



St. Michael

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, Mark Buga,

February 5th, 2023

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This Sunday: Tone 2, Epistle 1 Cor 6:12-20, Gospel Lk.15:11-32

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 6, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 7, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 8, 2023: 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for George Onak by the family

Thursday, February 9, 2023: – 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Julia Onak by Lisa and Marcia Onak

Friday, February 10, 2023 - 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy in thanksgiving for all the blessings received by Fr. Remus

Saturday, February 11, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Gerard and Elizabeth Kish by Family

Sunday, February 12, 2023: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy: Sunday of the Last Judgement

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Michael McGray, Viola Moldovan, Kaylee Atwell, Carol Bristow, Darlene Ardelean, Debbie Cobb, Iulian Ionutas 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 may add your name to our prayer list.

Collection: January 28 & 29, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 770.00
- Candles: \$ 291.00
- Heat/AC: \$ 25.00
- Cemetery: \$ 125.00
- Loose \$ 142.00
- Building Fund: \$500.00
- Donation to Bake Sale ingredients: \$ 150.00

Total Offerings: \$ 2,003.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Eight Tones

In the Byzantine liturgical system, each week is assigned to one of the eight tones. The week begins with Sunday - and more particularly, with the service of Vespers on Saturday evening. So, each Saturday, we begin singing the hymns in a new tone, in order: tone 1 for a whole week, followed by tone 2 for the next week, and so on. Within each tone, there are hymns for each day of the week, corresponding to the traditional liturgical theme for the day in the weekly cycle. In the course of the year, this 8-week cycle is repeated four or five times.

The assignment of tones to specific weeks begins on Pascha, the greatest feast of the liturgical year. At Vespers on Great and Holy Saturday, at the Lamp-lighting Psalms, we sing the Sunday hymns of Vespers in Tone 1, before continuing with the hymns proper to Great Saturday itself. Then at Matins for Pascha, we sing the Sunday Matins hymns in Tone 1.

Bright Week, the week following Pascha, is the most joyous of the year, and to emphasize the universal nature of the Resurrection, we sing through the Sunday (Resurrection) hymns in all eight tones, one tone per day. Thus, for Bright Monday, we sing the Sunday hymns in Tone 2; on Bright Tuesday, the Sunday hymns in Tone 3; and so on, ending with Tone 8 on Saturday. (Tone 7, traditionally considered the most somber of the tones, is omitted in order to fit the eight tones into seven days.)

On the Sunday after Pascha (Thomas Sunday), we come back to Tone 1, beginning with Vespers on Saturday evening. For the rest of the liturgical year, the tones follow one another in regular procession, one tone per week.

In Gratitude...

- **Candles:** During the month of **February 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated in memory of **Fr. John Buga**.

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:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

Father O'Malley answers the phone...

..."Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is."

"This is the IRS. We'd like to ask you a question."

"Yes, what is it?"

"Do you know a Mr. Michael O'Donohue?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your flock?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$20,000 to the church?"

"He will."

February Birthdays - Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Feb. 4: Andra Matesan

Feb. 5: Florica Moga

Feb. 5: Georgeta Naghi

Feb. 10: Nicolae Carasel

Feb. 10: Fr. Remus Orian

Feb. 13: Ava Grace Pinelli

Feb. 22: Alin Lodina

Feb. 25: Teodor Dogaru