



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 23rd, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent - Veneration of the Holy Cross, Liturgy of St. Basil

This Sunday: Tone 3, Epistle Heb 4:14 - 5:6 Gospel Mark, 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 24, 2025 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: 9:00AM - The Annunciation (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 27, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Vi Buga by Adam Thill

Friday, March 28, 2025: - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 29, 2025: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for John and Jenny Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Sunday, March 30, 2025: 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: At any time by request

For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus directly at: 330-809-2500.

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Gert Saros, Leon Saros, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Tudor Mathew Soncodi, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Gabriel Manu 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: March 15 and March 16, 2025

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| • Weekly Offerings: \$ 1,040.00 | • Building Fund: \$890.00 |
| • Candles: \$154.00 | • Loose: \$220.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$320.00 | • Bake Sale ingredients : \$25.00 |
| • Heat/AC: \$145.00 | • Placinta ingredients : \$270.00 |

Total Offerings: \$3,064.00

*******Placinta Sale: \$3,035.00*******

Thank you for your generosity!

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices have been a part of the church tradition for centuries and are still observed by many Christians today.

Prayer is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the divine. This can be achieved through daily prayers, and attending church services.

Candles

During the month of **March 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by the Ionutas family in memory of Claudiu's and Monica's grandparents and family members who are no longer with us.

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.

• **Placinta & Langos Sale:** Thank you to all those involved in making the Placinta & Langos Sale a huge success: everyone that prepared the delicious placinta & langos, those that donated towards the ingredients, and all those that purchased. The ingredients were all donated making the profit - \$3,035.00!

***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 below.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean, and he could not swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by, and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

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| Mar. 5 Georgeta Hategan-Pupek | Mar. 17: William Russo |
| Mar. 6: Adrian Olaru | Mar.17: Adrian Muresan |
| Mar. 6: Andrew Ionutas | Mar.19: Maria Noje |
| Mar. 11: Cristian Vesa | Mar. 20: Blanca Nicolae |
| Mar. 16: Kris Pupek | |

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