

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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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.; Final class April 26th.

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. **HOLIDAYS:** 10:00 a.m.

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

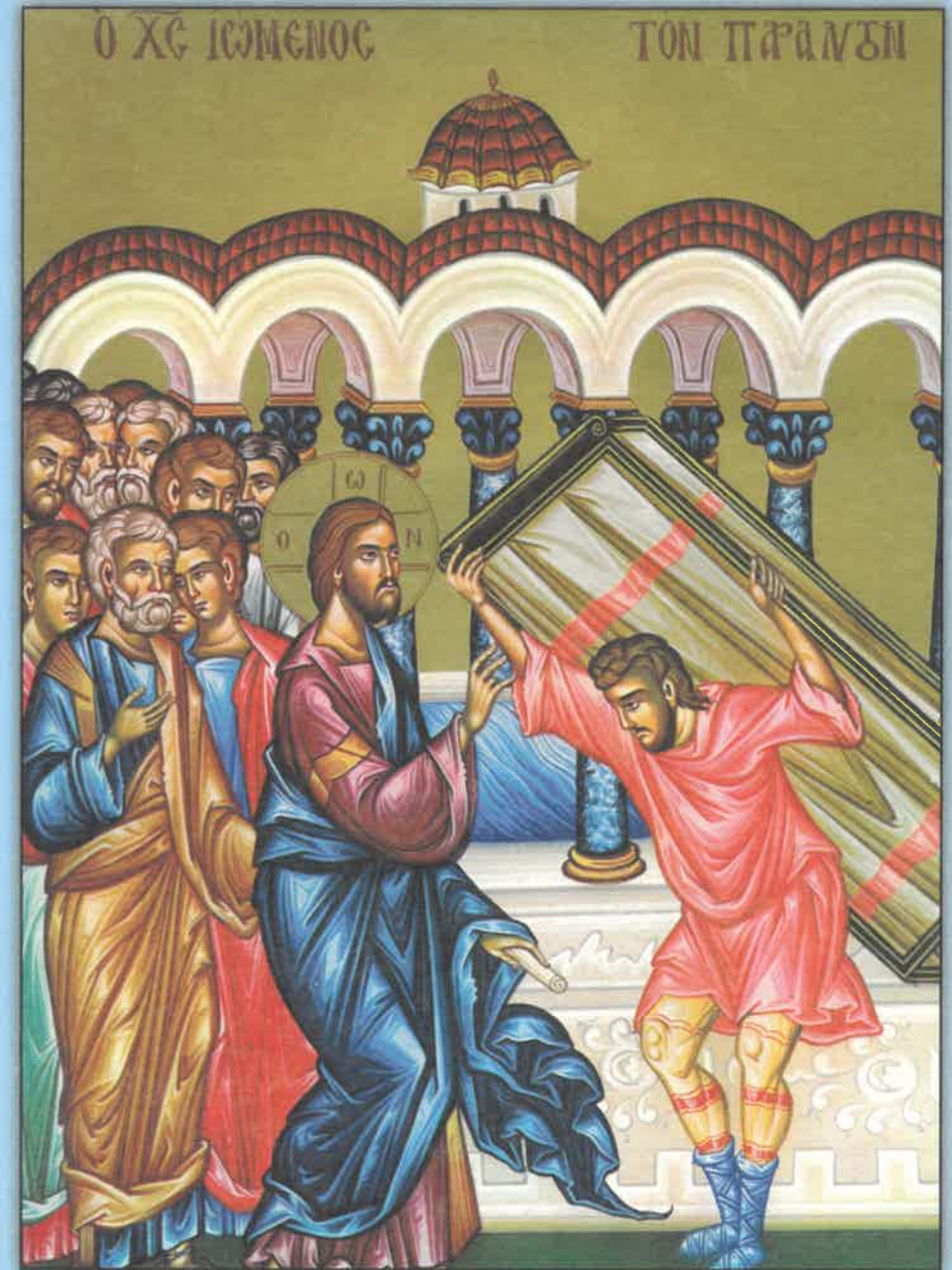
What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man

**Christ Is Risen!
Indeed, He Is Risen!
Christós Voskrése!
Voístinnu Voskrése!**



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Christ is Risen!



SAT., APR 25

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+John Paul Chovan

requested by: sister: MaryAnne Bajorek

(2nd anniversary of passing 4.30)

SUN., APR 26

9:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Paralytic Man – The 4th Paschal Sunday

+Sister Regina Maria, MICM

requested by: Slaves Of Immaculate Heart Of Mary

(4th anniversary of passing 4.28)

Wed., Apr 29

10:00 a.m.

