



# **St. Michael**

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## Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Most Reverend John Michael Botean**

Bishop of the Romanian Greek Catholic Diocese of Canton, OH

Diocese website: [romaniancatholic.org](http://romaniancatholic.org)

**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 , Ioan Ileni

**February 18, 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent - Orthodoxy Sunday**

This Sunday: T5, Epistle Heb 11:24-26, Gospel John.1:43-51

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, February 19, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 4:00 PM** - Presanctified Liturgy for Mary Kuk by Lisa and Marcia Onak

**Thursday, February 22, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, February 23, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 4:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy for John and Lena Matyas by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 10:00 AM:** 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: Todd Skogen, George Vesa, Susan Banks, Bob 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: February 10 & 11, 2024**

- Weekly Offerings: \$1,138.00
- Candles: \$36.00
- Building Fund: \$445.00
- Cemetery: \$75.00
- Initial Offering: \$15.00
- Raisin Rose Bread: \$800.00
- Loose: \$47.00
- Heat/AC: \$185.00
- St Michael Cupboard: \$75.00
- Membership: \$50.00
- Cookbooks: \$ 60.00

**Total Offerings: \$ 2,926.00**

*Thank you all for your support!*

## **The Three Pillars of Lent**

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices have been a part of the church tradition for centuries and are still observed by many Christians today.

**Prayer** is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the divine. This can be achieved through daily prayers, and attending church services.

- **Candles:** During the month of February 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Jim Moldovan for the Moldovan Family living and deceased. **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.

- **Raisin Rose Bread:** Thank you to all who purchased the raisin rose bread and also to the bakers and sellers. All the ingredients were generously donated, and the profit was \$800.00. An excellent start for our fundraising activities to pay for the steeple repair!

- **Placinta & Langos Sale:** Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Liturgy, we will be selling Spinach Placinta, Potato Placinta & Langos. You are all invited to purchase and enjoy the best Placinta & Langos; the perfect Romanian food for Great Lent. The cost is \$5.00 each. Please place your orders by calling 630-897-8115.

- **St. Michael's Cupboard:** The cupboard is filled with religious treasures for purchase: Bibles, Prayerbooks, Rosaries, Icons, Statues, Cookbooks, Mugs, and more. Proceeds to the Building Fund.

- **New email address:** As of Monday, February 12th, our church has a new email address: [saintmichaelchurcaurora@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelchurcaurora@gmail.com). It was necessary to create this new email address because of issues with the

previous email address used for church correspondence. The email address [remuso@rcdcanton.org](mailto:remuso@rcdcanton.org) will remain, however please use [saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com) so that communications between us will continue. Sorry for any inconvenience or omissions caused by the previous email address problem.

- **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 😊

Q: What happened when Moses had a headache?

A: God gave him some tablets.

### 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.*