



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, Mark Buga,

March 26th, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent-Ven. Mother Mary of Egypt

This Sunday: Tone 1, Epistle Heb 9:11-14, Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 27, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 28, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 29, 2023: - 4:00 PM— Presanctified Liturgy for +Margaret and John Banks by Mary Ann Banks

Thursday, March 30, 2023: - No Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 4:00 PM— Presanctified Liturgy for +Marlene Dunn by Lynn and Denise Matyas

Saturday, April 1, 2023: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Bill and Mary Schmitz by Jim and Sue Banks

Sunday, April 2, 2023: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy: Palm Sunday - Floriile

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Michael McGray, Viola Moldovan, Kaylee Atwell, Carol Bristow, Darlene Ardelean, and all our 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 18 & 19, 2023

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 1,093.00
- Loose \$ 45.00
- Candles: \$ 27.00
- Building Fund: \$ 780.00
- Heat/AC: \$ 65.00
- Easter Flowers: \$ 57.00
- Membership: \$ 260.00

Total Offerings: \$ 2,327.00

Chifla & Colac Sale: • Cookbooks: \$ 80.00 • Donation to Ing. : \$ 575.00

• Donation to Church: \$ 1,022.00, • Chifla and Colac: \$ 8,064.00

Total: \$ 9,741.00

Thank you all for your support!

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

This week of Great Lent, the Church celebrates the memory of St. Mary of Egypt. The story of St. Mary is the story of a repentant harlot. Why does the Church find this story so important? Why does the whole world remember this woman?

Her life tells us about how, from her early youth, she carried on an extremely debauched life and then, more like a tourist than a pilgrim, decided to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross of the Lord. But a mysterious power would not let her into the church until she became conscious of her sins and called out to the Mother of God and to the Lord for mercy. Then she was able to enter the church, and shaken to the core, resolved to spend the rest of her life in prayer and repentance. Many years later, the saintly Monk Zosimas met her in the desert; it is from him that we know her story.

What message—across centuries and countries—does her life give us?

It is the story of finding hope. Mary had a reality, which, for the time being, suited her. As the poet said, “wine and men were her atmosphere.” But she had no future; she only had what one prefers not to think about. Soon her charms would wilt—especially soon due to her unhealthy lifestyle—and men would lose all interest in her, turning their attention to new victims with social temperaments, and she would become lonely, cast off, and lacking means for sustenance. But in turning to God she found hope—hope not only that her earthly life would be filled with dignity and meaning, but most importantly that before her is eternal life.

• **Easter Chifla & Colac Sale:**

Thank you to the bakers, those that donated money toward the purchase of the ingredients, and those that purchased chifla & colac. Due to your efforts, 100% of the sale was profit. The sale of chifla and colac alone generated \$ **8,064.00** for the church!

• **Candles:** During the month of **March 2023**, our candles have been graciously donated for a special intention.

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.

- **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!

• **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 😊

Every evening the reverend's family gathered together for a Bible story and prayer. One evening, the story was about Lot and his wife escaping from Sodom and Gomorrah. As all know, the great climax of the narrative is when Mrs. Lot looks back and turns into a pillar of salt.

The story sat well with Tommy, who raised his hand the second the story was over and told his father, "That's like when mom was driving home in the car; she looked back at Rachel and me and turned into a telephone pole."

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Mar. 5 Georgeta Hategan Pupek

Mar. 6: Adrian Olaru

Mar. 6: Andrew Ionutas

Mar. 11: Cristian Vesa

Mar. 16: Kris Pupek

Mar. 17: William Russo

Mar.17: Adrian Muresan