



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

January 4th, 2026
Sunday before Theophany

This Sunday: Tone 5, Epistle 2 Tim 4:5-8, Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 5, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026: 9:00 AM: Theophany: Divine Liturgy (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, January 8, 2026: 8:00AM - Divine Liturgy for Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas by Philippe and Diane Moreau

Friday, January 9, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, January 10, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for John and Theresa Korody by Steve Korody

Sunday, January 11, 2026: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, 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 that your name can be placed on our prayer list.

December 25

• Candles: \$28.00 • Loose: \$140.00 • Christmas: \$6,560.00
Total Offerings: \$6,728.00

Collection: December 27 and December 28

• Candles: \$23.00	• Weekly: \$415.00
• Cemetery: \$130.00	• Building Fund: \$ 1,730.00
• Loose: \$75.00	• In memory of George and Margret Matyas: \$96.94
• Heat: \$80.00	• Bake Sale Ing.: \$25.00
• Holy Day: \$25.00	• Christmas Flowers: \$10.00
Total Offerings: \$2,609.94	

The Blessing of Homes

The Blessing of Homes is done each year on or after the Feast of Theophany. This act is the central sign of God's sanctification of all things through Christ's baptism in the River Jordan and His Epiphany to the world.

When the priest arrives, all who are present in the house should gather around an icon with a candle and a bowl of water. They should, if they are able to join in and sing the Troparion of the Feast of Epiphany. Then a family member leads the priest through the house with the candle. As the priest moves through the house, he sprinkles holy water, and prays for a blessing upon each room and the activity that occurs there. When they have gone through the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

General guidelines should be observed:

- A candle with an icon and holy water should be put in a suitable place.
- A list of first names for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house.
- If it is the practice to give the priest a gift, it should not be placed with the holy objects on the table. It can be prepared in advance but given at the conclusion of the service, preferably in an envelope or a card.

A signup sheet is available at the front of church for you to schedule a time with Father Remus to bless your home.

• Donation Envelopes

The 2026 Donation Envelope Packets are on the table in the narthex. If you were not assigned a packet and would like one, please contact Father.

If you have moved in the past year, please email your new address to: saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com so that you will receive your 2025 donation letter.

• Candles: During the month of **January 2026**, 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.

• 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 Weddings**, contact the Parish Office at least **six** months prior to the date requested. **No exceptions!**

*****For Holy Baptism**, contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to the date requested.

*****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 ☺

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created by Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying on the floor and asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless:

"Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

January Birthdays

Jan 2: Diana Pinelli

Jan. 14. Marian Matesan

Jan 6: Jessica Moga

Jan. 17: Sofia Olaru

Jan. 8: Claudiu Ionutas

Jan. 21: Madelyn Naghi

Jan. 11: Marius Misca

Jan. 26: Jason Welsch

Jan. 13: Anastasia Dogaru

Jan. 27: Emily Adriana Russo

Jan. 13: Tatiana Dogaru

Jan. 27: Gert Saros

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