray for Your Enemies

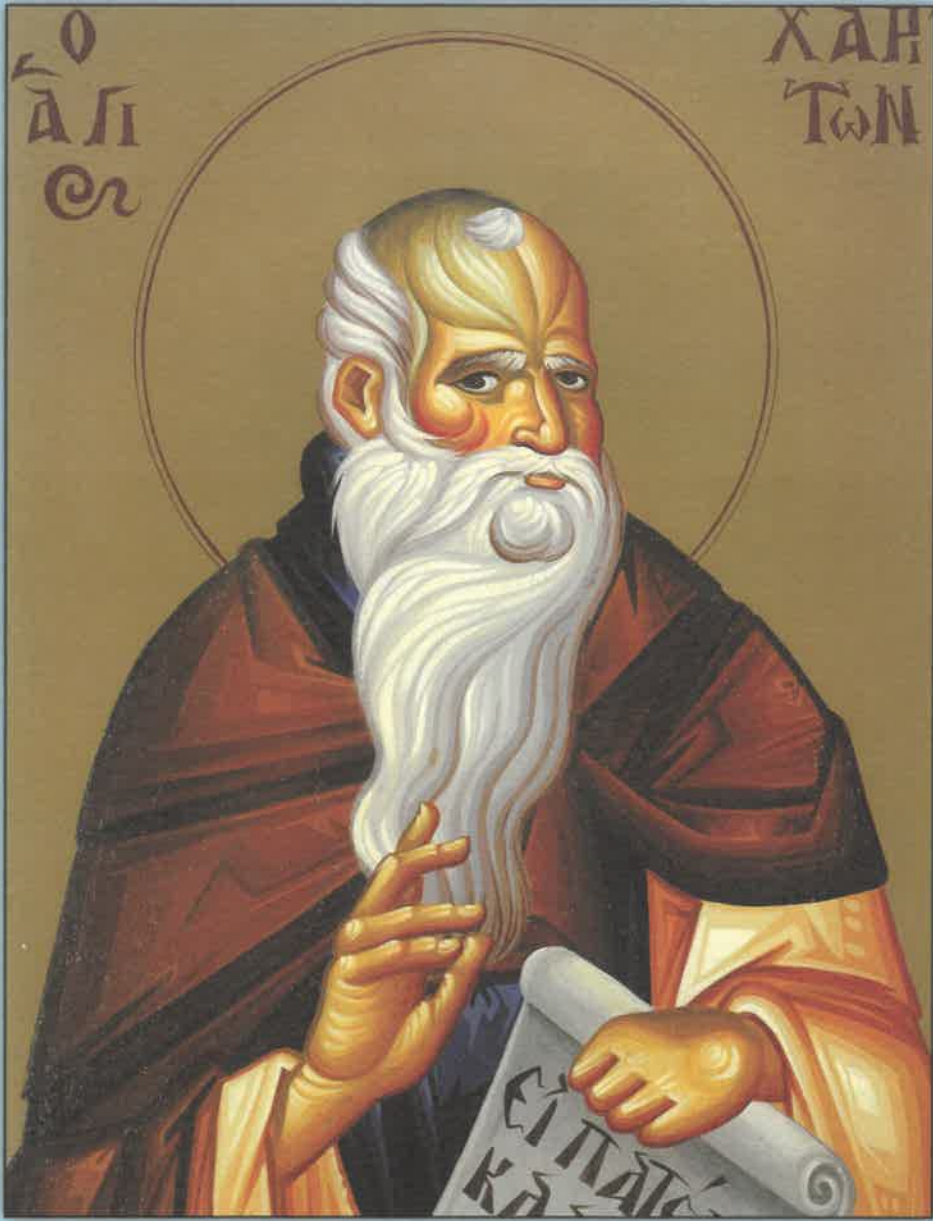
God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to prayers. Observe how from ev-

ery quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. . . . And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John Chrysostom

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton -- September 28th

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



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St. Michael
the Archangel
BYZANTINE
Catholic Church
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Hermitage, Pennsylvania



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SAT., SEPT 27

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

50th Wedding Anniversary of
Sam & Sharon Kudelko (Oct. 4)



requested by: Children
& Grandchildren

SUN., SEPT 28

9:00 a.m.

+William & +Sue Sulick

requested by: Daughter: Sherry Semchee
Son: Gary Sulick

(18th ann. of passing) (32nd ann. of passing)

WED., OCT 1

10:00 a.m.

**The Feast Of The Holy Protection Of
The Theotokos** — Solemn Holyday — Mirovanije

+Christine Burger

requested by: Jeff & Donna Volsko



SAT., OCT 4

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

Health & God's Blessings Upon
Ryan Vasconi (46th birthday 10.5)
Anne Chintella (94th birthday 10.10)

requested by: Martha Stambaugh-
Grandmother
Sister

SUN., OCT 5

9:00 a.m.

