

St. Michael's 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 Summer recess until September.

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.

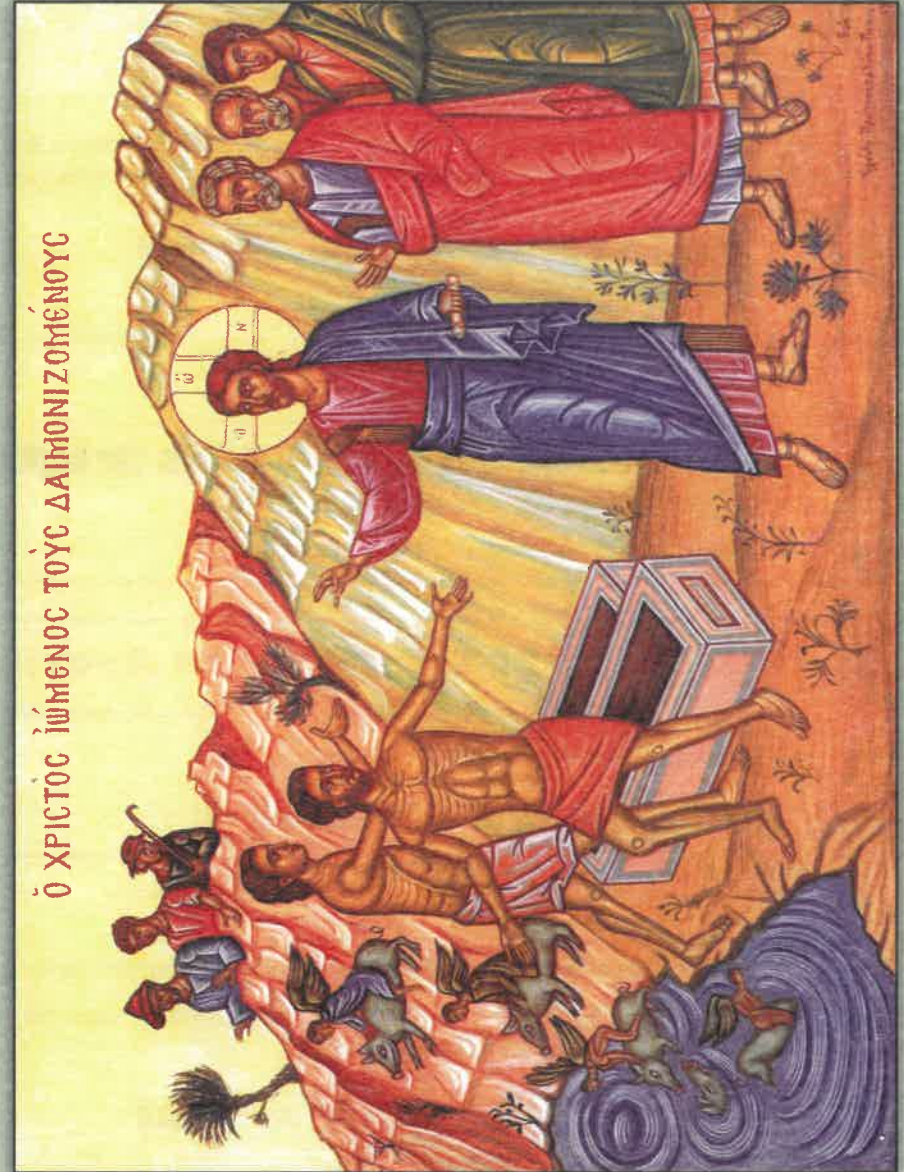
Warfare Within Us

The whole warfare of the demons against us is waged with the one purpose of alienating those who obey them from the glory of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But, as I see it, we have already deprived ourselves of such a gift before they even attack us, because we have forsaken the commandments of God and have not been eager to seek Him with all our soul. Had we sought Him we should not have lived so idly and carelessly! Had we been concerned for the things of heaven we should not have shown such great eagerness for the things of earth. Had our thoughts been on things incorruptible we should not have gaped greedily after the things that are transitory and corruptible.

Had we striven for things eternal we should not thus have pursued things temporal. Had we loved God we should not thus have turned away from those who guide us to Him. Had we sought to acquire virtues we would not have abhorred the teachers of virtues. Had we gladly embraced fasting we should not have complained of the lack of food and drink. Had we fought to gain control over our passions we should not have given ourselves unrestrainedly to pleasures. Had we a right and firm faith we should not have performed the works of faithlessness. Had we been found worthy to attain true love we should have known God.

