



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

February 25th, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent - Gregory Palamas

This Sunday: T6, Epistle Heb 1:10-14, 2:1-3, Gospel Mark.2:1-12

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 26, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 4:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy for Louis Jr. and Marian Matyas by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, February 29, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 1, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Louis Sr. and Julia Matyas by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael

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

Please pray for our sick and others: George Vesa, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Carol Bristow, 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 may add your name to our prayer list.

Collection: February 17 & 18, 2024

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 658.00
- Candles: \$30.00
- Building Fund: \$1,265.00
- Loose: \$114.00
- Heat/AC: \$40.00
- Membership: \$200.00

Total Offerings: \$ 2,307.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Three Pillars of Lent

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.

Fasting is another important aspect of Lent. It involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. This can take many forms, such as giving up food for a day, abstaining from certain foods for a period of time, or giving up other things like television or social media. The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.

- **Candles:** During the month of March 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Joseph Popp in memory of Joseph and Vera Popp, John and Katherine Murphy, Renee Duchesne and Matthew Duchesne.

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.

- **Placinta & Langos Sale Reminder:** Pick up your delicious preordered placinta and langos next Sunday, March 3rd after the Divine Liturgy.

- **Easter Chifla and Colac Sale:** Saturday, March 16th 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 7th for pick up on Saturday, March 16th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

- **New email address:** As of Monday, February 12th, our church has a new email address: saintmichaelchurcaurora@gmail.com. It was necessary to create this new email address because of issues with the previous email address used for church correspondence. The email address remuso@rcdcanton.org will remain, however please use

saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com so that communications between us will continue. Sorry for any inconvenience or omissions caused by the previous email address problem.

- **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's by scanning the QR Code:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars in front and in back of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend", said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know exactly what you mean. It is the same in my business."

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

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

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