



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, Mark Buga, Marius Misca

April 16th, 2023

Thomas Sunday

This Sunday: Epistle Acts. 5:12-20, Gospel John 20:19-31

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, April 17, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 18, 2023: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for William and Julia Tadel by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Wednesday, April 19, 2023: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for John and Helen Wolfram by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, April 20, 2023: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Mike and Emme Connelly by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, April 21, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 22, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Russell and Madeline Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Sunday, April 23, 2023: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Viola Moldovan, Carol Bristow, Darlene Ardelean, 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 can place your name on our prayer list.

Sunday Collection: April 9, 2023

- **Weekly Offerings: \$ 415.00**
- **Candles: \$ 159.00**
- **Membership \$ 260.00**
- **Building Fund: \$ 1,400.00**
- **Special Collection \$ 200.00**
- **Loose \$ 315.00**
- **Easter: \$ 1,985.00**

Total Offerings: \$4,734.00

Thank you all for your support!

Why are the altar doors open on Pascha? When are they closed and what does it mean?

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

As you can see, the doors are now open. The doors were open for all of Bright Week, from the time of Pascha, all the way until St. Thomas Sunday.

Normally they are shut. Why were they open for Pascha? They are open because it is a sign of God's grace overflowing and filling us. Really, all things are made new on Pascha, and God's grace is apparent to all.

All of these things are not just rules, but they are all things that should remind us about ourselves and about God. When the doors are open, we feel the Paschal joy. When they are closed, we realize this is because of us, because we get lazy and because without struggle, we will fall away from God.

Also, it means another thing, another tragic thing. But this tragedy can be rectified. It is rectified by the Resurrection of the God-Man Jesus Christ. That tragedy is that we cannot receive all of the Grace of God that He wishes to give us. We are too weak for it. It is as if we have weak eyes, and we go out into the sun and we must close our eyes or shield them because it is too bright. The Grace of God is too bright, too holy for us because we are not holy. But over time we become capable of having all of the Grace of God that He wishes to give us and containing it in ourselves.

Announcements:

- **Candles:** During the month of **April 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated by Diane and Philippe Moreau.

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 below.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone☺

The story is told about a pastor who got up in the pulpit and apologized for the band aid on his face. He said, "I was thinking about my sermon while shaving and cut my face." Afterward the treasurer found a note in the collection plate, "Next time think about your face and cut the sermon. "

April Birthdays Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Apr. 1 Julie Chivari
Apr. 5 Stephanie Bristow
Apr. 11 Cornelia Vesa
Apr. 11 Liliana Cirstoiu
Apr. 11 Bianca Misca
Apr. 11 Victor Naghi
Apr. 12 Emma Iuhas

Apr. 14 Florian Vesa
Apr. 15 Dan Ardelean
Apr. 17 David DeSmedt
Apr. 19 Alyssa Welsch
Apr. 21 Elena Carasel
Apr. 25 Elena Vesa