



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 2nd, 2026

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: T1, Epistle 1 Cor 4:9-16, Gospel Matt 17:14-23

Monday, August 3, 2026: Office Closed, No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 4, 2026: 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Patricia and Emo Sarich by Jeffrey and Kathy Matyas

Wednesday, August 5, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 6, 2026: 9:00AM: Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Holy Day of Obligation) Divine Liturgy for Nell Johnson by Annette Johnson

Friday, August 7, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 8, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Jeffrey Signorelli by Jim and Susan Banks

Sunday, August 9, 2026: 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for all the parishioners of. St. Michael Church

CONFESSION: At any time by request. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Remus

Please pray for our sick and others: Keith Huff, Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Florence Moga, Vasile Moga, 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: July 25 and July 26, 2026

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| • Weekly Offerings: \$815.00 | • Candles: \$37.00 |
| • Loose: \$54.00 | • Building Fund: \$770.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$320.00 | • Bake Sale Ing.: \$85.00 |
| • Heal/Ac: \$125.00 | |

Total Offerings: \$2,206.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Feast of the Transfiguration

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, celebrated on August 6, is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed His divine glory to His disciples Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun, His garments became dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him, witnessing that Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The voice of the Father proclaimed, "This is My Beloved Son; Listen to Him."

The Transfiguration is a revelation not only of Christ's divinity but also of humanity's destiny. Through Christ, we are called to be transformed by divine grace and to share in His heavenly glory. In the Byzantine tradition, this feast emphasizes theosis—our participation in the divine life. A unique custom of the feast is the blessing of grapes and other fruits, symbolizing the first fruits of creation and reminding us that all creation is destined to be renewed and glorified in Christ.

• Summertime Donations to Church

Summer is vacation time; however, our church does not take a vacation. The church continues to have expenses and there are bills to pay.

There are also regular monthly bills (insurance, electricity, water, ground maintenance for the cemetery, salary, etc.) that need to be paid.

Please realize that the church needs your donations in order to survive and flourish. Please mail your offerings if you cannot attend the Liturgies.

• Candles

During the month of **August 2026**, our candles have been graciously donated by Joe and Dona Popp.

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.

• Save the Date:

- Sunday, September 27, 2026: St Michael Annual Fundraiser Picnic
- Sunday, November 8, 2026: St. Michael Feast Day (Hramul Bisericii)

*****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.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

When church secretary Ms. Daisy answered the ringing phone, a man's voice asked, "Can I speak to the head hog at the trough?" The secretary thought she heard what he said, but asked, "I'm sorry, who?" The caller repeated, "Can I speak to the head hog at the trough?"

Daisy thought a moment and then answered, "If you mean the preacher, then you may refer to him as 'Pastor, or Brother', but I would prefer that you not refer to him as the 'hog at the trough'!"

To this, the man replied, "Well, I was wanting to give one million dollars to the building fund."

Quick as a wink, Daisy responded, "Hang on, sir, I believe I just heard his 'oink'".

August Birthdays Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

August 1: Ioan Naghi

August 8: Jim Moldovan

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 28: Corina Radulescu

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please ask Father to list in future bulletins.