



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

March 22nd, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent - Ven. Mother Mary of Egypt, Liturgy of St. Basil

This Sunday: Tone 8, Epistle Heb 9:1-14, Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 23, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed

Tuesday, March 24, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for a special intention by Jim and Sue Banks

Wednesday, March 25, 2026: 9:00AM: Divine Liturgy – Annunciation: Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, March 26, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for George Onak by family

Friday, March 27, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, March 28, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for a special intention by Andreea Susa

Sunday, March 29, 2026: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: AT ANY TIME BY REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER REMUS DIRECTLY at 330-809-2500

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, 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 that your name can be placed on our prayer list.

Collection: March 14 and March 15

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| • Candles: \$36.00 | • Weekly: \$870.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$25.00 | • Building Fund: \$1,020.00 |
| • Loose: \$104.00 | • Bake Sale Ing: \$25.00 |
| • Heat: \$40.00 | • Easter Flowers: \$190.00 |

Total Offerings: \$2,310.00

Thank you all for your support!

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

This week of Great Lent, the Church celebrates the memory of St. Mary of Egypt. The story of St. Mary is the story of a repentant harlot. Why does the Church find this story so important? Why does the whole world remember this woman?

Her life tells us about how, from her early youth, she carried on an extremely debauched life and then, more like a tourist than a pilgrim, decided to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross of the Lord. But a mysterious power would not let her into the church until she became conscious of her sins and called out to the Mother of God and to the Lord for mercy. Then she was able to enter the church, and shaken to the core, resolved to spend the rest of her life in prayer and repentance. Many years later, the saintly Monk Zosimas met her in the desert; it is from him that we know her story.

What message—across centuries and countries—does her life give us? It is the story of finding hope. Mary had a reality, which, for the time being, suited her. As the poet said, “wine and men were her atmosphere.” But she had no future; she only had what one prefers not to think about. Soon her charms would wilt—especially soon due to her unhealthy lifestyle—and men would lose all interest in her, turning their attention to new victims with social temperaments, and she would become lonely, cast off, and lacking means for sustenance. But in turning to God, she found hope—hope not only that her earthly life would be filled with dignity and meaning, but most importantly that before her is eternal life.

Candles

During the month of **March 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by Jim Moldovan in memory of all the departed members of Moldovan family.

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.

Liturgical Service: Holy Thursday

As we prepare for the solemn celebration of Holy Thursday, we invite those who feel called to participate more actively in the liturgy to sign up as readers for the Gospel. A volunteer list is now available in the church for anyone who would like to proclaim the Word of God during this beautiful and meaningful service. Your voice can help bring the Gospel to life for our community. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve and deepen your participation in the mystery of the Lord’s Passion.

- **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 Weddings, contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the date requested. No exceptions!**
- *****For Holy Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to the date requested.**
- *****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 below.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone

A priest, a deacon, and an altar server were talking after Mass.

The priest says, "I think everyone in the parish is asleep during my homilies."

The deacon replies, "That is not true. Yesterday I saw someone wake up!"

The altar server says, "Yes, Father... but it was only because he dropped his missal."

The priest sighs and says, "Well... at least something I said made an impact!" 😊

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. 17: William Russo

Mar.17: Adrian Muresan

Mar.19: Maria Noje

Mar. 20: Blanca Nicolae

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please inform Father, so it will be listed in the future.