

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.

GCU See Bill Dzuricsko.

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.

I Will Pay You

And so our sins become greater, and not only from this but also from the benefits and honor which we enjoy from them. If you want to learn how our sins against God are like ten thousand talents, or more in fact, and even much more, I will try to show you briefly. But I fear, lest to those who are inclined to wickedness and love continually to sin, I should appear to provide them with still greater security; or that I might drive the meeker sort to despair, and that they should repeat the despairing question of the disciples: "Who then can be saved?"

... But nevertheless I will continue on in the hope that I may make those who pay attention more secure and more amenable. For those who suffer an incurable disease and feel no pain are untouched by these words and do not change from their natural wickedness and inertia. And even if in the future they derive from my words greater occasion for contempt, that should be attributed not to this kind of argument but to

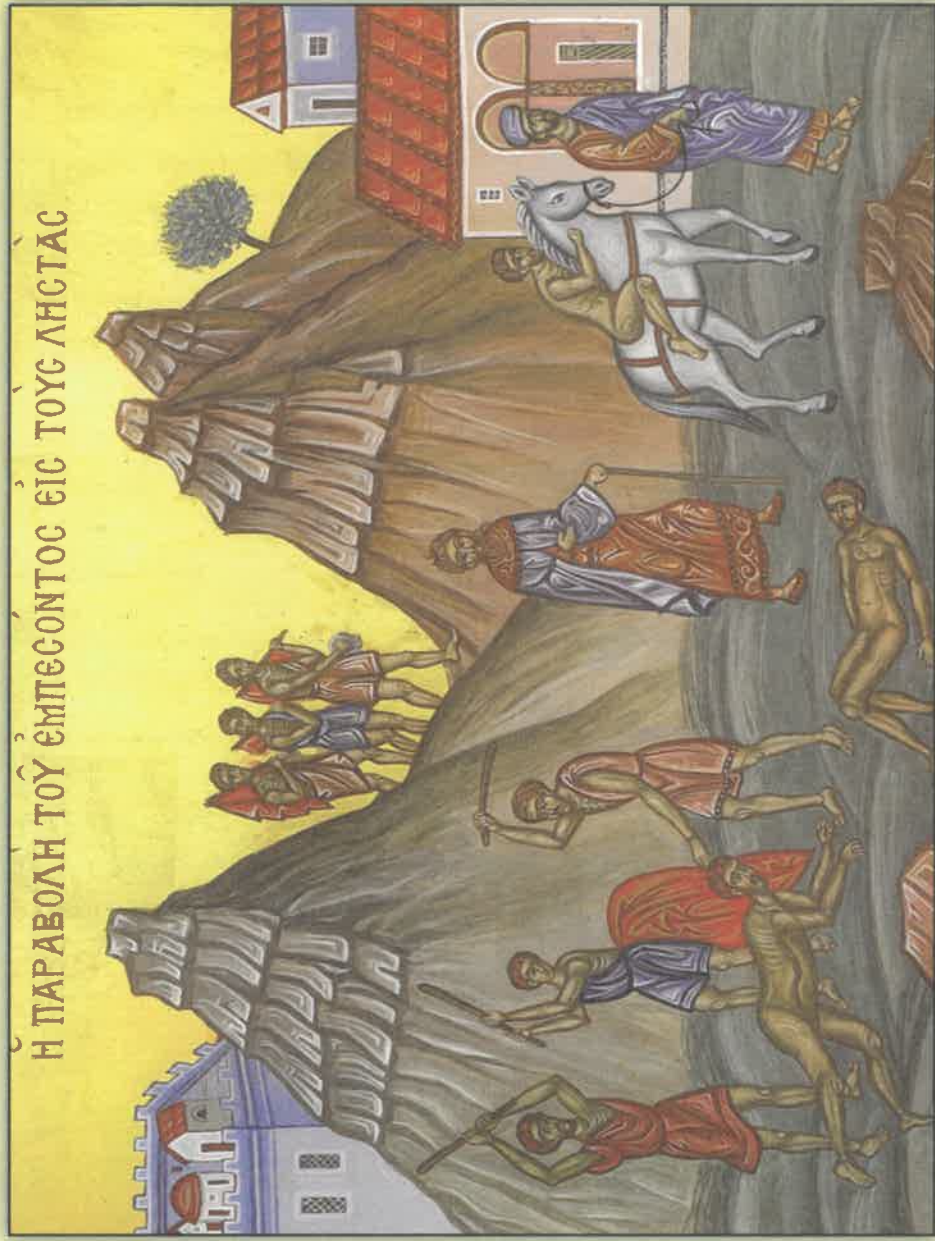
their own insensibility. What I will say ought to be able to arouse them if only they attend to it and let it prick their hearts.

