



St. Michael

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, Mark Buga,

March 12th, 2023

Veneration of the Holy Cross Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 7, Epistle Heb 4:14-5:6, Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 13, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 14, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: - 4:00 PM— Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 16, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 17, 2023 - 4:00 PM— Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 18, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 19, 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, Michael McGray, Viola Moldovan, Kaylee Atwell, Carol Bristow, Darlene Ardelean, and all our 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: March 4 & 5, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 1,120.00
- Loose \$ 18.00
- Candles: \$ 43.00
- Building Fund: \$ 840.00
- Heat/AC: \$ 155.00
- Bake Sale Ingredients: \$ 225.00
- Cemetery \$ 135.00
- Bake Sale Ingredients in memory of Mary Banks: \$ 100.00

Total Offerings: \$ 2,636.00

Thank you all for your support!

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Sunday of the Holy Cross is the Third Sunday of Great Lent, also called Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross. On this Sunday, services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week and the holy Resurrection.

Historical theme

The historical theme, as seen in the hymnology, is the victory and joy of the cross, not the suffering. The Church fathers equate the life-giving cross with the tree of life and plant it in the middle of the Lenten pilgrimage. It was the tree that was planted in Paradise; it is to remind the faithful of both Adam's bliss and how he was deprived from it.

Spiritual theme

For the catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, the spiritual theme starts to change from personal faith, and personal effort, to Christ. The Church teaches that it is Christ's cross that saves. One cannot take up his own cross and follow Christ unless one has Christ's cross which he took up to save mankind. Partaking of this tree, one will no longer die, but will be kept alive.

• **Placinta & Langos Sale:**

Thank you to the volunteers, those that donated ingredients and those that donated money toward the purchase of the ingredients. Due to your efforts, 100% of the sale was profit. Thank you to all those that bought placinta & langos which generated \$3,146.00 for the church.

• **Easter Chifla & Colac Sale:**

Pick up will be **Saturday March 18, 2023 from 12:00-4:00pm**

With the increase in the cost of ingredients, donations towards their purchase would be greatly appreciated.

• **Candles:** During the month of **March 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated for a special intention.

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:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

A murderer is about to be executed in the electric chair.

“Have you any last requests” asked the chaplain.

“Yes, Father”, replies the murderer.” Will you hold my hand?”

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Mar. 5 Georgeta Hategan Pupek

Mar. 6: Adrian Olaru

Mar. 6: Andrew Ionutas

Mar. 11: Cristian Vesa

Mar. 16: Kris Pupek

Mar. 17: William Russo

Mar.17: Adrian Muresan