



St. Michael

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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

April 7th, 2024

Thomas Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 1 Epistle Acts. 5:12-20, Gospel John 20:19-31

Monday, April 8, 2024: No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 9, 2024: No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 10, 2024: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Helen and John Wolfram and family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Thursday, April 11, 2024: 2024: Divine Liturgy for Charles and Levy Onak and family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, April 12, 2024: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 13, 2024: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for a Leslie Onak by family

Sunday, April 14, 2024: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael

CONFESSION: AT ANY TIME BY REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER REMUS DIRECTLY at 330-809-2500

Please pray for our sick and others: George Vesa, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Lisa Onak, 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 may add your name to our prayer list.

Collection: March 31, 2024

- Weekly Offerings: \$680.00
- Candles: \$72.00
- Building Fund: \$1,220.00
- Easter flowers: \$75.00
- St. Michael Cupboard: \$165.00
- Holy Day: \$250.00
- Loose: \$472.00
- Easter: \$3,530.00
- Cookbooks: \$100.00
- Cemetery: \$25.00
- Holy Land: \$15.00

Total Offerings: \$ 6,604.00

Thank you all for your support!

Why are the altar doors open on Pascha? When are they closed and what does it mean?

Christ is Risen! Truly He is risen! As you can see, the doors are now open. The doors were open for all of Bright Week, from the time of Pascha, all the way until St. Thomas Sunday. Normally they are closed. Why were they open for Pascha? They are open because it is a sign of God's grace overflowing and filling us. Really, all things are made new on Pascha, and God's grace is apparent to all.

All of these things are not just rules, but they are all things that should remind us about ourselves and about God. When the doors are open, we feel the Paschal joy. When they are closed, we realize this is because of us, because we get lazy and because without struggle, we will fall away from God.

Also, it means another thing, another tragic thing. But this tragedy can be rectified. It is rectified by the Resurrection of the God-Man Jesus Christ. That tragedy is that we cannot receive all of the Grace of God that He wishes to give us. We are too weak for it. It is as if we have weak eyes, and we go out into the sun and we must close our eyes or shield them because it is too bright. The Grace of God is too bright, too holy for us because we are not holy. But over time we become capable of having all of the Grace of God that He wishes to give us and containing it in ourselves.

- **Candles:** During the month of April 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Diane and Philippe Moreau.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

- Relics Pilgrimage of the Blessed Martyr Bishops on April 20th and April 21st. More information to follow.

- **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's by scanning the QR Code:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

Bobby and his grandmother were looking at vacation pictures. "It looks just like an artist painted the scenery," Grandma said "Did you know God painted it all for you, Bobby?"

"Yes", Bobby said. "God did it with his left hand."

This confused his grandmother a bit, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well" said Bobby "We learned at Sunday school last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

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.