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -
Respect Life Sunday

+Thom Sulick

requested by: Cousin: Sherry Semchee



**The Sanctuary Candle
for this week of:**

SEPT. 28 - Oct. 4, 2025

signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is

In Loving Memory of

**+MICHAEL & +LOUISE
DUNDER**

(remembrance of 79th wedding anniversary
Sept. 28)

From: Donna & Jeff Volsko



**The Mother Of God
Candle for this week of:**

SEPT. 28 - Oct. 4, 2025

signifying her Intercession is for

In Loving Memory of

**+MICHAEL & +LOUISE
DUNDER**

(remembrance of +Michael birthday Oct. 2)
(remembrance of +Louise birthday Sept. 30)

From: Donna & Jeff Volsko



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Sept. 26, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Robert Borko, Dan Huscroft, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Hank & Anne Pajak, Mary Ann Polochak,
George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Ethel Wahal, Frank Wahal, Monica Walls.

Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.

The Lakes At Jefferson (7271 West Market St., Mercer, PA 16137) – Michael Kennis.

Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) – Dolores Vasil.

The Village of St. Edward at Green (3813 Fortuna Dr., Unit 108 Akron, OH 44312) – Richard Markovich.

Ridgecrest At Cranberry Woods (3020 Fairport Ln., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) – Richard Will.

St. Paul Homes (339 East Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125) – Lillian Sulick.

The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley (1 Elston Way, Hermitage, PA 16148) – Katherine Asafaylo.

Offerings from Sept. 20 & 21, 2025

Sunday Offering.... \$2,700.00

Candles.... \$392.00

Holydays.... \$60.00

TOTAL: \$3,152.00

Restoration

Pledged \$148,765

Deposited \$ 132,003

Pledges 68

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Sept. 21	\$3,152	\$4,500	(\$1,348)
YTD	\$134,928	\$171,000	(\$36,072)

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By Dan Gibson



Church Attendance

Saturday 9/20 – 72 (4:00 pm)

Sunday 9/21 – 66 (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

**"Hate what the world seeks,
and seek what it avoids."**

- St. Ignatius of Loyola



Forgiveness

Tim Allen forgives the man who killed his father, says he was inspired by Erika Kirk's eulogy

Recently, the actor Tim Allen says he forgives the drunk driver man who killed his father over 60 years ago. No matter which side of the political spectrum you're on, or even if you have your own thoughts about Charlie Kirk—many have been expressed by both sides in recent days—the fact that Tim Allen finally forgave the man who killed his father 60 years ago, based on Erika Kirk's forgiveness of Tyler Robinson, is quite moving.

As Christians, we are called to forgive. Think about our Lord on the Cross, and the first words we hear Him utter from the cross is a message of forgiveness. In Matthew 18:21-22, we see our Lord answer a question from Peter: "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Of course, the physical number is not what is important here, but the seriousness of forgiveness and the limitlessness that should be our capacity to forgive. It is hard. Living as a true Christian is work. It calls us to reconsider situations in our lives. It calls us to be understanding of others, not judgmental—even if they themselves are judgmental. It calls us to love unconditionally and to imitate our Lord in His lessons and preaching.

All too often, we allow our human condition to dictate how we live, how we feel, how we think, and how we act (or react). WE are supposed to be the EXAMPLE for the rest of the world, like Christ is for us. For Tim Allen to let go of the hurt, the anger, the need for retribution after 60 years just by the words that Erika Kirk shared—no matter our personal, human opinion of the Kirks, one way or the other—shows the power of how our actions and words can affect others.

Let us take this lesson and live with Christ as the center of our lives. Let us work to do our Lord's will, and not our own. The more we keep Christ as our focus, the better we will begin to be on our path to salvation. We are not accountable for others' sins, nor do we get to tell God what to do with others based on their sins. He is the Judge. And He is just. Being mindful of our own sinfulness should be enough reason to work to be like Christ in all that we do in our lives, for our Lord does not compare us to others: we are judged according to our own deeds, thoughts, and words.



