



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

March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent - Veneration of the Holy Cross, Liturgy of St. Basil

This Sunday: Tone 6, Epistle Heb 4:14 - 5:6 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 9, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Ted and Julia Ulasey by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, March 12, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Demeter and Julia Onak by Family

Friday, March 13, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, March 14, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

Sunday, March 15, 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: February 28 and March 1

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| • Candles: \$150.00 | • Weekly: \$2,105.00 |
| • Cemetery \$145.00 | • Building Fund: \$305.00 |
| • Loose: \$54.00 | • Membership: \$70.00 |
| • Heat: \$170.00 | |

Total Offerings: \$2,999.00

Thank you all for your support!

The **Third Sunday of Great Lent** in the Byzantine tradition is called the **Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross**. It falls at the midpoint of the Lenten journey and serves as a moment of spiritual encouragement for the faithful as they continue their preparation for Pascha (Easter).

During the liturgy, the Cross is brought solemnly from the altar and placed in the center of the church. The faithful approach it with reverence, making prostrations and kissing the Cross while the Church sings the hymn: *“Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.”*

The Cross remains in the center of the church throughout the week as a visible reminder of Christ’s sacrifice and victory. Spiritually, this Sunday reminds believers that the Cross is not only a symbol of suffering but also of hope, strength, and salvation.

By venerating the Cross at the midpoint of Lent, the Church encourages the faithful to continue their spiritual struggle with renewed faith, remembering that the path of sacrifice and repentance ultimately leads to the joy of the Resurrection.

Candles

During the month of **March 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by Jim Moldovan in memory of all the departed members of Moldovan family.

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.

• **Easter Chifla/Colac Bake Sale:** The Easter chifla and colac sale will be on **Saturday, March 21, 2026**. Please place your order by calling the St. Michael Special Event phone line at **331-274-3632**. Verbal or text messages may be left at this number. You may also use the signup sheet in church to place your order. **The deadline for placing your order is March 11th.**

The price of Chifla (nut roll) is \$22.00 , Colac (sweet bread) loaf is \$10.00, and Colac round is \$12.00 **Pick up is on Saturday, March 21st from Noon – 4:00pm. Sunday parishioners may pick up their chifla and colac on March 22nd after the Divine Liturgy.** Due to the rising costs of ingredients, any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

- **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 parish priest noticed that one of his parishioners always left right after Communion every Sunday. Finally, one day the priest stopped him at the door and asked: “John, why do you always leave immediately after Communion? You never stay for the final blessing.” John replied, “Father, I want to miss the parking lot traffic.” The priest looked at him and said, “My son, if you stay for the final blessing, God might help you with the traffic.” The man thought for a moment and said: “Father... if God can help with the traffic, maybe He can help the homily be a little shorter too.” 😊

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Mar. 5 Georgeta Hategan-Pupek

Mar. 6: Adrian Olaru

Mar. 6: Andrew Ionutas

Mar. 11: Cristian Vesa

Mar. 17: William Russo

Mar.17: Adrian Muresan

Mar.19: Maria Noje

Mar. 20: Blanca Nicolae

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