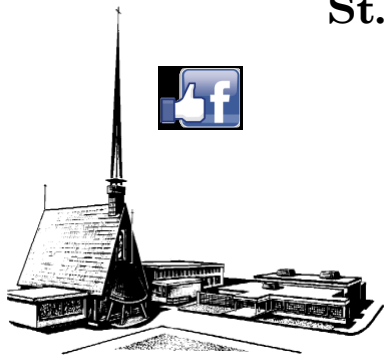


# St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

A parish of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America



## Weekly Bulletin

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The Right Rev. Vicar Andrei, Bishop of Cleveland  
Protopresbyter Dr. Remus Grama, Dean  
Rev. Deacon Nick Neagoe



Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Maria!  
La mulți ani!

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**SPIRITUAL CALENDAR: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**(Triodion begins)

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

Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 11. Epis. 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gos. Luke 18:10-14

Altar Boys: Aiden Balescu, Daniel Rudary

*Epitropi: Group 2*

### Through Christ, to Resurrection

Every Christian knows that we are passing but loses no heart because the Church, our eternal Mother rebirths us for eternity. As the Son of God became man when the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary, likewise every one who is Baptized gets born again through the action of the Holy Spirit. Thus, through Baptism, we receive a new life in communion with Christ. This way, the Church, becomes our Mother and as we reject our old nature we get reborn in the risen Christ becoming a new being. In the Church we learn to walk on the path of Christ's light, Who calls us as He did the tax collectors, saying: "Come, follow Me!" (Mtth. 8:22).

Following Christ on the path of prayer, morality and deeds worthy of salvation, each of us endeavors to imitate Christ, our Redeemer. This imitation and following turns us into living members of the Body of Christ, the Church. The Apostles, who taught us this discipleship, teach us to prove our faith through good deeds, because, "faith without deeds is dead" (St. James, 2,14).

As we enter the *Triodion* period, or preparation for Great Lent, I invite you to rededicate your life to Christ. Come and become active members of the Church! This implies repentance and rejection of sins, (through Confession), receiving Holy Body and Blood of Christ and a sincere proof of good faith, by sacrifices or donations, our sacrifices. The Lent is the time of our return. Christ is calling you: Come, let us follow Him!



### Prin Hristos, spre Înviere

Tot Creștinul știe că el este trecător, dar nu se descurajează, deoarece Biserica, Maica noastră a tuturor, ne renaște pentru veșnicie. Așa cum Fiul lui Dumnezeu se întrupează prin umbrirea Fecioarei Maria de către Duhul Sfânt, tot omul botezat se naște din nou, prin lucrarea Duhului Sfânt. Astfel, prin Botez, primim o viață nouă, în părtășie cu Hristos. Așadar, Biserica devine Maica

noastră, iar noi lepădăm omul cel vechi și ne renaștem în Hristos cel Înviat, devenind făptură nouă. În Biserică, noi deprindem să pășim pe calea de lumină a lui Hristos, Care ne cheamă ca pe vameși, zicând fiecaruia dintre noi: "Vino după Mine!" (Mt. 8,22).

Urmând pe Hristos pe calea de rugăciune, moralitate și fapte vrednice de mântuire fiecare se străduiește să imite pe Iisus, Răscumpărătorul nostru. Această imitare și urmare ne transformă în mădulare vii ale Trupului lui Hristos, care este Biserica. Apostolii, cei care ne-au învățat această urmare, ne învață să ne dovedim credința prin fapte bune, deoarece "credința fără fapte moartă este!" (Sf. Iacob, 2,14).

Intrând în perioada *Triodului*, vă îndemn pe toți să vă redăruiți viața lui Hristos. Veniți și deveniți membre vii ale Bisericii, așadar membrii participanți și activi ai Bisericii. Aceasta implică pocăința și lepădarea de păcate (prin Mărturisire), împărtășirea cu Sfântul Trup și Sânge al Domnului și dovada sinceră a acestei urmări, adică jertfele noastre. Postul este vremea întoarcerii tale. Hristos te cheamă. *Vino și tu după El!*

Fr. Remus Grama

Pr. Remus Grama

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

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday February 9:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy;

**Saturday February 15:** 5:00 pm Vespers & Confessions; 7:00 pm Romanian Concert in the Social Hall

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Sunday February 16:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy; 12:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting.