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ACORN	FESTIVAL	NOVEMBER
APPLE	FOLIAGE	ORANGE
AUTUMN	FOOTBALL	ORCHARD
BONFIRE	GOURD	PUMPKIN
CHESTNUT	HALLOWEEN	RAKE
CIDER	HARVEST	SCARECROW
CORNUCOPIA	HAYRIDE	SQUASH
CRANBERRY	LEAVES	SUNFLOWER
CRISP	MAPLE	SWEATER



The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos on Wednesday

Each year on October 1st, the Church celebrates a most beautiful feast called the Protection of the Mother of God. Historically, this feast commemorates an event in 911 AD when the Mother of God, in response to the fervent prayers of the faithful gathered in the Church of Blachernae, appeared in a vision to extend her veil over the city of Constantinople to protect it from foreign invasion. Over the years, the Mother of God has been seen in numerous other visions to extend her protecting veil over her faithful children. Consequently, this feast day has been not only preserved on our calendar, but has come to be one of the most cherished feasts in the lives of Eastern Christians because it reminds us of the constant protection we receive from the Mother of God. As we are reminded by the saints, "no one who has ever sought the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin has even gone unaided!" O Holy Mother of God, pray for us! **The Divine Liturgy for the Holyday will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.**



Vocation traveling icon to start soon



Our Lord reminds us that "the harvest is truly plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) As Christian faithful, we all have a responsibility to foster future leaders of the Church – priests, deacons, nuns, and monks – dedicated to serving God's people. One way we can be involved in the nurturing of vocations is to pray. Next Sunday begins a special time of prayer for vocations for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States. Each parish has received an icon specially written for this program. Every member of the parish is invited to have "The Call of the Disciples" icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that is in the narthex. For more information or to volunteer to help, please see Father.

2025 Sanctuary & Mother of God candles still available...

Sanctuary Candle
Nov 2-8;

Mother of God Candle
Nov 2-8; Nov 16-22; Dec 21-27

Please call Jeff Volsko with your intention: 724-877-6504

Patronal Feast & 120th anniversary

We are only 42 days away from celebrating our Patronal Feast Day of St. Michael commemorating our 120th Parish Anniversary on **Sunday, November, 9th**. Here are a few details to be made aware of:

****The only Liturgy that weekend will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.** There will be NO Saturday evening or Sunday morning Liturgies this weekend only.

****Invitations for the day will be sent out to ALL registered households will soon be sent.** You will be asked to send back an RSVP for the dinner along with your payment of \$30 per adult (kids under 12 are free). The dinner will be held at the Corinthian Event Center, Sharon beginning at 4:00 p.m.

****Volunteers are asked to help with set-up for the Liturgy and dinner.** Please contact our pastor if you would like to help.



Congratulations Jubilarians - Golden

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **SHARON & SAM KUDELKO** celebrating their **50th Golden Wedding Anniversary**. They were married on October 4, 1975. May the Lord God grant to His servants, Sharon & Sam peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Phase II Church Restoration complete

--The church outside restoration of the building (repairs and painting) was completed this past Friday. The work was done by Todd Stottlemeyer Enterprises Inc.

--This past week, the office area along with the guest rectory bathroom was completed with the installation of the new flooring of the areas that were torn up due to the underfloor leaks.

Mahoning Valley Cultural Alliance presents Stories of Immigrants of the Mahoning Valley: Czechoslovakia

The Mahoning Valley Cultural Alliance will hold its next meeting at **5:00 pm on Monday, October 6th**, when the topic will be "Stories of Mahoning Valley Immigrants: Czechoslovakia." They will meet at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church's Assumption Social Center, 356 S. Belle Vista Ave. in Youngstown, Ohio. The speaker will be Loretta Ekoniak, an active member of the Slovak community and author of the book Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley. The meal will be prepared by St. Mary's caterers, and will include stuffed cabbage, and a number of other ethnic delicacies. Cultural enrichment will be provided by accomplished popular accordionist Luke Politsky, rendering Slavic melodies. The cost for the entire evening is \$35.00 for MVHS members and \$40.00 for non-members. Advance reservations must be made by Wednesday, October 1, 2025, using the form in the narthex. Come to enjoy the final meeting of the MVCA 2025 year. See you soon and bring a friend. Phone: 330-743-2589.



Wee Wisdom held a special ribbon cutting ceremony this past Friday – celebrating their lease of our Social Center and the opening of their school.



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Best regards,

George D. Seelers

RESERVATION FORM-CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUST BE RECEIVED BY: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

☐ **YES, I/WE WILL BE ATTENDING**

Please list all other names
on your reservation below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$ _____ for _____ Reservation(s)-MVHS Members @ \$35 ea. and/or non-members @ \$40 ea.

\$ _____ for _____ 2025-2026 MVHS Membership(s) [See reverse]

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to **MVHS**

Mail this form and your check to MVHS at 648 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502

Phone: 330-743-2589

Please charge my Visa / Mastercard / AmEx / Discover

Card #: _____
Exp. Date: _____
Security Code: _____
Signature: _____



Or, scan the QR Code to
register
online!



648 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44502

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MVHS Membership Levels

- ☐ \$30
- ☐ \$40
- ☐ \$75
- ☐ \$125
- ☐ \$250
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$1,000

- Senior
- Individual
- Friends &
- Family
- Interpreter
- Researcher
- Historian
- Preservationist

Membership benefits can be viewed
at mahoninghistory.org/membership