Mid-Pentecost

+Paul A. Cefrick

requested by: Joan Walker

(5th anniversary of passing 4.4)

Fri., May 1

1:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation of Vivian Gibbons



SAT., MAY 2

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Mary Miller

requested by: Children

SUN., MAY 3

9:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – The 5th Paschal Sunday

First Solemn Communion of Vivian Gibbons



**The Sanctuary Candle for
April 26 – May 2, 2026**
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is



In Loving Memory of

+JOHN C. TOMKO

(remembrance of 92nd birthday May 2)

By: Randy & Patty Tomko

**The Theotokos Candle for
April 26 – May 2, 2026**
signifying her Intercession is



In Loving Memory of

+PAUL P. CORBETT

(remembrance of 100th birthday April 25)

**By: daughter: Kathleen & Bob Mentrek
& grandchildren**

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: April 24, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Charlotte Bruce, Janet Druga, Jo Ann Kessler, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Mary Ann Polochak, Viktor Rymniak, Carolyn & Bill Vasko, Ethel Wahal.

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.

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

Liberty Arms Assisted Living (1353 Churchill-Hubbard Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505) – Anne Pajak.

UPMC Montefiore (3459 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213) – Martha Stambaugh.

Offerings from April 18 & 19, 2026

Sunday Offering.... \$3,515.00

Loose Currency.... \$124.00

Candles.... \$107.00

Holydays.... \$65.00

Easter.... \$70.00

TOTAL: \$3,881.00

Seminary: \$60.00

Restoration

Pledged \$177,963

Deposited \$170,333

Pledges 69

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Apr. 19	\$3,941	\$4,100	(\$159)
YTD	\$61,167	\$65,600	(\$4,433)

Church Attendance

Saturday 4/18 – **65** (4:00 pm)

Sunday 4/19 – **80** (9:00 am)

Thursday 4/23 – **20** (10:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born...and the day you find out why.”

— Mark Twain



Spring Flowers

cherry blossom
 morning glory
 forget me not
 baby's breath
 snapdragon
 buttercup
 hollyhock
 amaryllis
 carnation
 sunflower
 sweet pea
 magnolia
 daffodil
 hibiscus
 lavender
 petunia
 freesia
 zinnia
 dahlia
 crocus
 azalea
 orchid
 violet
 peony
 pansy
 daisy
 lilac
 poppy
 tulip
 rose
 iris
 lily



N P P E O W A X Q X Z P E P A I S E E R F J N I
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 G C S D L X F H O L L Y H O C K D N M F G R Q M
 U Q W Q Z W K P K I C Z R L V E F O W B C F O X
 J M E G S U C O R C R H N A M Y B L J V Q T L G
 P A P D J A M A R Y L L I S A S T X A W I G Y U
 I L A V E N D A R K F G Y Y D A F F O D I L H G
 H M R Y Y W K Q F A P F X Z L V C U T J Y D M T

Halfway to Pentecost Sunday

The fifty days following Easter Sunday until the Feast of Pentecost are known as the period of the Paschal-tide or (Easter season). At the mid-point between these great feasts, on the twenty-fifth day which is always a Wednesday, is Mid-Pentecost. This day brings to our attention the theme of the fifty days following Pascha: the descent of the Holy Spirit, who pours out as a gift upon all the faithful who partake of the living water which is Christ Himself. Since Pascha (Easter), a central theme we have encountered is water, for it is the central theme of the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles, which we read throughout the time from Pascha to Pentecost. This theme appears for the first time on Pascha itself in the Canon of Resurrection Matins, written by Saint John the Damascene, when he invites us to "drink a new drink," not "brought forth from a barren rock," as in the Old Testament under Moses, but which rather "springs forth from the tomb of Christ."



Following Pascha and Bright Week, the Church sets up two Sundays that instruct us to abolish all doubts concerning the Resurrection of Christ: Thomas Sunday and the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women. This ensure that we all partake of the living water that only the risen Lord can give. During the following three Sundays, as we approach Pentecost, the theme of water becomes more and more central in the hymns of the Church. We are found one Sunday at the Sheep's Pool with the Paralytic, then at the Well of Jacob with the Samaritan Woman, and finally at the Pool of Siloam with the Blind Man. During this festive period, we hear concerning the "living water" which if one partakes of "he will never thirst" (John 4:14).

We are taught that our Lord is this living water, and we partake of Him through the baptismal waters. Then on Pentecost, we have grace rained upon our parched souls and bodies so that we may be fruitful and have a great harvest as we hear from the holy Gospel on that day: "If anyone thirsts, come unto Me and drink" (John 7:37).

