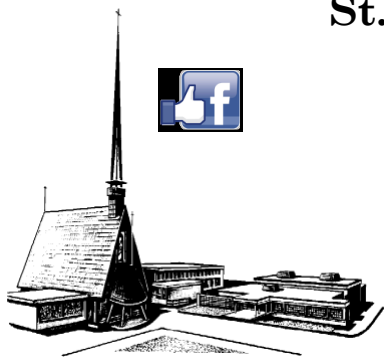


# St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

A parish of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America



## Weekly Bulletin

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**SPIRITUAL CALENDAR: Sunday after Theophany**

**8:30 am Matins(Utrenia); 9:30 am Divine Liturgy,**

**Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 7. Epis. 2 Ephesians 4:7-13; Gos. Matthew 4:12-17**

**Altar Boys:**Theodore Bica, David Popa.

**Epitropi:** Group 2

### “Commemorating the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea - 325 AD

The 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, celebrated in 2025, marks the historic first Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church. It was convoked in 325 AD by Saint Emperor Constantine in Nicaea (now İznik, Turkey), to address the Arian controversy, which questioned the divinity of Christ. The Nicene Creed, formulated during this Council, established fundamental beliefs of Christianity, affirming that Jesus Christ is “of oneness with the Father.”

The significance of this Council extends beyond its theological outcomes. It represented an important moment of unity among Christians, bringing together 318 bishops.

Their discussions not only resolved doctrinal controversies but also laid the groundwork for future Ecumenical Councils and the development of early canon law. The celebration of this anniversary highlights the enduring legacy of the Council of Nicaea in shaping Christian doctrine and promoting ecclesiastical unity.”

### “Comemorarea Primului Sinod Ecumenic de la Niceea - 325 d.Hr.

A 1700-a aniversare a Sinodului de la Niceea, sărbătorită în 2025, marchează primul sinod ecumenic istoric al Bisericii Creștine. Convocat în anul 325 de Sfântul Împărat Constantin de la Niceea (acum İznik, Turcia), având ca scop clarificarea controverselor ariene, care puneau la îndoială dumnezeirea lui Hristos. Crezul de la Niceea, formulat în timpul acestui sinod, a stabilit învățăturile de credință ale creștinismului, afirmând că Iisus Hristos este “de o ființă cu Tatăl”.

Semnificația acestui sinod se extinde dincolo de rezultatele sale teologice. A reprezentat un moment important al unității între creștini, reunind 318 de episcopi.

Discuțiile lor nu au rezolvat doar controverse doctrinare, ci au pus și bazele pentru sinoadele ecumenice viitoare precum și dezvoltarea primelor legi canonice. Sărbătorirea acestei aniversări subliniază moștenirea durabilă a Sinodului de la Niceea în formarea doctrinei creștine și promovarea unității bisericești.”

#### CONVOCAȚION DE LAJILE AUXILIARE ANUALĂ

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary are called in their Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 19, at Noon in the Parish Hall. A light luncheon will be offered to the members.

**Agenda:**

- The Annual Report of the officers (Treasurer and Auditors)
- Election of new officers
- Approval of the schedule of events for the year 2025.

**Fr. Remus Grama**  
Parish Priest

**Mrs. Maria Tent,**  
President

#### Convocarea Generală Anuală A Reuniunii Femeilor

Membrele Reuniunii Femeilor sunt convocate la ședința anuală, care va fi în 19 ianuarie la prânz în sala socială. O să fie oferită o gustare.

**Agenda:**

- Raportul anual al ofițerilor (Casier și Auditori)
- Alegerea de noi ofițeri
- Aprobarea programului de evenimente pentru anul 2025.

