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

October 18th, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: T4, Epistle Gal 1:11-19, Gospel Luke 7:11-16

Monday, October 19, 2026 – No Divine Liturgy. Office Closed.
Tuesday, October 20, 2026: No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, October 21, 2026: No Divine Liturgy
Thursday, October 22, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Patricia & Emo Sarich by Jeff and Kathy Matyas
Friday, October 23, 2026: No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 24, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Michael Bolde by Lisa & Marcia Onak
Sunday, October 25, 2026: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for all the parishioners of. St. Michael

CONFESSION: At any time by request. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus

Please pray for our sick and others: Keith Huff, Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Florence Moga, Vasile Moga, 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: October 10 and October 11, 2026

- **Candles: $23.00**
- **Heat/AC: $25.00**
- **Weekly: $1,665.00**
- **Loose: $58.00**
- **Building: $1,100.00**
- **Cemetery: $315.00**

Total Offerings: $3,186.00

Thank you all for your support!

Saint Demeter, in the Byzantine Catholic tradition

Saint Demeter, the Great Martyr and Wonderworker, is venerated in the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox traditions on October 26. Born in Thessalonica in the third century, he was a nobleman and a faithful Christian who courageously proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ despite persecution under Emperor Maximian.

Because of his unwavering faith, Saint Demeter was imprisoned and ultimately martyred for Christ. His witness reveals that true greatness is found not in earthly power or honor, but in fidelity to God, even unto death.

In the Byzantine tradition, Saint Demeter is honored as a heavenly protector, a defender of the Christian faith, and a powerful intercessor before the Lord. His relics are associated with miraculous healings, and his devotion remains especially strong in Thessalonica, where he is venerated as the city's patron saint.

Through his holy prayers, may Saint Demeter strengthen us in faith, courage, and love for Christ.

• Candles

During the month of **October 2026,** our candles have been graciously donated by Virginia Murariu in memory of her mother Natalia Ignat.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

• **Save the Date**:

- Sunday, November 8, 2026: St. Michael Feast Day (Hramul Bisericii)

*****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.

SCAN ME

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

A priest asked a little boy in Sunday School:
"Who broke down the walls of Jericho?"
The boy looked frightened and said, "Father, I didn't do it!"
The priest, surprised, went to the boy's father and explained what happened.
The father replied, "Father, I know my son. If he says he didn't do it, he didn't do it!"
Completely confused, the priest brought the matter to the bishop.
The bishop listened carefully and finally said:
"Well, Father, let's just take the cost of repairing the walls out of the parish building fund!" 😂⛪

October Birthdays
Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

October 1: Lisa Mickle
October 3: Andrei Olaru
October 5: Monica Ionutas
October 11: Daniel Lodina
October 14: Steven Gaw
October 29: Doug Winsor

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please ask Father to list in future bulletins.