



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 1st, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent - Gregory Palamas, Liturgy of St. Basil

This Sunday: Tone 5, Epistle Heb 1:10-14, 2:1-3 Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 2, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for David Saros by Leon and Gert Saros

Wednesday, March 4, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, March 5, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Mitchell Gruber

Friday, March 6, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, March 7, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Louis Matyas, Sr. by family

Sunday, March 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: February 21 and February 22

- Candles: \$50.00
- Cemetery \$125.00
- Loose: \$140.00
- Heat: \$40.00
- Bake Sale Ing.: \$25.00
- Weekly: \$655.00
- Building Fund: \$690.00
- In memory of Semproniu Icozan: \$300.00
- Placinta Ing.: \$260.00

Total Offerings: \$2,285.00

- Placinta Sale: \$ 3,175.00

Thank you all for your support!

Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

During the five Sundays of Great Lent we celebrate the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great on the Lord's Day. This Liturgy is used on five other occasions during the year, two more of which are during Holy Week - Thursday and Saturday. (The other three times are the Feasts of Nativity and Theophany, as well as on Saint Basil's Day of commemoration, January 1). This Liturgy is known for its longer prayers, some of which may challenge our capacity to stand still in concentration and prayerful attention. But what prayers! They strike me personally as being unrivaled in our entire Tradition for their beauty of expression and the depth of their theological/spiritual content. Even though we are hearing them in translation, that beauty and depth remain intact and shine through quite well.

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.

- **Placinta & Langos Sale:** Thank you to all those involved in making the Placinta & Langos Sale a huge success: everyone that prepared the delicious placinta & langos, those that donated towards the ingredients, and all those that purchased. The ingredients were all donated making the profit - \$3,175.00!

- **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!

• **Cemetery:** We kindly remind all families that Christmas decorations in the cemetery were to be removed by January 31. If you still have decorations at your loved one's resting place, we gently ask that you remove them at your earliest convenience. Thank you for helping us maintain the beauty and dignity of our sacred grounds.

• **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 priest was giving a homily and asked the congregation, "Who here wants to go to heaven?" Everyone raised their hand—except one little boy sitting in the front. The priest smiled and asked, "Son, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?" The boy replied, "Oh, yes, Father... when I die! I thought you were getting a group together to go *right now!*"

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Mar. 5 Georgeta Hategan-Pupek

Mar. 17: William Russo

Mar. 6: Adrian Olaru

Mar.17: Adrian Muresan

Mar. 6: Andrew Ionutas

Mar.19: Maria Noje

Mar. 11: Cristian Vesa

Mar. 20: Blanca Nicolae

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