**Pr. Remus Grama**  
Preot Paroh

**Mrs. Maria Tent,**  
Președinta Reuniunii Femeilor

***THE CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!  
POT INTERVENI SCHIMBĂRI ÎN CALENDAR!***

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday January, 12:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Sunday School Begins;  
Wednesday January 15: 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting  
**Saturday January, 18:** 10:00 am Parastas IMO Florin Grama; Home blessing; No Vespers

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Sunday January, 19:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy; Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting  
**Monday January, 20:** 9:00 am Akathist St. Euthimios; Home Blessing

**Sunday January 26-Winter Saints Dinner**

**Altar Boys for January 19-2025:** Alexandru Ciuta, Alex & George Tarog

**Epitropi:** Group 1

**Nursing Home**

Earl Rindfleisch.....Ohio Veterans Sandusky  
Virginia Cucu.....Assited Living Helen's Place, Beachwood  
Octavia Peicu.....Altenheim Senior Living, Strongsville  
Maria Mustea.....North Olmsted Recreation & Rehab  
Pauline Trutza.....Ennis Court  
Mike Holtz.....Parkside Villa, Middleburg Heights  
Ion Adam.....Mapple Heights Nursing Home  
(Call -216-865-6789 if you could bring him to church on Sundays.)

**ALTAR BREAD - PRESCURI**

- Vasile Cucu and children Dan, Daniela, Nicoleta & grandchildren Anthony & Alexandra IMO loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal.
- Simona Cismașiu ÎM tatălui meu Ioan și a tuturor celor decedați din familie.
- Ana Mohan ÎM soțului George, a fiului George și a tuturor celor dragi din familie mutați de la noi. Veți fi mereu în inima mea.
- Ștefan Trifu and Violeta, Etheniel & Claudia, Cristian, Elisabeta & James Bodnar, Maxim & Grayson IMO recently passed away father, grandfather, great grandfather Milan Trifu.
- Carmen Albu IMO tatălui Traian. Eternal memory!(1)
- Lucica Solomon ÎM tatălui Valeriu, decedat în data de 12 ianuarie. Dumnezeu să-l ierte și să-l odihnească în pace.(2)
- Ioan Moldovan IMO Eleonora și Gavriela.
- Buzoiu Lenuța IMO Ioan, Ana, Ana, Ioan, Ioan, Tănase, Nicolae, Ludovica, cu tot neamul lor.
- Ioan Moldovan IMO Ioan și Maria Moldovan.
- Paraschiva Vasu-Family IMO Silvia Vasu. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal!

***May God rest them in peace! Dumnezeu să-i odihnească!***

- Gabriela pentru sănătatea familiei. Mulțumim Domnului pentru grija care ne-o poartă și toate binecuvântările date.
- Buzoiu Lenuța for the good health of Lidia cu familia, Mihai cu familia, Florin cu familia, Roy-Damian și Lenuța pentru sănătate.

**7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS – NARTHEX**

- Paraschiva Vasu & Family IMO loving husband, father & bunicu Dumitru Vasu. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal.
- Vasile Cucu and children Dan, Daniela, Nicoleta & grandchildren Anthony & Alexandra IMO loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal.
- Paraschiva Vasu-Family IMO mother in law and grandmother Leonora Vasu. Always in our hearts, Memory eternal!
- Simona Cismașiu ÎM tatălui meu Ioan și a tuturor celor decedați din familie.
- Trifu family IMO mother, and grandmother, Draga, and father, grandfather and great grandfather Milan. May they rest in peace with the Lord. Odihnă veșnică.
- Ana Mohan ÎM soțului George, a fiului George și a tuturor celor dragi din familie mutați de la noi. Veți fi mereu în inima mea. (2 Altar Candles)
- Paula Ciobota IMO Rodica Iancu. Veșnică pomenire.
- Liliana Gerding IMO Ștefan și Georgeta. Dumnezeu să vă odihnească în pace!
- Maria Bartan IMO Rodica Iancu. Veșnică odihnă!
- Paraschiva Vasu Family IMO Silvia Vasu. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal!
- Carmen Albu IMO dear friend Rodica, who left us too early. May God rest her soul in peace!
- Claudia Mateescu IMO Gheorghe and Silvia. Dumnezeu să-i odihnească.
- Hetruc Family IMO dear friend Rodica-Marilena. May she rest with the angels. Memory eternal!
- Antoniu IMO Lucia Ilias, Emilia Ilias, Magdalena Ilias, Eufimea Ilias, Eugenia Balanescu, Lucia Dobrin.(2)
- Paraschiva Vasu-Family IMO loving husband, father and Bunicu, Dumitru Vasu. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal!
- Florica Cotrău IMO tatălui Vasile.
- Maria Grama in memory of husband Florin Grama. Odihnă veșnică.
- Gerald Largent IMO Joan Rennie.
- Lucica Solomon ÎM tatălui Valeriu, decedat în data de 12 ianuarie. Dumnezeu să-l ierte și să-l odihnească în pace.(2)
- Rebecca McLaughlin IMO Rodica Iancu. Rest gently in God's hands.
- Carmen Albu IMO my father Traian & my mother Georgeta. Memory eternal.
- John & Elena Biliboaca IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Memory eternal!

