



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

February 15th, 2026

Cheese Fare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 3, Epistle Rom 13:11-14, 14:1-4, Gospel Mt 6:14-21

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 16, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Maria and Gavril Manu by family

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, February 19, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Leslie Onak by family

Friday, February 20, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, February 21, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy Russell Onak by Lisa and Marcia Onak

Sunday, February 22, 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 7 and February 8

- Candles: \$26.00
- Cemetery \$80.00
- Loose: \$46.00
- Heat: \$45.00
- Initial offering: \$10.00
- Holy Day: \$25.00
- Weekly: \$955.00
- Building Fund: \$690.00
- Membership: \$50.00
- In memory of Cornelia Iclozan: \$300.00
- Cookbook: \$20.00

Total Offerings: \$2,24700

Thank you all for your support!

What is Lent? Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter.

For Christians, Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and to think about their relationship with God. It represents the 40 days when Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the desert. During this time, He did not eat or drink anything. Because of this, some Christians give up some food or 'fast' for Lent. For some people this is giving up all food and just drinking, but for others, they just give up luxury foods like chocolate or cream cakes!

During Lent in many churches, the altar is covered with a purple cloth. Purple is traditionally a royal color and having a purple cloth on the altar helps people remember that Jesus is king and that he died at Easter.

Forgiveness Sunday

Forgiveness Sunday, in the Byzantine tradition, is the final Sunday before Great Lent and is also called Cheesefare Sunday. It commemorates the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise, reminding the faithful that sin leads to separation from God, while repentance restores communion. On this day, the Church emphasizes reconciliation and mutual forgiveness as essential preparation for Lent.

- **Candles:** During the month of **February 2026**, our candles have been graciously donated by Lisa Mickle in memory of Jean Mickle. 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.

- **Placinta & Langos Sale**

On February 22nd following the Divine Liturgy, we will have our Romanian Placinta & Langos Sale. The Placinta is either filled with spinach, onion, dill and cheese or potato. The langos is served with sour cream, and cheese. The price is \$5.00 each. Please pre-order your placinta and langos by calling our church special events phone number 331-274-3632: or signing up on the list in church. **The deadline to place your order is Thursday, February 19th.**

- **Easter Chifla & Colac Sale**

Save the Date : Our Easter Chifla & Colac Sale will be on Saturday, March 21st. More details to follow.

- **St. George Romanian Garlic Sausage Sale**

St. George Church will be having their Garlic Sausage Sale on Sunday, February 22nd. The price of the sausage is \$7.00 per pound. The minimum order is 2 pounds. Place your order by calling 630-440-9546. Pre-orders are required. Pick up is on Sunday, February 22nd from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Please support our sister church.

• **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, a deacon, and a seminarian are out golfing on a Sunday morning. The priest swings and misses. "Darn, I missed." The deacon swings and misses.

"Darn, I missed. The seminarian swings and misses. "Darn, I missed."

A thunderbolt suddenly strikes the seminarian! The priest and deacon look up in shock. A booming voice from heaven says, "Darn... I missed."

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

February Birthdays

Feb. 4: Andra Matesan

Feb. 13: Ava Grace Pinelli

Feb. 5: Florica Moga

Feb. 22: Alin Lodina

Feb. 5: Georgeta Naghi

Feb. 22: Erin Tamasi

Feb. 10: Nicolae Carasel

Feb. 25: Teodor Dogaru

Feb. 10: Fr. Remus Orian

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