



# **St. Michael**

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## Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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**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, Ioan Ileni

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Ven. Mother Mary of Egypt**

This Sunday: T1, Epistle Heb 9:11-14, Gospel Mark.10:32-45

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, March 18, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - 4:00 PM** - Presanctified Liturgy for Msgr. Rev. Basil Marchis by Leon Saros

**Thursday, March 21, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, March 22, 2024** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 4:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy for Mary (Krekan) Saros by Leon Saros

**Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 10:00 AM:** Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael

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

Please pray for our sick and others: George Vesa, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Joseph Popp, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Lisa Onak, 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 may add your name to our prayer list.

**Collection: March 9 & 10, 2024**

- Weekly Offerings: \$ 758.00
- Candles: \$32.00
- Building Fund: \$1,455.00
- Bake Sale Ingredients: \$10.00
- St. Michael Cupboard: \$9.00
- Loose: \$216.00
- Heat/AC: \$25.00
- Easter flowers: \$78.00
- Membership \$50.00

**Total Offerings: \$ 2,633.00**

*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 was eternal life.

- **Candles:** During the month of March 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Joseph Popp in memory of Joseph and Vera Popp, John and Katherine Murphy, Renee Duchesne and Matthew Duchesne.

**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!**

**\*\*\*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's by scanning the QR Code:



### **To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊**

Reverend Walker was scheduled to perform a special wedding ceremony immediately following the Sunday morning service. He planned to perform the rite before the entire congregation, but for the life of him, he could not remember the names of the two members whom he was to marry. "Will those who want to get married now, please come stand before me." At once, six single ladies, four widows and five single men stood, went to the aisle, and walked to the front.

### **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**

**Mar.19: Maria Noje**

**Mar. 20: Blanca Nicolae**

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