

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 Summer recess until September.

GCU See Bill Dzurisko.

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.

Baptism

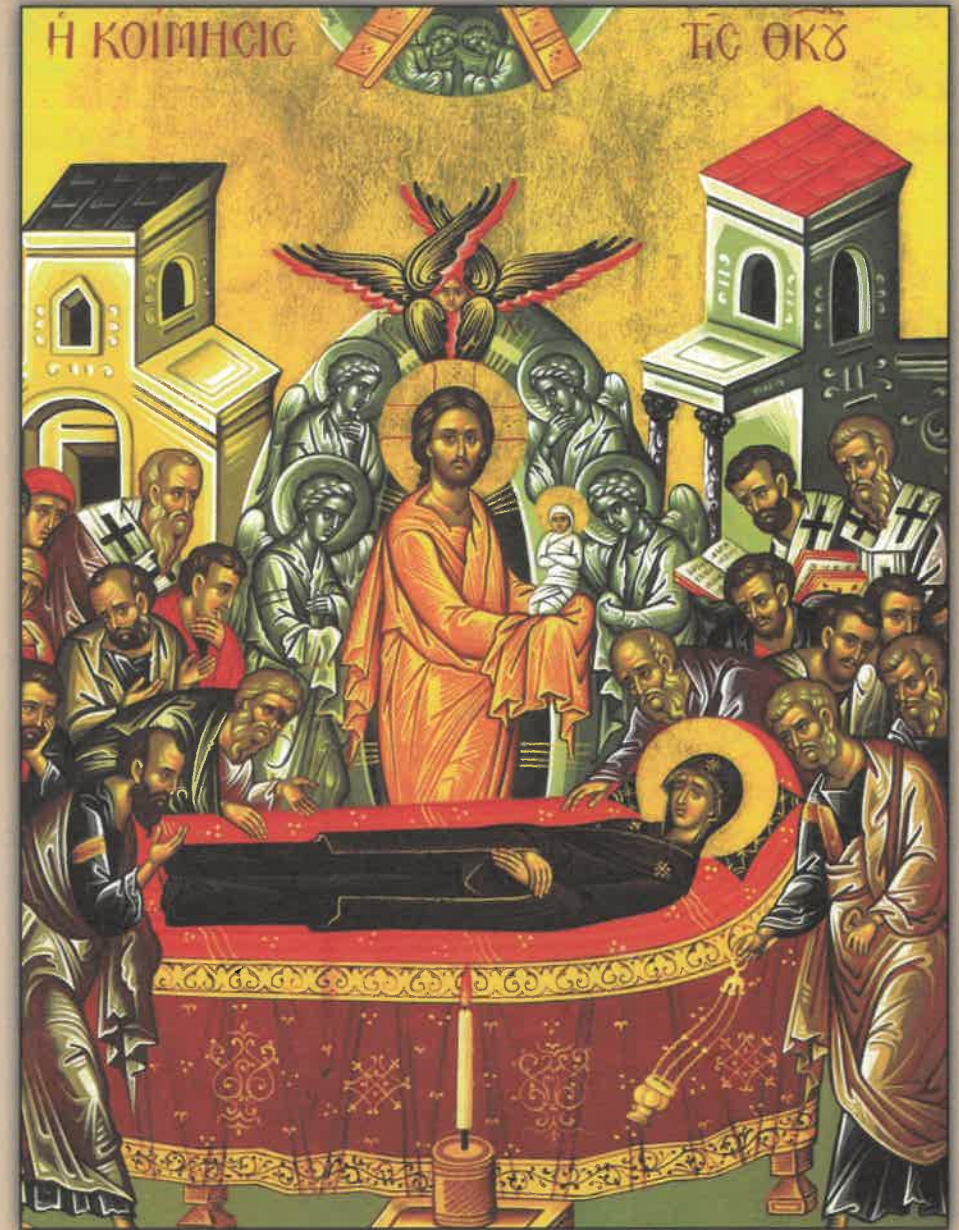
As Christ, its giver, is called by many and diverse names, so also is His gift. Because of the great joy we experience either in regard to it ... or because of its many forms of benefit, we have many names for it as well. We call it gift, grace, baptism, illumination, anointing, robe of incorruption, washing of rebirth, seal, everything honorable. It is gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; illumination because it radiates light; robe since it covers our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our safe-

guard and sign of God's Lordship. In this the heavens rejoice together, this the angels glorify because it is like their great radiance. This is an image of the blessedness to come. We desire to sing forth its praises, but we are unable to do so worthily.

Since we are twofold, I mean body and soul, and our nature is visible yet also invisible, the purification is also twofold, through water and Spirit. The one is received in a way that can be seen and is bodily, as the other joins with it spiritually and in a way that cannot be seen. And the one is symbolic while the other is true and purifies the depths.

St. Gregory the Theologian

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th

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



120
St. Michael
the Archangel
BYZANTINE
Catholic Church
founded 1905
Hermitage, Pennsylvania



SAT., AUG 9

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

4:00 p.m.

+Jim Stemock

requested by: Son: Jimmy

(remembrance of 100th birthday 8.6)

Health & God's Blessings Upon

requested by: MaryAnne Bajorek

Rick Chovan & Bob Chovan (73rd Birthdays 8.8)

SUN., AUG 10

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m.