St. Simeon the New Theologian

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demonicus (Matthew 8:28-9:1)



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



Sat., June 22 (Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
4:00 p.m. +Shirley A. Mentrek requested by: Mentrek & Knight Families
 (remembrance of 90th birthday) Children & Grandchildren

Sun., June 23 THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. +George "Tino" Bruce requested by: Wife: Charlotte
 (13th anniversary of passing 6.17)

Mon., June 24 The Feast Of The Holy Nativity Of St. John the Baptist
6:00 p.m. -Solemn Holy Day – Fr. John Welch, Celebrant
 For The Parishioners



***| Fri., June 28 The Feast Of The Supreme Apostles, Peter & Paul – Holyday of Obligation** – Fr. John Welch, Celebrant
***10:00 a.m.** For The Parishioners
 6:00 p.m. Holyday Liturgy at St. Michael's, Campbell, OH

Sat., June 29 (Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Fr. Richard Lambert, Celebrant
4:00 p.m. +Mary Ann Helms requested by: Sister: Atty: Barbara Ochs
 (remembrance of 72nd birthday 6.28)

Sun., June 30 THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. +George J. Kavlics requested by: Alan & Tanya Rymniak
 (27th anniversary of passing 7.4)

The Sanctuary Candle for this week of:
JUNE 23 – 29, 2024
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is
In Remembrance of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of
+MELVIN & JOAN WALKER
 (June 27)

The Mother Of God Candle for this week of:
JUNE 23 – 29, 2024
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is
In Remembrance of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of
+WALTER & BARBARA TRAVIS (June 27)
FROM: JOAN WALKER

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: June 22, 2024
RESIDING AT HOME – Katherine Asafaylo, Shirley & William Baker, Christine Burger, Dan Huscroft, Carol Markovich, Greta Marks, Hank Pajak, Alex Papa, George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Lillian Sulick, Monica Walls, Elizabeth Wareham.
Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.
John XXIII Home (2250 Shenango Valley Freeway, Hermitage, PA 16148) –Mary Miller.
O'Brien Memorial Nursing Home (563 Brookfield Ave., Masury, OH 44438) – Michael Bebech.
The Lakes At Jefferson (7271 West Market St., Mercer, PA 16137) – Michael Kennis.

Offerings from June 15 & 16, 2024
 Sunday Offering \$2,330.00
 Loose Currency \$37.00
 Candles \$158.00
 Holydays \$15.00
TOTAL: \$2,540.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 16	\$2,540	\$4,321	(\$1,781)
YTD	\$87,485	\$103,704	(\$16,219)

Restoration Drive
 Total Pledged \$97,300
 Funds Deposited \$43,125
 Number of Pledges 29

Church Attendance
 Saturday 6/15 – **78** (4:00 pm)
 Sunday 6/15 – **80** (9:00 am)



SOON AFTER BECOMING A CHRISTIAN, ED REALIZED THAT HE WOULD EITHER HAVE TO GET A WHOLE NEW VOCABULARY OR GIVE UP GOLFING

Quote of the Week
 "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."
 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SUMMER WORDSEARCH

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WORD LIST

ADVENTURE
 BARBECUE
 BASEBALL
 BEACH
 CAMP
 COOKOUT
 HEATWAVE
 HIKING

HOT
 HUMID
 JULY FOURTH
 KITE
 LEMONADE
 OCEAN
 PICNIC
 POOL

POPSICLE
 SAILING
 SAND
 SUMMER
 SUNFLOWER
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN

SUNSHINE
 SWIMMING
 TENNIS
 TRAVEL
 VACATION
 WARM
 WATERMELON

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

Congratulations 2024 parishioner Graduates!

MONICA A. WALLS graduated from Penn State University on May 5, 2024 earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Her honors and achievements include the Prescott and Mary Williamson Scholarships. Her future plans are to attend Seton Hill College and pursue a Masters in the Physician Assistant Program.



NIKOLAS CONSTANTINO DOWELL graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville on May 11, 2024 earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. His honors and achievements include graduating Cum Laude and President of the Byzantine Club. Nikolas is currently working as a Behavioral Technician with autistic children at Progressive ABA in Youngstown, OH. He will be attending Youngstown State University in the fall to work on his Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

AMELIA GRACE DOWELL graduated from Our Lady of Grace Home School on May 24, 2024 earning her High School Diploma. Her future plans are to pursue a career in phlebotomy and healthcare.



