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From the Fathers

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power . . .

St. John Chrysostom

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

St. Clement of Alexandria

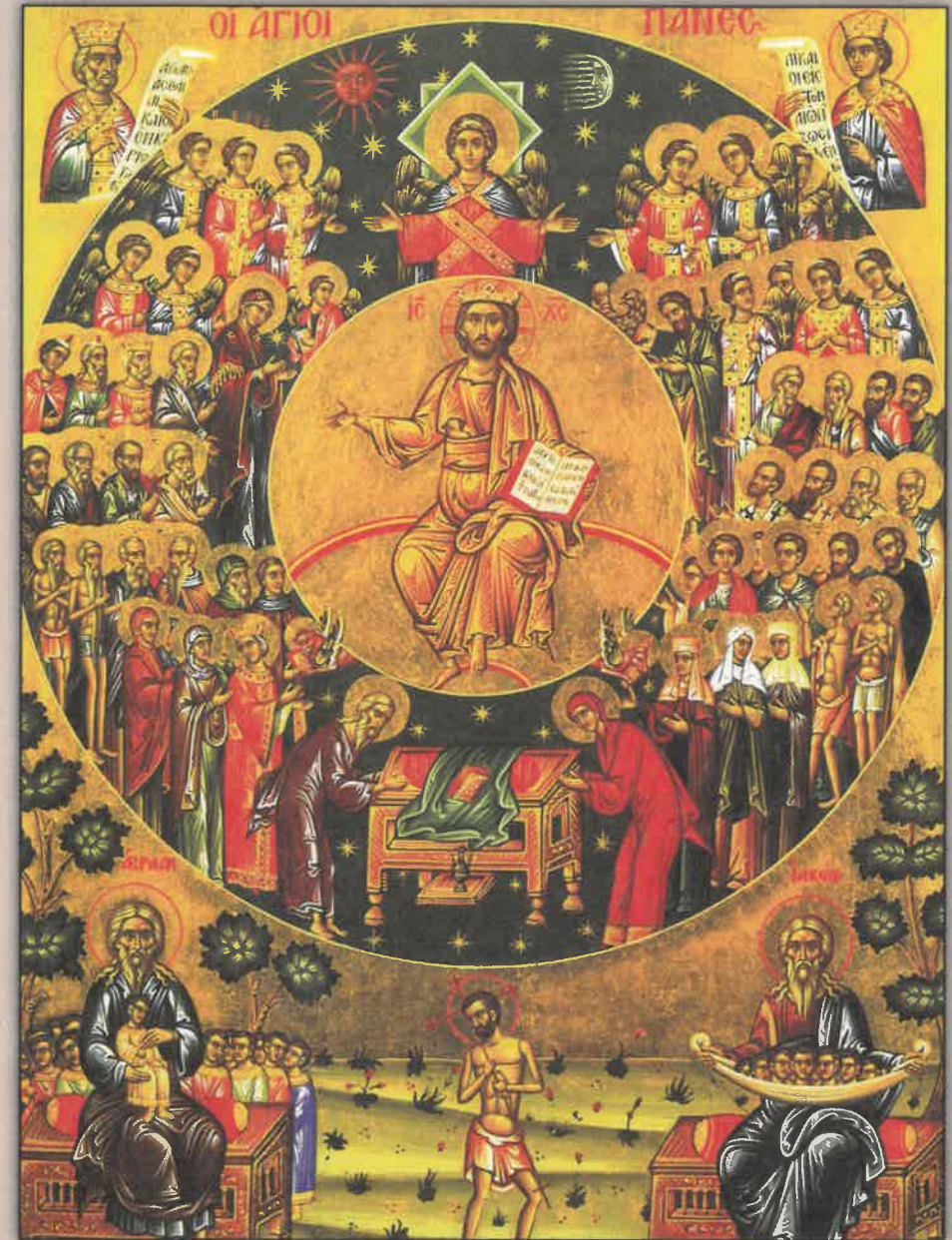
In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

St. Athanasius the Great

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

St. John of Damascus

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints



**The Holy Spirit
Has Descended!
Receive Him
With Love!**



SAT., MAY 30

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Basil T. "Buzz" Lazor
(5th anniversary of passing 5.31)

+Andrew Hornyak
(38th anniversary of passing 5.30)

requested by: Sisters: Stephanie Longstreet
& Paula Cruickshank

requested by: Son: Jeffrey Hornyak

SUN., MAY 31

9:00 a.m.

