



Cattedrale Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel

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Passaic

96 First Street - Passaic - United States of America



The Byzantine Catholic Church is an Eastern Church in union with Rome; Carpatho-Rusyn in background and flavor, but an American Eastern Church celebrating the Gospel in words, symbols, and action. We are unique in our mystical theology, blending the colors of our many ikons with the congregational acapella chants; raising up our hands and our fragrant incense in prayer and inviting you to come and see who we are and what we are all about as part of the Eastern half of the Universal Church.

The community of St. Michael the Archangel was founded in 1890, the present building dates from 1902 and it became a cathedral in 1963 with the erection of the Eparchy of Passaic. Passaic was an early center for Rusyn and Lemko immigrants from NE Slovakia and SE Poland because of the many mill jobs available. The Cathedral is notable for murals that trace the Church from St. Peter through Sts. Constantine and Helen, the evangelization of the Slavs by Sts. Cyril and Methodius and the baptism of Kiev-Rus' under Sts. Vladimir and Olga. The baldacchino is a replica of Bernini's original in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Eight other Doors of Mercy were established by Bishop Kurt at the following churches of the Eparchy:

St. John the Baptist, Bayonne, NJ;

St. Mary, NY, NY;

St. Nicholas, Danbury, CT;

St. Nicholas, Orlando, FL;

St. Mary, Hazleton, PA;

Holy Ghost, Jessup, PA;

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Levittown, PA and

Epiphany of Our Lord; Annandale, VA