



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

December 21st, 2025

Sunday before Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday: T3, Epistle Heb 11:9-10 17-23 32-40, Gospel Mt 1:1-25

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 22, 2025: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed.

Tuesday, December 23, 2025: No Divine Liturgy. Confession by appointment

Wednesday, December 24, 2025: No Divine Liturgy. Confession by appointment

Thursday, December 25, 2025: 10:00am: Divine Liturgy: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 26, 2025: 10:00am: Divine Liturgy: Synaxis of the Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

December 27, 2025: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

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

Please pray for our sick and others: James Bauler, 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, 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 that your name can be placed on our prayer list.

Collection: December 13 and December 14

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| • Candles: \$58.00 | • Weekly: \$1,151.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$30.00 | • Building Fund: \$ 1,560.00 |
| • Loose: \$231.00 | • Christmas Flowers: \$45.00 |
| • In memory of George and Margaret Matyas: \$25.00 | |
| • Martyr Bishops Collection: \$20.00 | |

Total Offerings: \$3,120.00

Thank you all for your support!

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 will be 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.

There is still time to make your charitable deductible 2025 donation to church.

We are asking parishioners to make their donations by Dec. 31, 2025 to be included on their 2025 yearly donation letter.

If you have moved in the past year, please email your new address to:

saintmichaelchurcaurora@gmail.com so that you will receive your donation letter.

• Calendar 2026: Our parish extends heartfelt thanks to **Daleiden Mortuary** for their generous support in covering = of the cost of our **2026 Parish Calendar**. Their kindness helps us continue providing this helpful resource to our parish families each year.

We are grateful for their ongoing service to the community, offered with compassion and dignity. Please keep them in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless their work and all those they accompany.

• Candles: During the month of **December 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by the Vasile and Florica Moga Family in memory of their parents Vasile and Terezia Moga and Vasile and Florica Cosma.

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 ☺

Bent over and obviously in pain, an old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor’s office while the choir practiced.

Ten minutes later, the old man came out, walking upright and moving gracefully and quickly.

“Good gracious,” the choir director exclaimed. “Did the pastor heal you by faith?”

“No,” the old man said with a smile. “He just gave me a cane that wasn’t six inches too short!”

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Dec 2: Nina Matesan

Dec 6: Lauren Welsch

Dec 5: Florin Iuhas

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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