



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

August 4th, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: T2, Epistle 1Cor: 9:2-12, Gospel Matt: 18:23-35

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 5, 2024: Office closed - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 6, 2024: 9:00AM: Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, August 7, 2024: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Susan and Shane Whiting and family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, August 8, 2024: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Todd Skogen by Linda Ideran and Michael Skogen

Friday, August 9, 2024: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 10, 2024: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for John Matyas by family

Sunday, August 11, 2024: 10:00 AM: 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: Kaylee Atwell, George Vesa, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Tudor Mathew Soncodi, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, 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.

Sunday Collection: July 27 and 28, 2024

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 965.00
- Building Fund: \$ 230.00
- Candles: \$ 50.00
- Loose: \$ 30.00
- Cemetery: \$150.00
- Heat/AC: \$ 85.00
- Bake Sale Ingredients: \$ 50.00

Total Offerings: \$1,560.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Blessing of the Grapes at Transfiguration:

The blessing of the grapes, these representative beginnings of the world, is a liturgical act that emphasizes especially the doxological and eucharistical offering of the matter and fruits of the earth to the Creator God Who Created Everything.

Even more so, when this fruit of the vine gives us the wine, which Christ blessed at Cana, to demonstrate the transformation of the world, and handed it to us at the Last Supper, as that element, which together with the bread, at the time of the Divine Liturgy become charismatically incorrupted, transformed into “body and blood,” that is, Divine Eucharist. In addition, the blessing of the grapes emphasizes the need for continuous spiritual fruitfulness and transformational course of man, as “those who excel in virtue and are deemed worthy to receive divine glory”.

• Farmers Market

Saturday, August 10th, our church will be selling chifla, colac and raisin rose bread at the Aurora Farmers Market. Fr. Remus and Psa. Gabriela will be at St. Michael’s booth selling the bakery. The Farmers Market is located on Water Street Square, 65 S. Water Street in Downtown Aurora. The hours are from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Thank you to all who support our church.

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of ingredients for future bake sales, please place your money in an envelope marked “Donation to Bake Sale Ingredients” and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

• Candles: During the month of **August 2024**, our candles have been graciously donated by Joseph and Dona Popp for mental, physical and spiritual health.

We are in need of donations for future months. The total costs for altar candles, incense, and other liturgy supplies for one month is \$100.

• Save the Dates:

Farmers Market – Aug. 10th, Sept. 7th & Oct. 5th

Placinta Sale – September 1st

Memorial Service & Blessing of the Graves – September 14th

Picnic – September 29th

St. Michael Feast Day Celebration – November 10th

• **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 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.



Seven-year-old Johnny had been standing in the church narthex and examining an impressively large brass plaque for some time. Seeing the boy's interest, the pastor walked up and stood beside Johnny.

"So, what do you think of this plaque, young man?"

"What is it?" Johnny asked.

"Well, son, these are all the people who have died in service" replied the pastor.

Soberly the child looked up at the pastor, "Which service, sir, morning or evening?"

August Birthdays
Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

August 1: Ioan Naghi

August 8: Amy Beyer

August 8: Ana Muresan

August 12: Stephen Korody

August 19: Tom Chivari

August 23: Radu Radulescu

August 21: Joseph Popp

August 27: Peter Welsch

August 28: Corina Radulescu

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