



# **St. Michael**

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## Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Most Reverend John Michael Botean**

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Diocese website: [romaniancatholic.org](http://romaniancatholic.org)

**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

**December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

This Sunday: Tone 4, Epistle Gal 1:11:19, Gospel Matt. 2:13-23

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, December 29, 2025:** No Divine Liturgy. Office closed.

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025:** No Divine Liturgy.

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025:** No Divine Liturgy.

**Thursday, January 1, 2026: 10:00AM - Divine Liturgy: Circumcision /St. Basil -Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday, January 2, 2026:** No Divine Liturgy.

**Saturday, January 3, 2026:** 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for John Daniel Banks by Mary Ann Banks

**Sunday, January 4, 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.

**Collection: December 20 and December 21**

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| • Candles: \$61.00  | • Weekly: \$1,870.00         |
| • Cemetery: \$95.00 | • Building Fund: \$ 1,875.00 |
| • Loose: \$221.00   | • Membership: \$560.00       |
| • Heat: \$185.00    |                              |

**Total Offerings: \$4,867.00**

**Sarmale Sale: \$ 2,486.00**

*Thank you to everyone who helped support our church with your time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. May you be blessed with good health and happiness!*

## **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.*

### **• Sarmale Sale**

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the delicious sarmale. I hope you all enjoyed your sarmale at your Christmas meal and thought about all the hard work that went into the preparation of the food for you by your fellow parishioners. May God bless everyone that labored and supported the sale.

### **• 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: [saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com) so that you will receive your donation letter.

**• Candles:** During the month of **January 2026**, our candles have been graciously donated by the Ionutas family in memory of Claudio'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.



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**Happy Birthday! La multi ani!**

**January Birthdays**

**Jan 2: Brianna Alexis Cirstoiu**

**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.*