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

July 26th, 2026

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

This Sunday: T8, Epistle 1 Cor 3:9-16, Gospel Matt 14:22-34

Monday, July 27, 2026: Office Closed, No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 28, 2026: 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Patricia and Emo Sarich by Jeffrey and Kathy Matyas

Wednesday, July 29, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 30, 2026: 8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for Nell Johnson by Annette Johnson

Friday, July 31, 2026: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 1, 2026: (Beginning of Dormition Fast) 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for Russell Onak by Lisa and Marcia Onak

Sunday, August 2, 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 18 and July 19, 2026

- **Weekly Offerings: $1,010.00**
- **Candles: $45.00**
- **Loose: $85.00**
- **Building Fund: $115.00**
- **Cemetery: $225.00**
- **St. Michael Cupboard: $20.00**
- **Heal/Ac: $250.00**

Total Offerings: $1,750.00

Thank you all for your support!

The Dormition Fast

The Dormition Fast is a two-week period of spiritual preparation and fasting observed by Eastern Catholic Christians before the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, emphasizing prayer, self-discipline, and reflection of Mary's peaceful passing into heaven. The Dormition Fast precedes the Feast of the Dormition, which celebrates the "falling asleep" (death) of the Mother of God, and her being taken up into heaven. The Dormition Fast has roots in early Christianity, with references dating back to the 5th century, and was gradually standardized across the Byzantine Church by the 12th century. The Dormition Fast lasts 14 days, beginning on August 1 and ending on August. 14. The Dormition Fast is a time for believers to focus on prayer, repentance, and spiritual growth, emulating Mary's devotion and preparing for the joy of her Dormition. It is a period to detach from worldly indulgences, deepen one's faith, and participate in the liturgical life of the Church, culminating in the celebration of the Dormition Feast on August. 15.

• **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 ☺

Sunday morning, Tommy tells his mom, "I don't want to go to Sunday School anymore. I want to go to the real service with you and Daddy." To his surprise, he gets his way. He sits in the main sanctuary for the first time, and he notices a display he hadn't seen before. There's an American flag and a few photographs of men and women in uniform. After the sermon, he asks his mom what it is. She says, "That's a memorial for some members of our church who died in the service." Really quietly, Tommy says, "I think I'll go to Sunday school next week."

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.