***May God rest them in peace! Dumnezeu să-i odihnească!***

- Simona Cismașiu pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Ana Mohan pentru sănătate, mulțumire și ajutor de la bunul Dumnezeu la toată familia.(2)
- John & Elena Biliboaca for the good health of all family and God's blessings.
- Maria Bartan pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Viorel & Alina Oancea pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Gabriela pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Elena și Petre pentru sănătate - Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, Ayan, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu, toți frații mei, Rodica și George.
- Florica Cotrău pentru sănătatea fratelui Ioan.
- Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și prietenilor cu mulțumire lui Dumnezeu.
- Lucica Solomon în onoarea tuturor celor născuți în ianuarie, Vasile, Ioan, Alissa, Rebecca. La mulți ani cu pace și sănătate.
- Gerald Largent for the good hhealth of all St. Mary parishioners.
- Ana Roșu & Family în onoarea soțului Jonel și a fiului Jonel Jr., Dumnezeu să le dea binecuvântare și sănătate și să-i păzească la tot pasul vieții lor.

## UPDATES FOR PARISH DIRECTORY BOOK 2024

If you moved, changed your phone number or email address, please notify the parish office. Fill out the form below and leave it with us. Thank you!

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number - **CIRCLE ONE** (mobile/ land line)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2025 ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION

Dear Parents,

Is (are) your son(s) between 7 and 18 years old? Register them to help Father in the Altar on Sundays! Please fill out the Registration form below and leave it with the Epitrop or email the info to the parish office.

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_, Date of Birth \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT's PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

***Being an Altar Boy is an honor for your son(s)!***

#### IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

<b>Parish Council President:</b> Vasile Peicu (216) 240- 3299	<b>Ladies Auxiliary President:</b> Maria Tent (216) 272-5961
<b>Custodian:</b> Marian Ciuta (216) 513-5535	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Simona Sarsama (216) 533-4636
<b>Hall Rental:</b> Italian Creations: (216) 226-2282	<b>EMERGENCIES:</b> Fr. Remus Grama (216) 406 - 3654

### Bulletin Sponsor 2025



Would you like to sponsor one or more of our weekly bulletins next year, in honor or in memory of someone dear to you? The following dates are available:  
**January 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 6, 13, 20; August 3, 10, 24, 31; September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 19, 26; November 2, 9, 30; December 7, 21, 28.**

The bulletin(s) can be sponsored for a donation of **\$80 for Christmas and New Year**, and \$40 for the rest of Sundays of the year. ***Check the availability with the Parish Secretary, before mailing or leaving the check with the Epitropi! Thank you!***

**Thank you,** Ciuta Family Victoria & Marian for the

donation of water for the Blessing of the water.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Those interested to be considered to serve in the Parish Council in the coming year, please contact our nominating committee:

- George Cantor, Rebecca McLaughlin and Viorel Oancea.

