



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

February 1st, 2026

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This Sunday: Tone 1, Epistle 1 Cor 6:12-20, Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 2, 2026: 9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy: Encounter of Our Lord in the Temple - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, February 3, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, February 5, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Lori and Carmen Rotolo by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, February 6, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, February 7, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Demeter and Julia Onak by family

Sunday, February 8, 2026: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: 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 24 and January 25

- Candles: \$123.00
- Cemetery \$100.00
- Loose: \$104.00
- Heat: \$20.00
- Initial offering: \$50.00
- Weekly: \$965.00
- Building Fund: \$ 600.00
- Membership: \$200.00
- Bake Sale Ing.: \$25.00

Total Offerings: \$2,187.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of pre-Lent, the weeks of preparation preceding Great Lent. It is the Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and the Sunday before Meatfare Sunday. This pre-Lent is the start of the Easter cycle of worship in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

On this Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent, Christians hear Christ's parable about God's loving forgiveness (Luke 15:11-24). They are to see themselves as being in a foreign country far from the Father's house and to make the movement of return to God, where we truly belong. The parable gives assurance that the Father will receive them with joy and gladness in their journey through Great Lent, their journey home.

2025 Tax Donation Letters:

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 2025 Tax Donation Letters are available in the narthex. Letters not picked up will be mailed on February 1st. Any questions about your letter, please email Father at saintmichaelchurchaurora@gmail.com

- **Candles:** During the month of **February 2026**, our candles have been graciously donated by Lisa Mickle in memory of Jean Mickle. 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.

• Placinta & Langos Sale

On February 22nd following the Divine Liturgy, we will have a Romanian Placinta & Langos Sale. The Placinta is either filled with spinach, onion, dill and cheese **or** potato. The langos is served with sour cream, and cheese. The price is \$5.00 each. Please pre-order your placinta and langos by calling our church special events phone number 331-274-3632: or signing up on the list in church. Order early so that you may enjoy the best placinta and langos ever and support our church. Thank you!

- **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 Catholic man dies and arrives at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter welcomes him and says, "We work on a points system here. Tell me your good deeds." The man says, "I was faithful to my wife for 50 years." St. Peter says, "Great! That's 2 points." "Only 2 points?" the man asks. "Well," he continues, "I volunteered at my parish and helped the poor." "Wonderful," says St. Peter. "That's 1 more point." "Just 1?" the man says nervously. "I also attended Mass every Sunday." "Excellent," says St. Peter. "That's 1 more point." The man sighs and says, "At this rate, the only way I'm getting into Heaven is by the grace of God."

St. Peter smiles and says, "Exactly. Come on in."

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

February Birthdays

Feb. 4: Andra Matesan

Feb. 5: Florica Moga

Feb. 5: Georgeta Naghi

Feb. 10: Nicolae Carasel

Feb. 10: Fr. Remus Orian

Feb. 13: Ava Grace Pinelli

Feb. 22: Alin Lodina

Feb. 22: Erin Tamasi

Feb. 25: Teodor Dogaru

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please inform Father, so it will be listed in the future.