



# **St. Michael**

**Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church**

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**Most Reverend John Michael Botean**

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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, Marius Misca, Ioan Ileni

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Ven. Father John the Ladder, Liturgy of St. Basil**

This Sunday: Tone 4, Epistle Heb 6:13-20, Gospel Mark.9:17-32

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, March 31, 2025 : No Divine Liturgy, Office closed**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025:** 8:00AM Divine Liturgy for Rev. J.M. Carillo by family

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025:** No Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, April 3, 2025:** 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Vi Buga by Adam Thill

**Friday, April 4, 2025:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, April 5, 2025:** 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Dan and Mim Onak and family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

**Sunday, April 6, 2025:** 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

**CONFESSION: At any time by request**

**For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus directly at: 330-809-2500.**

**Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Gert Saros, Leon Saros, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Tudor Mathew Soncodi, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Gabriel Manu 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.

**Collection: March 22 and March 23, 2025**

- **Weekly Offerings: \$ 910.00**
- **Building Fund: \$145.00**
- **Candles: \$124.00**
- **Loose: \$169.00**
- **Cemetery: \$210.00**
- **Bake Sale ingredients : \$25.00**
- **Heat/AC: \$95.00**
- **In memory of George and Margret Matyas: \$20.00**

**Total Offerings: \$1,698.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Saint John the Ladder**

The Sunday of St. St John of the Ladder (Climacus) is the fourth Sunday of Great Lent. It commemorates St John Climacus (+649AD), the author of the work The Ladder of Divine Ascent.

At the request of the Abbot of Raitho (near the shore of the Red Sea), who was also named John, our venerable father wrote his wonderful book, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, in which he sets out the whole of Christian life as a divine ascent of thirty steps to Christ.

Within the text, Saint John of the Ladder does not necessarily institute rules; instead, he sets forth practical recommendations and short, pithy maxims designed to engage the soul. As such, it is useful not only to monastics, but to all devout Christians, and has been considered a pearl beyond price in the Byzantine world since its writing.

### **Candles**

During the month of **April 2025**, our candles have been graciously donated by Virginia Murariu in memory of her husband Romeu Murariu.

**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.

• **Easter Chifla and Colac Sale:** Pick up your pre-ordered chifla & colac Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 6:00pm or on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00pm.

**\*\*\*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!**

**\*\*\*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 😊**

In Scotland there have been times when collection plates were rarely full. One of those dry periods, an old Presbyterian cleric looked down at the returned receptacle plate and prayed, “Well, Lord, we thank you for the safe return of the plate.”

### **April Birthdays**

### **Happy Birthday! La multi ani!**

**Apr. 1 Julie Chivari**

**Apr. 5 Stephanie Bristow**

**Apr. 11 Cornelia Vesa**

**Apr. 11 Liliana Cirstoiu**

**Apr. 11 Bianca Misca**

**Apr. 11 Victor Naghi**

**Apr. 12 Emma Iuhas**

**Apr. 14 Florian Vesa**

**Apr. 15 Dan Ardelean**

**Apr. 17 David DeSmedt**

**Apr. 19 Alyssa Welsch**

**Apr. 21 Elena Carasel**

**Apr.25. Elena Vesa**

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