*Membrii doritori de a fi considerați a fi aleși în Consiliul de administrare a Parohiei pot lua legătura cu membrii comitetului de nominare spre a fi considerați. Comitetul este următorul:*

*George Cantor, Rebecca McLaughlin and Viorel Oancea.*

### SERVING IN PARISH COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee is looking for dedicated parish members who wish to offer their talent and energy for the leadership of the parish. Only members of the parish, in good spiritual standing, who have paid their dues six months before the year's end may be considered.

## Are You a Member of the Church?

We notice that some families in our parish are paying dues for only one member of the family. This is not right. Every adult of the family has a personal sacramental relationship with God and therefore each one of us is responsible to prove his/her faith in a visible way. God knows each of us from the womb of our mother and each one of us is personally responsible before God. If you are in this situation, please rectify it. For extraordinary situations, please talk to Father.

### Home Blessing Difficulties

#### *Have you changed your phone number?*

One of the challenges of keeping our parish organized is that of maintaining the list of phone number and addresses updated. We cannot do it without your help. So, if you gave up you fix phone number recently and are just using the mobile phone, please notify our office. Father is encountering many such situations while blessing homes.

## Sisters of Mercy

The Ladies Auxiliary of the parish is made of ALL the women of the parish. This organization is called to do much more than just cooking. It is an organization that affirms the dignity of Christ's women disciples and their role in the functioning of the Church. Last year, the Ladies contributed to the remodeling of the Parish House in preparation for the future new Priest. They also assist the parish with projects, as we will learn more at our upcoming Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. We invite All women of the church to become members. This year we plan to have spiritual activities and possibly some pilgrimage to the monasteries of the Episcopate. We invite younger women to join and turn the church into what it should be: a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

### Apel:

#### SPONSOR PENTRU ÎMPRUMUTUL BANCAR AL BISERICII!

În efortul nostru de a plăti împrumutul bancar al bisericii, am făcut un apel către enoriașii și prietenii noștri, pentru sponsorizare împrumutului lunar, în valoare de \$1500.

Până acum, am avut un răspuns foarte bun, iar sponsorii noștri au fost recunoscuți în buletinul săptămânal și în raportul nostru pe anul 2024.

Dacă altcineva mai dorește să ajute în următoarele luni, vă rugăm să ne anunțați, sau să scrieți un cec și să-l trimiteți prin poștă, sau să-l lăsați la Epitropi duminică.

*Vă mulțumim tuturor pentru generozitate!*

## The Right Time to Pay your Dues

The month of January is the time to start paying your dues. We know that this is also a time when we have many bills and expenses. It is a time for taxes. However, let us remember what we owe to the Lord and make sure we place Him above anything else.

## Saint Mary's – Our Home

It is an honor indeed to be a member of the oldest Romanian church in the USA! 120 years of generations that have been saved in this church! Visitors and members alike love the beauty of our church. Let us maintain it beautiful and vibrant by supporting her mission. This is not just all about money. We need you, your heart, your talent, your creativity, your leadership. Your faith at work. Please, assume the call of the Lord and repent today. Confess your sins and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. From that point, He will take over your spiritual needs and show you the way.

### ALTAR BOYS

Is your son 7 years old or older. He is eligible to serve as an Altar Boy. Please, talk to Father and ask for his blessing. This takes commitment indeed.

### HELP US REPAY OUR LOAN!

Our capital repairs have been paid with the help of a bank loan. During the last two years, we have been blessed to receive the support of some of our members, who offered to pay our monthly loan of \$1,500. This helped us a lot and we pray and hope that we can continue this good practice in the year 2024.

Therefore, we entreat those of you who have been more blessed than others, to pay the loan for one of the upcoming 9 months. If you wish to do so, please send a check payable to Saint Mary's, for the above amount, with the mention church loan. The list of donors will be published in the bulletin.

May the Lord bless those who hear us out and act on our need!





