



# **St. Michael**

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## **Byzantine Catholic Church**

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**Most Reverend John Michael Botean**

Bishop of the Romanian Greek Catholic Diocese of Canton, OH

Diocese website: [romaniancatholic.org](http://romaniancatholic.org)

**Administrator – Rev. Father Remus Orian**

**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,

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Zacchaeus Sunday**

This Sunday: Tone 8, Epistle 1 Tim 4:9-16, Gospel Lk.19:1-10

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, January 23, 2023:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023:** 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Demeter and Julia Onak by the family

**Thursday, January 26, 2023:** – 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Charles and Olivia Onak by the family

**Friday, January 27, 2023** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 28, 2023:** 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Lena Bolde by Lisa & Marcia Onak

**Sunday, January 29, 2023:** 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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

**Please pray for our sick and others: 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, Debbie Cobb, Iulian Ionutas 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: January 14 & 15, 2023**

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 860.00
- Candles: \$ 141.00
- Building Fund: \$ 220.00
- Cemetery: \$ 80.00
- Loose \$ 2.00
- Holy Day of Obligation \$ 20.00
- Membership: \$ 50.00
- Heat/Ac: \$100.00

**Total Offerings: \$ 1,473.00**

*Thank you all for your support!*

## The Blessing of Homes

Blessing of homes is done each year around the Feast of Theophany. This act is the central sign of God's sanctification of all things through Christ's baptism in the River Jordan and His Epiphany to the world.

When the priest arrives at the home, all who are present should gather around an icon along with a candle and a bowl of water. They should, if they are able to join in and sing the Troparion of the Feast of Theophany. A family member then leads the priest through the house with the lit candle. As the priest walks through the house, he sprinkles holy water, and prays a blessing in each room and the activity that takes place in the room. When they have finished blessing the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

General guidelines to be observed:

- A candle with an icon and holy water should be placed in a suitable location.
- A list with the first names for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house.
- If it is the practice to give the priest a gift, it should not be placed with the holy objects on the table. It can be prepared in advance but given at the conclusion of the service, preferably in an envelope or a card.

**Please contact Fr. Remus (330)-809-2500 to schedule a time if you would like him to bless your home.**

### In Gratitude...

- **Candles:** During the month of January 2023, our candles have been graciously donated by Georgeta Mocanu for the health and salvation of the Mocanu family. **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 😊**

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class, “If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to church, would I get to heaven?”

“No!” the children all answered. “If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get to go to heaven?” Again, the answer was “NO!”

“Well,” she continued, “then how can I get to heaven?” In the back of the room, a 5-year-old boy shouted, “You got to be dead.”

**January Birthdays**

**Jan 6: Jessica Moga**

**Jan. 8: Claudiu Ionutas**

**Jan. 11: Marius Misca**

**Jan. 13: Anastasia Dogaru**

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**Jan. 14. Marian Matesan**

**Jan. 16: Violet Buga**

**Jan. 17: Sofia Olaru**

**Jan. 21: Madelyn Naghi**

**Jan. 26: Jason Welsch**

**Jan. 27: Emily Adriana Russo**

**Jan. 27: Gert Saros**