



# **St. Michael**

**Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church**

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**Administrator – Rev. Father Remus Orian**

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Gregory Palamas, Liturgy of St. Basil**

This Sunday: Tone 2, Epistle Heb 1:10-14, 2:1-3 Gospel, 2:1-12

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, March 17 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025:** 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for George Onak by family

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025:** No Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, March 20, 2025:** 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Vi Buga by Denise Matyas

**Friday, March 21, 2025:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 22, 2025:** 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Madeline Onak by Lisa and Marcia Onak

**Sunday, March 23, 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 8 and March 9, 2025**

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| • Weekly Offerings: \$ 1,233.00 | • Building Fund: \$315.00          |
| • Candles: \$37.00              | • Loose: \$69.00                   |
| • Cemetery: \$230.00            | • Bake Sale ingredients : \$130.00 |
| • Heat/AC: \$50.00              | • Placinta ingredients : \$200.00  |
| • Initial offering: \$5.00      | •Easter Flower: \$25.00            |

**Total Offerings: \$2,294.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great**

During the five Sundays of Great Lent we celebrate the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great on the Lord's Day. This Liturgy is used on five other occasions during the year, two more of which are during Holy Week - Thursday and Saturday. (The other three times are the Feasts of Nativity and Theophany, as well as on Saint Basil's Day of commemoration, January 1). This Liturgy is known for its longer prayers, some of which may challenge our capacity to stand still in concentration and prayerful attention. But what prayers! They strike me personally as being unrivaled in our entire Tradition for their beauty of expression and the depth of their theological/spiritual content. Even though we are hearing them in translation, that beauty and depth remain intact and shine through quite well.

## **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.

### **• Easter Chifla and Colac Sale**

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Please place your order by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 priest is up giving a sermon one Sunday morning. The priest tries an experiment. He tells everyone “Stand up all those who want to go to heaven!” And everyone stands up. He then tells them to sit back down. Then he says, “stand up all those who want to go to hell” and one man stands up, Murphy. So, the priest says, “Murphy why on earth do you want to go to hell?” Murphy replied “oh no father, I don’t want to go to hell, I couldn’t bear to see you standing up there by yourself”

### 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.*