



St. Michael

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, Marius Misca

December 31st, 2023

Sunday before the Theophany

This Sunday: Tone 6, Epistle 2 Tim 4:5-8, Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

**Monday, January 1, 2024: 10:00AM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil:
Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Tuesday, January 2 – Friday, January 5, 2024: - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 6, 2024: - 9:00 AM: Theophany Divine Liturgy and
Great Blessing of water (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Saturday, January 6, 2024: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Lena Matyas by
the family**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of
St. Michael**

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

**Please pray for our sick and others: Violet Buga, Robert Banks, Jim Banks,
Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga,
Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Carol Bristow, and
all others who are confined to their homes or are in nursing homes.**

Please let Father Remus know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc. so
we may add your name to our prayer list.

Collection: December 23 & 24,25 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$1,090.00
- Candles: \$ 60.00
- Building Fund: \$ 1,850.00
- Christmas Offering: \$ 3,309.00
- Loose \$ 92.00
- Heat and AC: \$ 50.00
- Membership: \$200.00
- Christmas Flowers - \$ 150.00

Total Offerings: \$ 6,801.00

Thank you all for your support!

*2024 Weekly Envelope Packets are available on the table in the narthex. If
you were not assigned a packet and would want one, please notify Fr.
Remus.*

*There is still time to make your charitable deductible 2023 donation to
church. We are asking parishioners to make their donations by Dec. 31, 2023
to be included on their 2023 donation letter.*

Theophany, January 6th

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

- **2024 Church Calendars:** The new church calendars are available. Daleiden Mortuary generously donated the cost of printing the calendars again this year.

- **Candles:** During the month of January 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Ionutas Family in memory of Claudiu's and Monica's grandparents and family members who are no longer with us.

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.

- **2023 Donations:**

Thank you to everyone who helped support our church with your time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. May you be blessed with good health and happiness!

- **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!**

*****For Funerals,** please contact Fr. Remus **before** making the arrangements with the funeral home.

• **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:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

Miss Dixie asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Larry's picture of four people on an airplane, so she asked which story he was illustrating. "Oh, it's Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus on their flight to Egypt." "But who's the fourth person, Larry?" "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

January Birthdays

Jan 6: Jessica Moga

Jan. 8: Claudiu Ionutas

Jan. 11: Marius Misca

Jan. 13: Anastasia Dogaru

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Jan. 14. Marian Matesan

Jan. 16: Violet Buga

Jan. 17: Sofia Olaru

Jan. 21: Madelyn Naghi

Jan. 26: Jason Welsch

Jan. 27: Emily Adriana Russo

Jan. 27: Gert Saros

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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