



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, Mark Buga,

January 8th, 2023

Sunday after the Theophany

This Sunday: Epistle Eph 4:7-13, Gospel Mark 4:12-17

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 9, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 10, 2023: - 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Pope Benedict

Wednesday, January 11, 2023: 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Pope Benedict

Thursday, January 12, 2023: 8:00 AM –Divine Liturgy: TBD

Friday, January 13, 2023 - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 14, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 15, 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: 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, Debbie Cobb, Iulian Ionutas 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: December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 510.00
- Candles: \$ 25.00
- Building Fund: \$ 40.00
- Christmas: \$ 700.00
- Donation: 500.00
- Loose \$ 61.00
- Heat and AC: \$100.00
- Membership: \$ 60.00
- Cemetery- \$ 20.00

Total Offerings: \$ 2,016.00

- *Sarmale SALE: \$ 60.00*
- *New Years Eve donation: \$535.00*

Thank you all for your support!

The Blessing of Homes

Blessing of homes is done each year around the Feast of Theophany. This act is the central sign of God's sanctification of all things through Christ's baptism in the River Jordan and His Epiphany to the world.

When the priest arrives at the home, all who are present should gather around an icon along with a candle and a bowl of water. They should, if they are able to join in and sing of the Troparion of the Feast of Theophany. A family member then leads the priest through the house with the lit candle. As the priest walks through the house, he sprinkles holy water, and prays a blessing in each room and the activity that takes place in the room. When they have finished blessing the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

General guidelines to be observed:

- A candle with an icon and holy water should be placed in a suitable location.
- A list with the first names for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house.
- If it is the practice to give the priest a gift, it should not be placed with the holy objects on the table. It can be prepared in advance but given at the conclusion of the service, preferably in an envelope or a card.

Please contact Fr. Remus (330)-809-2500 to schedule a time if you would like him to bless your home.

In Gratitude...

- **Candles:** During the month of January 2023, our candles have been graciously donated by Georgeta Mocanu for the health and salvation of Mocanu family. **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 😊

The pastor said to his wife, "How could you spend \$250 on that dress?"

She replied, "I couldn't help it. Satan made me do it."

He said, "Why didn't you say 'Get behind me Satan?' "

I did," she replied. " But Satan said, 'It looks good from that angle also.' "

January Birthdays

Jan 6: Jessica Moga

Jan. 16: Violet Buga

Jan. 8: Claudiu Ionutas

Jan. 17: Sofia Olaru

Jan. 11: Marius Misca

Jan. 21: Madelyn Naghi

Jan. 13: Anastasia Dogaru

Jan. 26: Jason Welsch

Jan. 13: Tatiana Dogaru

Jan. 27: Emily Adriana Russo

Jan. 14. Marian Matesan

Jan. 27: Gert Saros