



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 2nd, 2025

Cheese Fare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 8, Epistle Rom 13:11-14, 14:1-4, Gospel Mt 6:14-21

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 3 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Rev. Sergiu Cornea by Marcia and Lisa Onak

Wednesday, March 5, 2025: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 6, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Demeter and Julia Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, March 7, 2025: - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 8, 2025: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for John and Helen Kish by family

Sunday, March 9, 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: February 22 and February 23, 2025

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 725.00
- Building Fund: \$470.00
- Candles: \$30.00
- Loose: \$164.00
- Cemetery: \$300.00
- Bake Sale ingredients : \$20.00
- Heat/AC: \$5.00

Total Offerings: \$1,714.00

Thank you for your generosity!

What is Lent? Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter.

For Christians, Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and to think about their relationship with God. It represents the 40 days when Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the desert. During this time, He did not eat or drink anything. Because of this, some Christians give up some food or 'fast' for Lent. For some people this is giving up all food and just drinking, but for others, they just give up luxury food like chocolate or cream cakes!

During Lent in many churches, the altar is covered with a purple cloth. Purple is traditionally a royal color and having a purple cloth on the altar helps people remember that Jesus is king and that he died at Easter.

Forgiveness Sunday

On this last Sunday before Great Lent, the last day that traditionally Orthodox/Byzantine Christians eat dairy products until Easter. The Church remembers the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. God commanded them to fast from the fruit of a tree (Gen. 2:16), but they did not obey. In this way, Adam and Eve and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

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

On March 16th, following the Divine Liturgy, we will have a Romanian Placinta Sale. You are all invited to purchase and enjoy the best placinta ever! Please place your order by calling our church phone number: 630-897-8115 or using the list that is in the church. Thank you!

• Easter Chifla and Colac Sale

Saturday, April 5th is the date for our chifla & colac sale! To place your order contact Debbie Cobb at (C) 630-862-7991 or (H) 630-898-5468. The price for a chifla is \$20.00, a loaf colac is \$10.00 and a round colac is \$12.00. Please place your order by March 20th for pick up on Saturday, April 5th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

• Cemetery Christmas Decorations Removal

Now that the weather has improved, please kindly remove all Christmas decorations from your cemetery graves.

• 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!**

*****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 family is greeting their pastor after the service. Junior looks up and declares, “My dad says my mom is a pagan because she serves burnt offerings for dinner.”

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

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.