



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

January 18th, 2026
15th Sunday after Holy Cross

This Sunday: Tone 7, Epistle 1Tim 4:9-15, Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 19, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for James Dowd by Anonymous

Wednesday, January 21, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, January 22, 2026: 8:00AM - Divine Liturgy for Julia and William Tadel by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, January 23, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, January 24, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy Lewis and Emily Korody by Steve Korody

Sunday, January 25, 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: January 10 and January 11

• Candles: \$142.00	• Weekly: \$1,495.00
• Cemetery \$125.00	• Building Fund: \$ 830.00
• Loose: \$100.00	• Membership: \$440.00
• Heat: \$100.00	• Theophany: \$655.00
• Christmas: \$50.00	

Total Offerings: \$3,937.00

• **Donation in memory of Virginia Cavanaugh, Mary and John Hasmason and Fr. Leon Manu: \$3,000.00**

Thank you all for your support!

How often should I go to confession?

From a Catholic perspective, the Sacrament of Confession is an essential means of God's mercy and spiritual growth. The Church requires Catholics to go to Confession at least once a year if they are conscious of having committed mortal sin. However, the Church strongly encourages more frequent confession, even when one is aware only of venial sins.

Many saints and spiritual writers recommend going to Confession regularly, such as once a month or every few weeks. Frequent Confession helps form the conscience, strengthens the soul against temptation, and deepens humility. It is not only about forgiveness of sins, but also about receiving grace to grow in holiness.

If a person commits a mortal sin, Confession should be sought as soon as possible before receiving Holy Communion. Regular Confession keeps the heart open to God's mercy and helps maintain a close relationship with Christ, who lovingly waits for us in this sacrament of healing and reconciliation.

- **Candles:** During the month of **January 2026**, 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.
- **Cemetery:** We kindly ask all families to please remove and clean up Christmas decorations from the cemetery on or before January 31st. This helps us keep the cemetery respectful, safe, and well maintained for everyone. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and care for our shared sacred space.
- **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 😊

A man walks into a church late and sits down. After a moment, he whispers to the person next to him, "What part of the Liturgy are we in?"

The person replies, "The homily."

The man says, "Oh good—I'm not too late then."

A few minutes later, he whispers again, "How long has it been going?"

The person answers, "About ten minutes."

The man sighs in relief and says, "Perfect. That means I still have time to repent before it ends." 😊 🙏

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

January Birthdays

Jan 2: Diana Pinelli

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.