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

September 6th, 2026

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: T6, Epistle 2 Cor 4:6-15, Gospel Matt 22:35-46

Monday, September 7, 2026: Office Closed, No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 8, 2026: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: **Nativity of the Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, September 9, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, September 10, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Viola Moldovan by Jim Moldovan

Friday, September 11, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 12, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Lena Bolde by Lisa & Marcia Onak

Sunday, September 13, 2026: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for all the parishioners of. St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: At any time by request. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus

Please pray for our sick and others: Keith Huff, Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Florence Moga, Vasile Moga, 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 we can place your name on our prayer list.

<u>Collection: August 29 and August 30, 2026</u>

- **Weekly Offerings: $1,235.00**
- **Loose: $79.00**
- **Cemetery: $350.00**
- **Candles: $41.00**
- **Building Fund: $450.00**
- **Bake Sale Ing.: $25.00**

Total Offerings: $2,180.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God

This feast is celebrated on September 8th and is one of the Great Feasts of the liturgical year.

The Church invites us to rejoice because Mary's birth is the beginning of the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation. Through her, God prepared the way for the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ. Mary would become the Mother of God, the one who freely welcomed God's will and gave herself completely to Him.

The hymns of the Byzantine tradition speak beautifully about this mystery. Mary is compared to the dawn that announces the coming of the Sun of Justice, Christ. Her birth brings hope because through her, the world will receive the Savior.

This feast also reminds us that God often begins His greatest works in quiet and humble ways. Mary's birth was not celebrated with earthly greatness or power. Yet from this humble beginning came a woman who would become a vessel of God's grace and the Mother of our Lord.

• Candles

During the month of **September 2026,** our candles have been graciously donated by the Saros Family for all the deceased members of Saros family.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

• Annual Fundraiser Picnic

Our Annual Fundraiser Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27th from noon until 6:00pm. There will be activities for the children, live music by Formatia Transilvania and Cenaclul Retro, food, and church tours. The delicious menu consists of mititei (sausage), gulas, ciocanele pui (chicken drumsticks), porumb fiert (corn on the cob), gogosi (donuts), chifla, ice cream and beverages. Come join us for an afternoon of family fun and support our church!

• Save the Date:

- Sunday, September 27, 2026: St Michael Annual Fundraiser Picnic
- Sunday, November 8, 2026: St. Michael Feast Day (Hramul Bisericii)

*****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.**

7*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!**

*****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.

SCAN ME

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

A church choir director was having a hard time getting the choir to sing together. No matter how hard he tried, they always seemed off-key and out of sync. One Sunday, the choir was particularly bad, and the director became frustrated.

After the service, an elderly man approached him and said, "I know what your problem is, son. You need to put a little honey on the end of the stick, and the birds will come to you." The director was confused and asked, "What does that mean?" The elderly man replied, "It means you need to put a little something sweet in your voice, and the choir will sing like angels."

September Birthdays
Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

September 6: Mary Ann Banks
September 13: Ana Angelina Vancea
September 15: Psa. Gabriela Orian
September 18: Crina Lodina
September 19: Aaron Bristow
September 19: Maria Dogaru
September 20: Viorica Beu

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please ask Father to list in future bulletins.