+Mary Lou Gracilla

requested by: Tanya & Alan Rymniak

(14th anniversary of passing 8.13)

Health & God's Blessings Upon

requested by: Husband: Bob

Mary Ann Polochak



FRI., AUG 15

The Holy Dormition & Transference Into Heaven Of The Theotokos — Holyday of Obligation — Blessing of Flowers

9:45 a.m.

Burial Procession with the Shroud of the Theotokos

10:00 a.m.

+Christine Burger

requested by: Aunt: Barbara Travis

SAT., AUG 16

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

4:00 p.m.

+Mary Miller

requested by: Children

(remembrance of 98th birthday 8.22)

+Eleanor Utlak

requested by: Children & Grandchildren

(13th anniversary of passing 8.12)

SUN., AUG 17

THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Within the Dormition Feast

9:00 a.m.

+Carol Anton

requested by: Liscio Children:

(remembrance of 79th birthday 8.17)

Becky Spohn, Mike, & Chris

The Sanctuary Candle
for this week of:

AUGUST 10 – 16, 2025

signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is for

Health & God's Blessings For
RICK & BOB CHOVAN

(celebrating their 73rd birthdays August 8)

From: Sister: MaryAnne Bajorek



The Mother Of God
Candle for this week of:

AUGUST 10 – 16, 2025

signifying her Intercession is for

Health & God's Blessings For
JONATHAN BAJOREK

(celebrating his 45th birthday August 8)

From: Mom: MaryAnne Bajorek



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: August 8, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Joan Durkot, Dan Huscroft, Len Gates, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Hank & Anne Pajak,

Mary Ann Polochak, George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Frank Wahal, Monica Walls, Fay Ward.

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 August 2 & 3, 2025

Sunday Offering.... \$4,690.00

Loose Currency.... \$112.00

Candles.... \$172.00

Holyday.... \$240.00

TOTAL: \$5,214.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Aug. 3	\$5,214	\$4,500	\$ 714
YTD	\$110,845	\$139,500	(\$28,655)

Restoration

Pledged \$147,375

Deposited \$122,576

Pledges 67

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/2 – 60 (4:00 pm)

Sunday 8/3 – 65 (9:00 am)

Wednesday 8/6 – 48 (10:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“Kindness is a language
which the deaf can hear and
the blind can see.”

-Mark Twain





Congratulations Jubilarians

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **ANNE & HANK PAJAK** celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary**. They were married on August 14, 1965. May the Lord God grant to His servants, Anne & Hank, peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

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. Our pastor will bless flowers and herbs before the final blessing at the Dormition liturgies. You may bring in flowers if you want them blessed as well.



Blessing of Teachers & Students in 2 weeks

In preparation for the new upcoming school year, which for several already will begin this month, God's blessings will be bestowed upon all students and teachers **at the weekend Liturgies of August 23rd & 24th**. 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.

Fall Rummage Sale drop off date

Monday, August 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon will be a drop off at the Social Center for rummage sale items. The sale is scheduled for October 17 & 18. Text Megan @ 724-699-0613.

Congrats SS. Peter & Paul Church, Patton

Our St. Michael Church extends Congratulations to SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Patton, PA celebrating their 125th parish anniversary today. SS. Peter & Paul Church is within our Archeparchy! Many years!



Thank You to our Title Sponsor:



BACK to SCHOOL BASH



TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 | 2:30-5:30 pm

AT:

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER
2230 HIGHLAND ROAD | HERMITAGE, PA

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES & RESOURCES
This is a free, family-friendly event! Supplies are first come, first served, while supplies last.

And Thank You to our Class Act Sponsors:



Hosted By:



Imagine a garden full of summer flowers all tangled together! Can you discover these beautiful blooms hidden in the word search? Search in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal. Circle each flower you find and mark it off the list. Enjoy the floral challenge!

Summer Flowers

Word Search



AMARANTHUS

ASTER

BEGONIA

BLACK-EYED
SUSAN

CLEOME

CONEFLOWER

COREOPSIS

COSMOS

DAHLIA

DAYLILY

GERANIUM

GLADIOLUS

HIBISCUS

HYDRANGEA

IMPATIENS

LANTANA

LAVENDER

MARIGOLD

MORNING GLORY

NASTURTIUM

PETUNIA

PORTULACA

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ROSE

TITHONIA

SALVIA

VERBENA

SUNFLOWER

YARROW

SWEET PEA

ZINNIA



The Holy Dormition of the Theotokos



On August 15th, we will observe the Holy Day of the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God (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 troparion puts it: "She passed over into Life." A solemn procession was formed to carry her to the grave she had chosen in Gethsemane. 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.

We can see why the proper word for this day is either Dormition or Falling Asleep. The Slavonic word is "uspenije." This means 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 troparion 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 Dormition Holyday of Obligation

Thurs., Aug. 14th – 7 p.m. @ National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon with Archbishop William

Fri., Aug. 15th – *10 a.m. @ St. Michael Church, Hermitage

*flowers blessed

*6 p.m. @ St. Michael Church, Campbell

*flowers blessed

The Flowers that will be the side arrangements by the shroud of the Mother of God at her tomb this Friday and through next week are:

In Loving Memory of +Nevin & +Mary Miller

donated by: Rafael & Marlo (Miller) Espejo

The Dormition Carnations that will be distributed in honor of our Blessed Mother's holy Dormition are for the:

Health & Welfare of our St. Michael Parishioners

as we celebrate our 120th anniversary year

donated by: Your pastor & vocation, Very Rev. Kevin