



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 9th, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent - Orthodoxy Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 1, Epistle Heb 11:24-26, Gospel John 1:43-51

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 10 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed

Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Leslie Onak by the family

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 13, 2025: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Vi Buga by Mary Ann Banks

Friday, March 14, 2025: - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 15, 2025: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy Fr. Sergiu Cornea by Lisa and Marcia Onak

Sunday, March 16, 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 1 and March 2, 2025

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| • Weekly Offerings: \$ 2,025.00 | • Building Fund: \$125.00 |
| • Candles: \$29.00 | • Loose: \$133.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$250.00 | • Bake Sale ingredients : \$55.00 |
| • Heat/AC: \$120.00 | • Placinta ingredients : \$100.00 |

Total Offerings: \$2,837.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the True Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people.

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

Remember to pick up your **pre-ordered** placinta and langos on Sunday, March 16th after the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

• Easter Chifla and Colac Sale

On Saturday, April 5th we will have our Easter Bake Sale. The price for a chifla is \$20.00, a loaf colac is \$10.00 and a round colac is \$12.00. To place your order contact Debbie Cobb at (C) 630-862-7991 or (H) 630-898-5468. Pick up on Saturday, April 5th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Please place your order by March 20th, baking supplies are limited, so place your order early!

***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 minister was asked to inform a man with a heart condition that he had just inherited one million dollars. Everyone was afraid the shock would cause a heart attack, and the man would die.

The minister went to the man's house and said, "Joe, what would you do if you inherit a million dollars?"

Joe responded, "Well, Pastor, I think, I would give half of it to the church." And the minister fell over dead.

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. 16: Kris Pupek

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.