# THE SCHEDULE OF THE BLESSING OF HOMES 2025

**PLEASE, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

*Traditionally, Orthodox Christians have their home blessed at least once a year, especially at the time of the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the month of January, Father Remus Grama will be blessing homes according to the schedule printed below. We request your courtesy to notify us if you will not be available on the scheduled day for your area. If you are not yet a member of our parish and you wish to be visited, please call us at: (216) 941-5550 or contact us at: [st.mary.cathedral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.mary.cathedral@sbcglobal.net). When leaving a message, please, say your name, address and phone number. On the scheduled day, after sunset, please, leave the front light on to help us find your home more easily. Thank you!*

**Friday, JANUARY 10 - CLEVELAND:** Beginning from W 117th to W 25<sup>th</sup>  
(North and South of Detroit Ave, and Dennison area): 12:00 Noon

**Saturday, JANUARY 11:** STRONGSVILLE, 12 Noon

**Monday, JANUARY 13 – FAIRVIEW, ROCKY RIVER,** 12:00 Noon

**Tuesday, JANUARY 14 - NORTH ROYALTON,** 11 AM

**Wednesday, JANUARY 15:** N. OLMSTED, 12:00 Noon

**Friday, JANUARY 17:** WESTLAKE, beginning at 11:00 AM

**Saturday, JANUARY 18 – LORAIN, AVON, N. RIDGEVILLE, AVON LAKE, BAY VILLAGE,** 1 PM

**Monday, JANUARY 20:** MIDDLEBURG HTS., BEREA, OLMSTED FALLS, COLUMBIA ST, 2:00 PM

**Tuesday, JANUARY 21:** BRUNSWICK, VALLEY CITY, MEDINA, SEVILLE, HINCKLEY, 12 PM

**Wednesday, JANUARY 22:** E. CLEVELAND, SOLON, ORANGE CITY, SHAKER HTS, 1:00 PM

**Friday, JANUARY 24:** SEVEN HILLS, BROADVIEW HTS, MAPLE HTS, CHAGRIN FALLS, 11:00 AM.

**Saturday, JANUARY 25:** WILLOUGHBY, CHARDON, MENTOR, WILLOWICK - 3:30 PM



**NEED TO RESCHEDULE?** Please, call us at: 216-941-5550.

## **WHILE AWAITING FOR THE PRIEST:**

*On a festive table cloth, please set a bowl with fresh water, a candle, an icon or a cross, and the list of names (Dyptics) of all the living members of your household to be included in prayer. Please, turn TV or radio off. If you are having guests, please explain to them the meaning of this service and invite them to pray with us. At the end of the prayer, please, take the candle and lead the Priest through the rooms which you want to be blessed.*



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# Winter Saints Dinner

## *Masa Sfinților de Iarnă*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

*After the Divine Liturgy / După Sf. Liturghie*



*Let us begin this year with a new sense of commitment to the Lord and our local parish!*

### **Menu:**

*Meatball Soup*

*Roast Pork with Rice Pilaf  
and Cabbage Salad*

*Dessert & Coffee*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Happy New Year!*

**WE NEED SPONSORS FOR THIS DINNER!  
YOU CAN DONATE \$100 IN MEMORY OR IN  
HONOR OF SOMEONE DEAR IN YOUR LIFE.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU !**

*Veniți să începem anul împreună, cu  
hotărârea de a conlucra în slujirea lui  
Dumnezeu în parohia locală!*

### **Meniu:**

*Ciorbă de perișoare*

*Friptură de porc cu pilaf de orez  
și salată de varză*

*Prăjitură și Cafea*

VĂ MULȚUMIM PENTRU SUSȚINERE !

*La mulți ani!*

**AVEM NEVOIE DE SPONSORI PENTRU ACEASTĂ  
MASĂ! PUTEȚI SĂ DONAȚI \$100 ÎN MEMORIA  
SAU ÎN ONOAREA CUIVA DRAG.**

**DUMNEZEU SĂ VĂ BINECVÂNTEZE!**