

Family Prayer

In the name of † the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (three times)

Glory be to you, our God, glory be to You.

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.

† Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (three times)

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Trinity most Holy, have mercy on us. Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; Pardon our transgressions, O Master; look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; for the sake of Your name.

Lord have mercy. (three times)

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord have mercy. (twelve times)

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekday Liturgy	8:00am
Saturday Vigil for Sunday	5:00pm
Sunday Liturgy	9:00am

Confessions begin 1/2 hour before Liturgies

Baptism and Marriage

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WELCOME ! – BITAĖMO !

Most Christian churches in this country are Western Rite because they have their roots in Western Europe and they reflect German, Irish, or Italian culture. Other churches, like ours, were started by people from Eastern Europe or the Middle East. They still keep the ways of the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Damascus, and Antioch) and of the daughter churches in the Eastern European region. Because our ways reflect this Eastern culture, we are known as an *Eastern Rite* church.

Many rich and diversified cultures existed in the Middle East during the times of the early church, each contributing to church tradition. Our Eastern Rite church reflects the Greek or Byzantine traditions (from Byzantium, the ancient name for Constantinople) and so we are called Greek or Byzantine Catholics.

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church was founded on July 4, 1910 through the tireless efforts and personal sacrifices of some of the first Ukrainian settlers in Terryville. United by a common bond of faith, language, and ethnicity, these families established a church to preserve their Eastern Catholic traditions and customs.

From humble beginnings as the society known as *Rus Ruthenian Brotherhood of St. Michael the Archangel* in 1902, to the church blessing and inauguration in 1910, and into the present, our mission is to seek the will of God in all things and to work for the good of His church and all people created in His image and likeness.

The church proper is divided into three parts: the **Narthex** or vestibule, the **Nave** or body of the church, and the **Holy Place** or sanctuary. The vestibule, the first area visited upon entering the church, represents the call to repent, to continually change our ways to live a new life. The nave symbolizes the body of believers, where people gather to worship. Here we are surrounded by icons of the saints of past ages, reminding us that we are one with the believers of every age. The sanctuary signifies the glory of God with the Holy Table or altar representing the throne of God. The altar is typically covered in rich fabrics to indicate the Lord *clothed in Majesty*.

Our church is typically structured in the Eastern Rite Byzantine tradition. One of the most important and predominant features is our beautifully hand-carved **iconostasis** that was installed in 1917. This large screen is composed of icons separating sanctuary from the body of the church. The iconostasis represents the boundary between the divine and human worlds – permanent and transitory.



Ukrainian Catholics worship God in the Eastern Byzantine Rite according to the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Liturgy means *common work* or *common action*. The Liturgy is the work of all of God's people who come together to proclaim their common faith and vision in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

The Divine Liturgy is composed of three parts: 1) The preparation of the Liturgy, 2) the Liturgy of the Catechumens, and 3) the Liturgy of the Faithful.

A priest at the small left altar within the sanctuary preforms the first part. There with proper prayers, he prepares the bread and wine for consecration. This part of the Liturgy symbolizes the sheltered life of Christ.

The Liturgy of the Catechumens is indicative of Christ's apostolic life and work and bears its name from the early days when there were Catechumens, or people who requested membership in the church and who had to take part in a period of instruction and prayer prior to baptism. This portion focuses on the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Scriptures. During this Liturgy, the Apostolic Reading and the Gospel Reading are heard.

During the Liturgy of the Faithful, we are reminded of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection and ascension into Heaven. This portion is divided into three sections: 1) Preparation of the Sacrifice, 2) Offertories, and 3) Holy Communion. The end of every Divine Liturgy prepares us for the beginning of the next. If we strive to live all that we've experienced in our public worship of God, our lives become a part of the Liturgy and the Liturgy becomes a part of our lives. We become inheritors of the Kingdom of God.