



St. Michael

Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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Administrator – Rev. Father Remus Orian

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

Cantors and Readers (Cantori ai Bisericii)

Saturday: Diane Moreau, Lynn Matyas, Denise Matyas

Sunday: Ana Muresan, Mark Buga, Marius Misca

May 7th, 2023

Samaritan Woman Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 4, Epistle Acts. 11:19-30, Gospel John 4:5-42

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, May 8, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 9, 2023: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for the Mary Rausch Family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Wednesday, May 10, 2023: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Carmen and Lorraine Rotolo by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, May 11, 2023: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for George and Millie Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, May 12, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 13, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Lena Matyas by the Family

Sunday, May 14, 2023: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

CONFESSION: AT ANY TIME BY REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER REMUS DIRECTLY at 330-809-2500

Please pray for our sick and others: Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Viola Moldovan, Carol Bristow, Darlene Ardelean, and all our others who are confined to their homes or are in nursing homes.

Sunday Collection: April 29 & 30, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 903.00
- Heat: \$ 30.00
- Candles: \$ 36.00
- Loose: \$ 20.00
- Membership: \$ 60.00
- Initial Offering: \$ 20.00
- Building Fund: \$ 1,290.00
- Cemetery: \$ 130.00
- Holy Land Collection: \$ 10.00

Total Offerings: \$2,499.00

Thank you all for your support!

***Please let Father Remus know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can place your name on our prayer list.

Samaritan Woman Sunday

What This Gospel Means for Us:

This Gospel is important for us because it demonstrates how through the work of Jesus, salvation is extended not only to the Jews, but to everyone. Jesus, as our perfect Great High Priest, makes intercessions for us, establishing a new covenantal relationship between God and man. Through His sacrifice, our sins are atoned for, and we are given new life, living in the fullness of His grace.

The story of the woman at the well demonstrates that Jesus comes to the least of these. He cares for the outcasts of society. The Samaritan woman was considered inferior because of her sex, ethnicity, and relationship history, but none of that mattered to Jesus because he saw her need for salvation. It is a reminder to us that God can save us no matter our circumstances, and that we do not need to overcome our sins in our own power before coming to Him. Additionally, as we spread the Gospel to our neighbors, we must remember to share it openly to all, even those whom society deems the lowest and unworthy.

Announcements:

Save the date:

May 21st - Spring Fundraising Brunch

July 30th – St. Michael Fundraising Picnic

More information to follow.

- **Candles:** During the month of **May 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated by Cristian and Cornelia Vesa in memory of Ioan, Gheorghe and Vasilica. **Thank you for your generosity!**

We are also in need of donations for future months. The total costs for altar candles, incense, and other liturgy supplies for one month is \$100.

- **Office**

*****To facilitate accurate accounting, please make sure that you use separate checks/cash for the Special Collection, Candles, Heat and A/C, Building Fund, Cemetery, and Saturday and Sunday collection envelopes.**

*****For Holy Baptism,** contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to the date requested.

*****For Weddings,** contact the Parish Office at least **six** months prior to the date requested. **No exceptions!**

- **Online donations:** Check out our online offering page! You can also sign up for Online donations to St. Michael's by scanning the QR Code below.



Interesting Facts About the Catholic Church You Probably Didn't Know

This is not really about the Catholic Church, but Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world! The city has about 600 in population and about one crime per day, making its crime rate the highest per capita in the world. It is worth remembering that this small place receives over 20 million visitors annually, the crimes are usually minor offenses like purse snatching and pickpocketing.

May Birthdays - Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

May 1: Lynn Matyas

May 2: Fr. Alin Dogaru

May 3: Vasile Moga

May 8: Viola Moldovan

May 8: Adrian Cirstoiu

May 23: Paul Pinzino

May 23: Leon Saros

May 25: Debra Cobb

May 25: Mark Buga