The Fathers teach us that the feast of Mid-Pentecost stands in the middle of the fifty-day period from Pascha to Pentecost as a mighty flowing river of divine grace which have these two great feasts as its source. Pascha and Pentecost are united in Mid-Pentecost. Without Pascha there is no Pentecost, and without Pentecost there is no purpose to Pascha. The Feast of Mid-Pentecost is celebrated for an entire week until the following Wednesday, making it an eight day feast. During this entire time the hymns of Mid-Pentecost are joined with that of Pascha.

As we now come to the feast of Mid-Pentecost this Wednesday, let us not forget where we came from, but let us also remember where we are going. In experiencing the deep mysteries of our faith through this feast, let us always be aware of the importance of constant preparation in our faith, preparation for feasts themselves, but also preparation in ensuring that our souls are pure in order to receive Christ and grow in Him. Have a blessed Mid-Pentecost!

Banns Of Marriage I

Elizabeth Marceau and John Selby to be sacramentally married at our St. Michael Church on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

S.M.A.R.T. meeting tomorrow

A SMART meeting will be held tomorrow, **Monday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m.** in the church kitchen narthex area. All are welcome to attend. The main topic for discussion will be the September purse bingo event.

Class of 2026 graduates

If you are graduating this year, either from high school, college/university, or other school, let our pastor know of your graduation. You will be honored at a Liturgy in June.

Young parishioner preparing for her First Confession

This Friday, May 1st, **Vivian Gibbons** will mark a spiritual milestone in her life by making her First Confession. Then next Sunday, May 3rd, she will make their First Solemn Communion at the Paschal Sunday Divine Liturgy. Remember her in prayer as she prepares for her big days.

Pastor to give talk in Erie

This coming Friday, **May 1st**, our pastor will be the homilist at the 6:00 p.m. Liturgy at St. Hedwig Church in Erie, PA. He will preach on vocations to the priesthood.

Holyday of OBLIGATION in May

Thursday, May 14th is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a holyday of obligation in our Byzantine Catholic Church. The liturgical schedule for both churches are as follows:

Wednesday, May 13th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Hermitage

Thursday, May 14th – 10:00 a.m. St. Michael, Hermitage

Thursday, May 14th – 6:00 p.m. St. Michael, Campbell



Former Pastor & Archbishop – 25 years since falling asleep in the Lord

Metropolitan Archbishop +Judson M. Procyk entered eternal life on April 24, 2001. He served as one of our former pastors here at St. Michael Church from 1963-1968. He was elevated to Metropolitan Archbishop in 1995. This year marks the 25th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. May God grant to His departed high priest servant, +Archbishop Judson, blessed repose and eternal memory, for Christ Is Risen!

Candidate to receive Minor Orders in June

On Sunday, June 21st at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA, **DR. JOHN “RANDY” TOMKO** will be ordained to the Minor Orders of Lectorate and Sub-diaconate. These are the first two orders one must receive before being ordained a deacon. Randy will be ordained with 4 others of his classmates in the School of Diaconal Studies program. He will be entering his last year of studies this summer. God-willing, Randy then will be ordained a Deacon in the summer of 2027 at our St. Michael Parish. Congratulations Randy on these first two important steps towards the Diaconate.



63rd world day of prayer for vocations today



The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (*priesthood and diaconate*), to the religious life in all its forms (*male and female, contemplative and apostolic*), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Let us offer our prayers today that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray for more young men and women in our Archeparchy and St. Michael Church to respond to God's call.

St. Michael Church, Campbell happenings – you are invited

(1) St. Michael's homemade Halushki next sale will be on **Friday, May 8th** from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Only \$10 per quart. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by phone or text at 330-720-2100.

(2) On **Sunday May 17th, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.**, St. Michael Church is sponsoring a Breaded Chicken Dinner with mash potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw and dessert. **\$15.00 per dinner.** Eat in or take-out.

(3) The Civic Club of St. Michael Church in Campbell is holding its Memorial Day Steak Raffle. Tickets are only \$5, and the drawing will be held on **Sunday, May 24th.** See our pastor for tickets.

1st Prize: \$250 Gift Card to Badurik's Butcher Block & a \$100 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House

2nd Prize: Lottery Tree & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House

3rd Prize: Bottle of Bourbon & a \$50 Gift Card to Longhorn Steak House

SS. Peter & Paul Church, Warren – you are invited

Rummage Sale, Friday (9 am – 5 pm) and Saturday (9 am -3 pm), **May 1st & 2nd.** Bake Sale. A fun day of shopping. Come rain or shine. For more info, call 330-720-4740.