



St. Michael

Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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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, Mark Buga, Marius Misca

May 14th, 2023

Man Born Blind Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 5, Epistle Acts. 16:16-34, Gospel John 9:1-38

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, May 15, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 16, 2023: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Oliver Pinelli

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Paul Noje by George Susa and family

Thursday, May 18, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy - Holy Day of Obligation: Ascension Thursday

Friday, May 19, 2023: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 20, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Louis and Julia Matyas by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Sunday, May 21, 2023: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Viola Moldovan, Carol Bristow and all our 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 can place your name on our prayer list.**

Sunday Collection: May 6 & 7, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 528.00
- Candles: \$ 81.00
- Membership: \$ 100.00
- Building Fund: \$ 6,150.00
- Heat: \$ 55.00
- Loose: \$ 70.00
- Holy Day of Obligation: \$ 3.00
- Cemetery: \$ 355.00

Total Offerings: \$7,342.00

Thank you all for your support!

Ascension Thursday: A Holy Day of Obligation

Ascension Thursday, also known as the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics around the world. On this day, the faithful celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after His Resurrection. Depending on the year, this day falls between May 13 and June 16.

Like other Holy Days of Obligation, parishioners are encouraged to spend the day in prayer and contemplation. Holy Days, also called Feast Days, have traditionally been celebrated with food, so some faithful also observe the day with a picnic to commemorate.

In the Eastern Church this feast is known in Greek as Analepsis, the "taking up", and also as the Episozomene, the "Salvation from on high", denoting that by ascending into his glory Christ completed the work of our redemption.

Announcements:

Save the dates:

May 21st - Spring Fundraising Brunch - Please see the attached flyer.

June 10th – First Day of Farmer's Market

July 30th – St. Michael Fundraising Picnic

More information to follow.

- **Candles:** During the month of **May 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated by Cristian and Cornelia Vesa in memory of Ioan, Gheorghe and Vasilica. **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.

- **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!**

• **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 below.



Interesting Facts About the Catholic Church You Probably Didn't Know

The Swiss Papal Guard protects the Pope. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds (two-handed pole weapons), they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. They must demonstrate good conduct and be at least five-foot-eight in height. Upon admission, new recruits meet the pope privately with their families. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506. They are willing to give their lives for the Pope, in extreme circumstances.

May Birthdays - Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

May 1: Lynn Matyas

May 2: Fr. Alin Dogaru

May 3: Vasile Moga

May 8: Viola Moldovan

May 8: Adrian Cirstoiu

May 23: Paul Pinzino

May 23: Leon Saros

May 25: Debra Cobb

May 25: Mark Buga