St. Michael Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church Newsletter

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Please join us in celebrating Easter this year. The schedule for the Holy Week is as follows:

Mon, Mar 29 - Great and Holy Monday

8:00am - Confessions

8:30am - Liturgy

Tue, Mar 30 - Great and Holy Tuesday

8:00am - Confessions

08:30am - Liturgy

Wed, Mar 31 - Great and Holy Wednesday

8:00am - Confessions

8:30am - Liturgy

Thu, Apr 1 - Great and Holy Thursday

8:00am - Confessions

8:30am - Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00pm - Service of 1 Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord

Fri, Apr 2 – Great and Holy Friday

8:00am - Royal Hours - NO LITURGY

STRICT FAST AND ABSTINENCE

12:00 Noon to 3:00pm – Church will be open for visits and private prayer 7:00pm – Burial Service of Our Lord

Sat, Apr 3 – Great and Holy Saturday

8:00am - Confessions & After Liturgy

8:30am - Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

4:00pm - NO LITURGY

Sun, Apr 4 - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:30am - Resurrection Service - followed by:

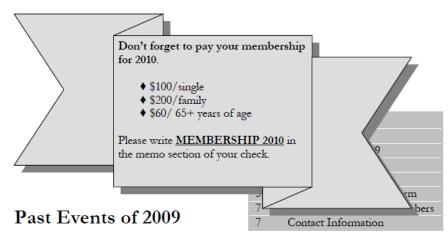
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Annointing of the Faithful

Distribution of the Pasca

Blessing of the Food Baskets

Coffee Hour - PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERTS TO SHARE



By Claudia Meyer

We ended the year 2009 with a few celebrations: the Thanksgiving Celebration, the Children's Christmas Party, and the New Year's Eve Party. We had an overwhelming response to all the events. The New Year's Eve Party was so popular, that we had to add extra tables than initially intended to accommodate all our new friends. Thank you all who participated and donated to St. Michael Church. We hope everyone had fun and are looking forward to more celebrations in the coming year.

Pictured below are some of the volunteers who prepared and served the delicious meals we enjoyed at Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve: Mrs. Iulia Tamasi, Mrs. Ana Cosman, Mrs. Lili Cirstoiu, Mrs. Anca Paduraru, Mrs. Florica Pater and Mrs. Geta Naghi. We would also like to thank Mrs. Maria Hodis, Mrs. Geta Hategan, Mr. & Mrs. Claudiu Ionutas, Mr. Cristian Vesa, Mr. & Mrs. Cornel Pater, and Mr. Ioan Naghi for also helping with the festivities.



Santa Claus dropped by for a visit, too. The kids sang a few Christmas carols... the audience was moved to tears. Thank you to Mrs. Ana Cosman and Mr. Christopher Meyer for organizing the kids' recital. A special thank you to Mr. Alexandru Muresan for dressing up as Santa Claus and making the holiday more special for the kids.







For the New Year's Eve Party, we had 145 people attend, including over 30 children. The food was delicious and everyone ate and danced the night away.





Thank you

By Claudia Meyer

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to make our social events so wonderful. From cooking, to setting up, to cleaning, your efforts were very much appreciated. A special thank you to Father Pater and Mrs. Florica Pater for leading the organization and realization of all of our social events in 2009.

Sign-up sheets for weekly ushers and pastries are available in the narthex of the church. We had a very successful last few months thanks to many different families taking turns each Sunday to bring pastries. Let's keep it up in the New Year!

Thank you to all the donors who have made it financially possible to keep St. Michael open and to be able to make desperately needed repairs to our historic building.

Upcoming Events

By Claudia Meyer

The <u>Hunters' Ball</u> will be held Saturday, April 17, 2010, following the 4pm Liturgy. The cocktail hour starts at 5pm with dinner and dancing starting at 6pm to 1am. DJ Sebi will provide the musical entertainment for the evening.

The menu includes:

Hungarian Venison Guylas Soup with Dumplings;

Bison Roast with Mushrooms and Cheese, served with Mashed Potatoes;

Chicken will be available for kids only.

The price per person is \$45 for those over 13-years-old (kids 0-12 are free). Soft drinks and water are included, and a cash bar will be available for alcoholic beverages for those over 21 (IDs will be checked).

Reservations will be taken by Claudia Meyer via phone (630.440.9964) or email (st.michael.church@live.com) by Sunday, April 11, 2010.

This event will help raise funds for much needed repairs to our church parking lot. *

Meet Our Committee Members

Stewardship Advisory Committee

Mr. Christopher Meyer - Chairman

Mrs. Mia Barboselu

Mr. Cristian Gingu

Mrs. Claudia Meyer

Mr. Joseph Popp

Mr. Cristian Vesa

Pastoral Advisory Committee

Mrs. Amaal Tokars - Chairman

Mr. Ioan Naghi

Ms. Judy Mennecke

Please contact our Committee Members for any questions and comments you may have regarding upcoming projects, donations, Sunday school and social events.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please fill out the following form so that we may update our records. Please consider enclosing your membership check for 2010 at this time.

NAMES & BIRTHDAYS OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME		BIRTHDAY
ADDRESS		
PHONE		
EMAIL		
Please mail this completed form to:		
Claudia Meyer 0N750 West St Wheaton, IL 60		
You may also bring this form to church (to Fr. Pater or Claudia Meyer).		