The Sunday of All Saints

+Jason Dunder
(19th anniversary of passing 5.29)

requested by: Jeff & Donna Volsko

**Mon., June 1 -
Fri., June 5**

No Divine Services scheduled



SAT., JUNE 6

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Ed Gates
+Jeanette Marie Bower

Health & God's Blessings
Upon: Bob Ward

requested by: brother: Len & Mary Gates
cousin: " " "

requested by: Monica Walls

SUN., JUNE 7

9:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

+Barbara Holup
(9th anniversary of passing 6.6)

requested by: Steve & Kathie Sherman

Thanksgiving: 20th Wedding Anniversary
of: Melanie & John Gibbons

requested by: Children



**The Sanctuary Candle for
May 31 – June 6, 2026**
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is



**In Loving Memory of
+ERNEST C. & +ANNE HUDAK**
(remembrance of 84th wedding anniversary June 6)

By: Randy & Patty Tomko

**The Theotokos Candle for
May 31 – June 6, 2026**
signifying her Intercession is for



**Health & God's Blessings for
NICK DOMENICO**
(celebrating his 40th birthday June 3)

By: MaryAnne Bajorek

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: May 29, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Charlotte Bruce Jo Ann Kessler, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Mary Ann Polochak, Martha Stambaugh, 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.
Mercy Health Rehab Hospital (3180 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505) – Bob Ward.

Offerings from May 23 & 24, 2026

Sunday Offering.... \$3,710.00

Candles.... \$218.00

Holydays.... \$35.00

TOTAL: \$3,963.00

Seminary: \$100.00

Restoration

Pledged \$ 179,060

Deposited \$ 173,010

Pledges 69

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
May 24	\$4,063	\$4,100	(\$37)
YTD	\$79,741	\$86,100	(\$6,359)

Church Attendance

Saturday 5/23 – **60** (4:00 pm)

Sunday 5/24 – **68** (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“A most important thing in life is to stop saying ‘I wish’ and start saying ‘I will...’”

— Charles Dickens





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

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| ALEXANDRITE | GARDEN | LEMONADE | SOLSTICE |
| BARBECUE | GEMINI | LONGEST DAY | STRAWBERRY |
| D-DAY | GRADUATION | OUTDOORS | SUMMER |
| DIPLOMA | HONEYSUCKLE | PEARL | THIRTY DAYS |
| FATHER'S DAY | JUNE | PICNIC | VACATION |
| FLAG DAY | JUNETEENTH | ROSE | WEDDING |

All Saints Sunday

Today, we acknowledge the assembly of wondrous saints, known and unknown, recognized and not yet fully glorified by the Church on earth: Apostles, Martyrs & Confessors, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous Ones. As faithful Byzantine Catholics, we hear this word "saint" a lot. However, do we ever think about its meaning? Do we ever reflect on the lives of the Saints?



Oftentimes, we think of a saint as someone who is pure, completely holy, and deified beyond their earthly recognition. If you pay attention to the lives of the "Unknown Saints", you will be quick to notice how a lot of people who have achieved the rank of Sainthood lived difficult lives, well beyond having to adhere to coronavirus quarantines or dealing with recommended fasting periods throughout the Church Year. These are people who, because of their strong faith in God and their zeal to share this faith with others, endured unspeakable tortures, scathing criticisms from friends and family, social ostracization, and, in a lot of cases, death.

What, then, makes them Saints in the Church's and our eyes? Quite simply, their utter assurance in our Lord and their willingness to even die an unjust death for their faith give them cause to be venerated. As we reflect on these things, we turn to ourselves and to today's Gospel while asking the question: "How can I, a great sinner, in some way remain in our Lord's Divine Garden, together with the Mother of God and all the Saints, together with everything that is beautiful and pure in Heaven and on Earth?" The answer that we receive is difficult, but not impossible to receive and act upon.

Our Lord tells us that we must confess Him before men, confess Him by our way of life, by the way we dress, by the way we speak, by the way we treat others, and by our words, not remaining silent regarding the Good News of the Cross and Resurrection of Christ, which is a stumbling block to many but life and the hope of salvation to us. The Lord tells us that, if our close family and their demands upon us are more important to us than the Lord's call, we are not worthy of Him. The Lord tells us that our true family is a spiritual family, the family of the true followers of Christ, and if our earthly family should ask us to deny Christ or compromise our faithfulness to Him, we must refuse and choose the Lord's commandments over their demands and desires for us.

No matter how good we think we are in life (and, of course, there are those who profess to do absolutely no wrong, even to the point that they refuse the Mystery of Repentance), we should reflect on the lives of the Saints we learn about and so admire and pray to. We should follow their examples and seek to imitate their simple faith, not only for ourselves to grow closer to God, but to also lead others to the grace and love of our Lord.

Let us pray today for all of the Saints, for all of those who are persecuted because of their belief in God, and for those that help to guide us in our faith. Let us consider seriously our Lord's call for us and ponder where we came from four months ago to where we are now: have we grown in our faith? Although we consider it glorified (and it is in the eyes of God), the lives of the Saints were anything but easy. Ultimately, we must ask ourselves: "are we up to the challenge?"

