



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

March 3rd, 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent - Veneration of the Holy Cross

This Sunday: T7, Epistle Heb 4:14 – 5:6, Gospel Mark.8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 4, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 4:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy for John and Ginny Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, March 7, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 8, 2024 - No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Demeter and Julia Onak by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Sunday, March 10, 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 24 & 25, 2024

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 623.00
- Candles: \$131.00
- Building Fund: \$420.00
- St. Michael Cupboard: \$23.00
- Cemetery: \$100.00
- Loose: \$57.00
- Heat/AC: \$100.00
- Placinta Ingredients: \$300.00
- Bake Sale Ingredients: \$25.00

Total Offerings: \$ 1,779.00

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.

Almsgiving is the third pillar of Lent and involves helping those in need. This can involve donating to charities, volunteering time at a local soup kitchen, or helping a neighbor in need. Almsgiving is an expression of compassion and love. It is an integral part of the entire season, as it helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to live a life of selflessness and service.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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 😊

Pastor Dixon had a problem: he had to ask the congregation to pledge more money for the church repairs than they anticipated. On his way to the chancel, he asked the organist to be ready to play something suitable for the pledging. At the appropriate time, Pastor Dixon announced, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. Our roof repairs have run ten thousand dollars over the estimated cost. That means we must raise that amount this morning. Any of you who are willing to increase your original pledge, please stand up."

At that very moment the organist tore into "The Star-Spangled Banner." And the whole congregation stood.

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

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