



St. Michael

Romanian 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, Mark Buga, Marius Misca

May 21st, 2023

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

This Sunday: Tone 6, Epistle Acts. 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel John 17:1-13

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, May 22, 2023: Office closed - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - Friday, May 26, 2023:

Due to the repair work inside our church, there will be no Divine Liturgy this week. The Parish Office will be open.

Saturday, May 27, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Mary Ann Signorelli by Jim and Sue Banks

Sunday, May 28, 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, Viola Moldovan, Carol Bristow 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 can place your name on our prayer list.

Sunday Collection: May 13 & 14, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 2,058.00
- Heat: \$ 303.00
- Candles: \$ 23.00
- Loose: \$ 31.00
- Membership: \$ 200.00
- Holy Day of Obligation: \$ 23.00
- Building Fund: \$ 3,770.00
- Cemetery: \$ 2,820.00

Total Offerings: \$9,228.00

Thank you all for your support!

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed.

The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

Announcements:

Save the dates:

June 10th – First Day of Farmer's Market

July 30th – St. Michael Fundraising Picnic (More information to follow)

Memorial Day Service at Cemetery – Every year members of the Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84 visit four cemeteries to pay respect to the fallen veterans of the community. They will be at St. Michael Cemetery on Monday, May 29th at 2:00pm for the ceremony.

• **Candles:** During the month of **May 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated by Cristian and Cornelia Vesa in memory of Ioan, Gheorghe and Vasilica. **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 below.



Interesting Facts About the Catholic Church You Probably Didn't Know

1. Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.
2. Of all Papal Names, John is the most popular. There have been 21 named John, 16 - Gregory, 15 - Benedict, 14 - Clement, 13 - Innocent, and 13 - Leo.

May Birthdays - Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

May 1: Lynn Matyas

May 2: Fr. Alin Dogaru

May 3: Vasile Moga

May 8: Viola Moldovan

May 8: Adrian Cirstoiu

May 23: Paul Pinzino

May 23: Leon Saros

May 25: Debra Cobb

May 25: Mark Buga