And so it is necessary that I speak. In speaking of our sins, I will distinguish between those we commit against God and against other persons. I will set forth not each person's own but what are common. But then I will ask individuals to add their own sins according to an examination of their conscience. I will do this, having first set forth the good deeds of God to us. What then are God's good deeds? He created us from nothing; he made the whole visible world for us, the heaven, the sea, the earth, animals, plants and seeds.... He gave us a help-mate and set us over all the brute species, and He crowned us with glory and honor.

And yet after all this, when humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, He thought us worthy of an even greater gift – forgiveness.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

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



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



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SAT., NOV 15

4:00 p.m.



SUN., NOV 16

9:00 a.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Blessing of Veterans

Kathy McGrane (67th birthday) requested by: Martha Stambaugh
+Martin Gates Sr. (remembrance of 112th birthday)

+Millie Kudelko requested by: Jeff & Donna Volsko
(remembrance of 95th birthday)

THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —

1st Sunday of St. Philip's Fast – Blessing of Veterans

+Loretta +Alex Rymniak requested by: Alan & Tanya
(11th ann. of passing) (9th ann. of passing)

+Stephen Seman requested by: Atty. Barbara Ochs
(39th ann. of passing)



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participants for November 16-22:
The Gibbons Family

THURS., NOV 20

10:00 a.m.

Vigil for the Feast of the Entrance Into The Temple of the Theotokos — Solemn Holyday — Mirovanije

+Lucy Mallick (40th day – 10.23) requested by: Bill & Barb Dzuricko

SAT., NOV 22

4:00 p.m.

SUN., NOV 23

9:00 a.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Christine Burger requested by: Slaves of Immac. Heart of Mary

THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — 2nd

Sunday of St. Philip's Fast

+Carol Ann Sabol requested by: Dr. Thomas A. & Soo-ok Miller
(4th anniversary of passing 11.21)

The Sanctuary Candle
for this week of:

November 16 – 22, 2025
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is

In Loving Memory of

+STEPHEN & +DOROTHY
VOLSKO

(remembrance of 75th wedding ann. Nov. 18)

From: Jeff & Donna Volsko



The Mother Of God
Candle for this week of:

November 16 – 22, 2025
signifying her Intercession is

In Loving Memory of

+DR. THOMAS P. PETRICK

From: Wife: Monica Petrick



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Nov. 14, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Bob Kovach, James Manilla, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Hank & Anne Pajak, Mary Ann Polochak, George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Ethel Wahal, Frank 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.

Offerings from Nov. 9, 2025

Sunday Offering.... \$1,935.00

Loose Currency.... \$165.00

Candles.... \$169.00

Holyday (Nov 8).... \$285.00

TOTAL: \$2,554.00

Restoration

Pledged \$151,215

Deposited \$137,163

Pledges 69

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Nov. 9	\$ 2,554	\$4,500	(\$1,946)
YTD	\$158,253	\$202,500	(\$44,247)

What Are You
Thankful For?

Vegetarians.



Church Attendance

Sunday 11/9 – 145 (2:00 pm)

Quote of the Week

"Hell begins the day
God grants you the vision to
see all that you could have
done, should have done,
and would have done, but
did not do."



TURKEY WORD SEARCH



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1. Drumstick 2. Giblets 3. Pilgrim 4. Cornbread 5. Butterball 6. Family
7. Gratitude 8. Stuffing 9. Pumpkin 10. Pie 11. Feast 12. Harvest 13. Cranberry
14. Gravy 15. potatoes 16. Cornucopia 17. Tradition 18. Thankful 19. Holiday
20. Gathering



40 days until Christmas – Our Byzantine Advent Begins Called St. Philip's Fast (Philipovka)

November 15th always begins the period of fasting in preparation for the feast of the Birth of Our Lord. Traditionally, this penitential season is called the Philip's Fast, because it begins on November 15, the day after the Feast of St. Philip and 40 days before the Nativity of Our Lord

During this fast no particular penitential acts are required by law, but the faithful are encouraged to keep this season holy. By ancient tradition, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are especially observed by abstinence from certain foods, most notably meat. In the very least, you are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays. A period of penance, of course, means more than just abstaining from food. More time should be allowed for prayer, attending pre-Nativity services, and for acts of charity to others.