Isn't it heavenly...Archbishop William turns seventy

On **Monday, June 1st**, our Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla will celebrate his 70th birthday. Parishioners are asked to sign the special card in the narthex and our pastor will deliver it to him. May God grant to his servant, Archbishop William, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 70th Birthday Archbishop



Lord Almighty...someone turned ninety

Our St. Michael Parish extends Happy Birthday wishes to **CAROLYN VASKO** who celebrated her **90th Birthday** last month on April 11th. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Carolyn, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 90th Birthday Carolyn!

Calling all wedding Jubilarians this year

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will pay tribute to couples who are celebrating their **10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and additional years that are multiples of five** wedding anniversary in this year of 2026. A special Liturgy will be offered on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at St. Elias Church in Munhall by Archbishop William for couples to attend if they wish. If you have celebrated or going to celebrate one of these milestones this year of 2026, please inform our pastor so he can send your names in. You will receive a special certificate from the Archbishop.



Invite to Minor Orders

On **Sunday, June 21st at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA, **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. You are invited to attend. Please sign the list in the narthex. If enough sign-up, we might be able to get a mini-bus or some mode of transportation to all go together.

Prayers requested

Kindly remember in your prayers **BOB WARD** who was hit in a serious car accident on May 17th. He had surgery and is now doing therapy in a rehab facility. Get well soon Bob!

Flag day celebration set

Our annual parish flag day raising ceremony at our Social Center flag pole will take place this year on **Sunday, July 5th** following the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. This is sponsored by the GCU. For any questions, you may see Bill Dzuricko, GCU parish coordinator.

Liturgy stipend reminder

Just a reminder that a Divine Liturgy intention stipend is \$20. This was approved years ago by the Council of Hierarchs for our Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church.

Traditional SS. Peter and Paul Fast begins tomorrow

According to our Byzantine Catholic tradition, there is a period of fasting before the celebration of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which is on June 29th. This *non-obligatory* fast begins the Monday following All Saints Sunday and continues until the feast itself. Since the date for the beginning of the fast changes every year depending on when Easter falls, the length of the fast varies from more than five weeks to maybe just a few days. In church Slavonic, it is known as **PETROVKA**. The origin of this fast is quite ancient. It began to be observed shortly after the Great Fast became firmly established in the liturgical cycle of the Church in the fifth century. Evidence from ancient sources seems to indicate that the fast developed as an alternate to the Great Fast. It seems a fast was set up after the joyous Paschal Season and before the feast of SS. Peter and Paul for those who were unable to maintain the rigors of the Great Fast.



The feast of SS. Peter and Paul has always been an important feast day throughout the Church. Peter and Paul have always been accredited as being the first and greatest among the Apostles. Peter is important for being the rock upon which the Church of Jesus Christ is established. The faith of Peter is the firm foundation on which the Church stands. The Apostle Paul is important mostly because he was the Apostle to the Gentiles. He was the first to preach to and convert non-Jews on a large scale and with such zeal.

What is the bingo mania event all about? *-submitted by Rozanne Voisey*

SMART will sponsor this fall's bingo fundraiser taking its name from the bright full moon as fall begins. The event is **Saturday, September 26th** at the Social Center. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:00 p.m. This lively, autumn themed bingo night will be enjoyed by both the Girls and Guys!

WHAT TO EXPECT!

Admission is \$30 per person (18 years old & over), and includes a packet of 13 bingo games plus dauber. Play BINGO to try to win 13 fabulous prizes. Extra bingo sheets will be available to purchase. Take your chances and be a lucky winner of over 25 Over-The-Top Auction baskets/prizes including gift cards. Tear sheets are \$10 each. There will be a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are 3 for \$5, 5 for \$10, and 25 for \$20. Enjoy fall-inspired delicious food and drinks. ALL HOMEMADE by Alyson Hardman. Don't forget, its BYOB.

CASH ONLY EVENT!

Reservations are preferred and we reserve for tables of 8, plus admission. Tickets can be purchased by contacting any of the chairpersons: Renee Manilla (724-813-0830); Megan Pisarcik (724-699-0613), Rozanne Voisey (724-854-0868); Donna Volsko (724-877-6736). You will be instructed to forward payment by using ZELLE @ StMichael@roadrunner.com or mail your check to the parish office. Checks made out to St. Michael Church. All proceeds benefit our St. Michael's Parish.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AS A PARISHIONER!

Sign-up sheets for Volunteers are at all entrances of the church. Help sell admission tickets, solicit for prizes at area businesses, or assist at the event. Sign-up now! Monetary donations and gift cards are also very much appreciated to ensure the event's success. Envelopes available at the sign-up stations.