Congratulations
 CLASS OF
2024

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Six months before his appearing to the most holy Virgin Mary in Nazareth, the great Gabriel, archangel of the Lord, appeared to Zachariah the High Priest in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before he revealed the miraculous conception by a virgin who had not known a man, the archangel revealed the wondrous conceiving by an old and barren woman. Zachariah was unable at once to believe the words of God's herald, and for this his tongue was bound in dumbness and remained thus until the eighth day after John's birth. The kinsfolk of Zachariah and Elisabeth gathered together on that day for the infant's circumcision and naming. When they inquired of the father how he wished the child to be called, he, being still dumb, wrote on a slate: 'John'. At that moment his tongue was loosed and he began to speak. The news of the angel's appearing to Zachariah, of his dumbness and of the loosening of his tongue at the exact moment that he wrote 'John', was carried throughout all Israel, coming to Herod's ears. So when he sent men to kill all the infants around Bethlehem, he sent men off to Zachariah's family house in the hills to slay John also. But Elisabeth hid the child in good time. The king was enraged at this, and sent an executioner to the Temple to kill Zachariah (for it was then his turn to serve in the Temple again). Zachariah was killed between the court and the Temple, and his blood clotted and solidified on the paving slabs, and remained as an enduring witness against Herod. Elisabeth hid herself and the child in a cave, where she soon died. The young John remained in the wilderness alone, in the care of God and His angels. **The Holyday Liturgy will be celebrated here at St. Michael's, Hermitage, on Monday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.**



Feast Of SS. Peter & Paul



Saints Peter and Paul are very well known saints in the Church. What makes them so famous is that both of them were chosen by Jesus in a very special way for the building of the Mystical Body of Christ. The mission of Saint Peter was twofold. First of all, he was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church in the early stage of its foundation after the Lord had departed from earth. To Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of God. Saint Peter was the first Pope, he having been personally chosen by Our Lord Jesus. Secondly, Saint Peter was chosen to lead most of the Jewish people into the new Covenant of grace, especially those who accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah. Saint Paul, not originally

a member of the twelve apostles that were chosen by Jesus, came into the picture a little later. When St Peter was instituting the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Saint Paul was persecuting the early Church Christians. Faithful to the true God, Paul had not perceived that in Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell bodily, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the Blood of His Cross. [Col. 1:19-20, 2:9] The conversion of Paul, known then as Saul, came when he was approaching Damascus. A light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground off his horse and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" [Acts 9:3-4] While St. Peter had been chosen to bring most of the Jewish people into the Body of Christ, St. Paul was chosen as God's instrument to bring the Name of the Lord before the Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel. [Acts 9:15] As Biblical history teaches us, St. Paul played a major role in the early days of the Church in bringing a great number of the gentiles into the Church. **The Holyday Liturgy will be celebrated here at St. Michael's, Hermitage, Friday, June 28th, at 10:00 a.m.**



New Priest ordained today

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Archbishop William will ordain to the Holy Priesthood, **Deacon Tyler Wisniewski**, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Munhall, PA. May the Lord God grant to His newly ordained priestly servant, Fr. Tyler, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! **Congratulations & Axios!**



Fr. Tyler's First Liturgy

Fr. Tyler will celebrate his First Liturgy as a priest this Monday, June 24th at his home parish of St. John's Church in Scottsdale, PA. He has asked our pastor to concelebrate and give the homily. Because of this, our pastor will be away tomorrow. **For tomorrow's holyday, there will be one Liturgy celebrated at our St. Michael Church, Hermitage, at 6:00 p.m. by Fr. Welch.**



SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to **MILANA KATHERINE PICCIRILLI** who received the Holy Mysteries of Chrismation and Eucharist on Saturday, June 15, 2024. May God grant to His enlightened handmaid, Milana, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

Flag raising next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 30th, there will be a flag raising ceremony at our Social Center flag at 10:15 a.m. This is sponsored by the GCU. This will celebrate Flag Day as well as Independence Day. Join us as we raise new flags.



Oops, our mistake

Last week's Sanctuary candle intention listed the wrong name. It was actually for celebrating the 2nd birthday of Addison Marie Domenico on June 18. Happy Birthday Addison. A candle will be lit for you this whole week.

Pastor attends Youth Rally in California this week

As the Archieparchial Vocation Director, our pastor will be attending the ByzanTEEN Youth Rally this week (Thursday through Saturday) at San Diego University, CA. Over a hundred teens are expected for this faith and fun filled event. Please pray for safe travels for all the participants. **For the SS. Peter and Paul Obligation Liturgy, there will be a Liturgy celebrated here at our St. Michael Church, Hermitage, on Friday, June 28th at 10:00 a.m. by Fr. Welch.**

VBS in Campbell; kiddos invited

Vacation Bible School will take place at St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road, Campbell, beginning **Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** REGISTRATION IS DUE THIS FRIDAY. Please register at www.stmichaelbyzcampbell.org. It is free for the week and all our St. Michael's, Hermitage kiddos are invited to participate, but registration is a must by this Friday.