The "Christmas Spirit" will have a special meaning for believers, especially if our celebration of Christ's birth marks a time of growth in spirit, a permanent improvement in our life of faith and love for others. This holy season, above all, should be a time of kindness and joy, marked by abstinence from hurting others, from deceit, gossip, anger, quarrelling, and all other vices which arise from the tongue. It was also the custom for the faithful to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation during this Fast to purify themselves for the great Feast. You are encouraged to do so.

It may seem difficult to keep this fast today. The pre-Nativity time is a period of merriment and parties. Yet, the Church points to a deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas, that on this day God the Son and Word emptied Himself to take flesh as a man. As St. Paul said, "He made himself poor though He was rich, so that you might become rich by His poverty." (2 Corinthians 8:9). This penitential season, then, is an invitation by the Church to humble ourselves in some small way, in imitation of Christ so that we might receive on Christmas Day God's greatest gift - His Only-begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+DANIEL T. HUSCROFT SR., 82, of Sharpsville, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday November 7, 2025. His Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered at our St. Michael Church on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park. May God grant to His departed servant, +Daniel, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.



Holyday of the Entrance of the Theotokos – Thursday vigil



When the Most-holy Virgin Mary reached the age of three, her holy parents Joachim and Anna took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem to dedicate her to the service of God according to their earlier promise. It was a three-day journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem but, traveling to do a God-pleasing work, this journey was not difficult for them. Leading the procession into the Temple were virgins with lighted tapers in their hands, then the Most-holy Virgin, led on one side by her father and on the other side by her mother. The virgin was clad in vesture of royal magnificence and adornments as was befitting the King's daughter, the Bride of God" (Psalm 45:13-15). Following them were many kinsmen and friends, all with lighted tapers. Fifteen steps led up to the Temple. Joachim and Anna lifted the Virgin onto the first step, then she ran quickly to the top herself, where she was met by the High Priest Zachariah, who was to be the father of St. John the Forerunner. Taking her by the hand, he led her not only into the Temple, but into the "Holy of Holies," the holiest of holy places, into which no one but the high priest ever entered, and only once each year, at that. Mary's parents then offered sacrifice to God according to the Law, received the priest's blessing and returned home. The Most-holy Virgin remained in the Temple and dwelt there for nine full years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often, especially Righteous Anna. Join us for the Holyday Divine Liturgy on Thursday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Rummage sale drop off 📦

TODAY, Sunday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. will be a drop off at the Social Center for rummage sale items. Text Megan @ 724-699-0613. This is the last drop off date this year.

Food drive collection concludes next Sunday

Our parish food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley concludes next Sunday. Bring in all donations and place items in the brown boxes in the narthex of the church.

Raffle tickets to benefit Seminary

The GCU will be selling a limited number of raffle tickets at each of our Byzantine churches to benefit the 68th Annual St. Nicholas Charity Dinner. This dinner will be held at our St. John Cathedral in Munhall, PA on Sunday, December 7th, and raises funds for our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Tickets will be sold in the narthex of the church, before & after Liturgies, until they are all gone! See Bill Dzuricksko.

Grateful thanks...

To ALL who made our celebration last Sunday truly memorable and remarkable. Thanks to ALL who helped in anyway and ALL who attended and was part of the great day. Thank you!



DR. ANDREW BULAZO – ARMY

ROBERT BORKO - ARMY

LEN GATES – AIR FORCE

ROBERT MARRIOTTI – AIR FORCE

HANK PAJAK- ARMY

BOB POLOCHAK - ARMY

ALAN RYMNIAK – MARINE CORPS

GEORGE SEWECKE - ARMY

NORBERT VASIL – AIR FORCE

JOE WANSACK - ARMY

JOHN “BUDDY” WANSACK - ARMY

MARK WANSACK - MARINE CORPS

JAMES RICHARD WILL - MARINE CORPS

JOHN YENSICK- ARMY

JAMES ZAWACKI - MARINE CORPS



“A Veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to ‘The United States of America’, for an amount up to and including their life.”

-Unknown