



St. Michael

Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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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, Ioan Ileni

February 16th, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This Sunday: Tone 6, Epistle 1 Cor 6:12-20, Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 17 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed

Tuesday, February 18, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Mary Kuk by Lisa and Marcia Onak

Wednesday, February 19, 2025: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 20, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Vi Buga by Amy Beyer

Friday, February 21, 2025: - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 22, 2025: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Rev. Sergiu Cornea by Diane and Philippe Moreau

Sunday, February 23, 2025: 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: At any time by request

For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus directly at: 330-809-2500

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Gert Saros, Leon Saros, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Tudor Mathew Soncodi, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Gabriel Manu 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 can place your name on our prayer list.

Collection: February 8 and February 9, 2025

- Weekly Offerings: \$735.00
- Building Fund: \$190.00
- Candles: \$27.00
- Loose: \$155.00
- Cemetery: \$225.00
- Raisin Rose Bread Sale : \$600.00
- Heat/AC: \$65.00

Total Offerings: \$1,997.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of pre-Lent, the weeks of preparation preceding Great Lent. It is the Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and the Sunday before Meatfare Sunday. This pre-Lent is the start of the Easter cycle of worship in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

On this Sunday, in the preparation for Great Lent, Christians are read Christ's parable about God's loving forgiveness (Luke 15:11-23). They are to see themselves as being in a foreign country far from the Father's house and to make the movement of return to God, where we truly belong. The parable gives assurance that the Father will receive them with joy and gladness in their journey through Great Lent, their journey home.

Candles

During the month of **February 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by Diana Brown in memory of Marion Tatar and Florence Tatar Wondrak.

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

Raisin Rose Bread: Thank you to all who purchased the raisin rose bread and to the bakers. All the ingredients were generously donated, and the profit was \$600.00. An excellent start for our fundraising activities for 2025.

Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Chicago

On Sunday February 23rd, 2025 there will be a memorial service for +Rev. Sergiu Cornea. Our Most Rev. Bishop John Michael, together with Rev. Iuliu Vasile Muntean and Rev. Ovidiu Marginean will be present at this event. May God rest Rev. Sergiu Cornea in peace!

• 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 Church by scanning the QR Code below.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.

The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile,

For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

February Birthdays

Feb. 4: Andra Matesan

Feb. 13: Ava Grace Pinelli

Feb. 5: Florica Moga

Feb. 22: Alin Lodina

Feb. 5: Georgeta Naghi

Feb. 22: Erin Tamasi

Feb. 10: Nicolae Carasel

Feb. 25: Teodor Dogaru

Feb. 10: Fr. Remus Orian

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please inform Father, so it will be listed in the future.