**Friday, February 21:** 6:30 pm Romanian Concert in the Social Hall

**Saturday, February 22:** 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; 10:00 am Parastas General-Sâmbăta Morților: 12:00 pm Baptism Ethan Ifrim: 5:00 pm Vespers & Confessions;

**Altar Boys for February 16:** Theodore Bica, David Popa.

**Epitropi:** Group 1

**Nursing Home**

Earl Rindfleisch.....Ohio Veterans Sandusky  
Virginia Cucu.....Maple Ridge Senior Living, Willoughby.  
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.)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday February 22:** General Parastas (Moșii de iarnă)

**Sunday, February 23:** Farewell to Meat Dinner

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Great Lent Begins

**THE WEEKLY  
BULLETIN MAILING**



Every year we have parishioners or friends of our church, who cannot come regularly to church, but want to stay tuned with the news. For a donation of \$50, you will receive the weekly bulletin in the mail the entire 2025 year. It only covers the cost to print and mail it. The check must be made payable to *St. Mary*.

**ALTAR BREAD - PRESCURI**

- 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.
- Buzoiu Lenuta IMO Ioan, Ana, Ana, Ioan, Ioan, Tănase, Nicolae, Ludovica și tot neamul lor.
- Cornelia Recean IMO soțului Traian -Dorel.(2)  
*May God rest them in peace! Dumnezeu să-i odihnească!*

- Carmen Ivan pentru sănătate Daniel, Carmen, Denisa, David, Ioan, Ioan, Felicia.
- Alexandra-pentru sănătatea familiei mele.
- Buzoiu Lenuta for the good health of Lidia cu familia, Mihai cu familia, Florin cu familia, Roy-Damian și Lenuta.

**7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS – NARTHEX**

- Paraschiva Vasu & Family IMO loving husband, father & bunicu Dumitru Vasu. Always in our hearts. Memory eternal.
- Paraschiva Vasu-Family IMO Leonora and Silvia 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.
- Dan & Mirela Rudary IMO uncle Adrian on his birthday. May God rest him in peace!
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of my brother Gabriel Boloca, asleep January 13, 2025.
- 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.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of my dear Alfred. Missing him always.
- Antoniu IMO Elena Ilias, Emilia Ilias, Lucia Ilias.
- Jim Craciun IMO Patriach Nicodem, Metropolitan Mihailcescu murdered in Roma in 1948.
- 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.
- Elena și Petre pentru sănătate - Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, Ayan, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu, toți frații mei.
- Gerald Largent for the speedy recovery of Fr. Joseph Fester.
- Paraschiva Vasu –Family for the good health of our family and God’s blessings.
- Fam. Blidaru for the good health of Elena.
- Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și prietenilor cu mulțumire lui Dumnezeu.
- Gerald Largent for the speedy recovery of Christopher Kuzemka.

# ST. MARY'S



**DINE IN & TAKE OUT**

Every Friday,  
March 7<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

3256 Warren Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111

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**Come all!**

## 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: **February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 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!*

## Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting

The ladies of the Board will meet with Father Remus Grama, in the Social Hall, *Sunday, February 16, at 12:00 noon* following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss the schedule of events for the entire year.

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FISH FRY

On March 7 we will begin the Fish Fry. Gus Secue and Viorel Oancea invites men, women and youth of the parish to come and volunteer a few hours on Fridays for the six weeks of the Fish Fry event.

We  Our



## IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

<b>Parish Council President:</b> Viorel Oancea (440) 915- 9642	<b>Parish Office:</b> Cristina Hanea (216) 941-5550
<b>Custodian:</b> Marian Ciuta (216) 513-5535	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Simona Sarsama (216) 533-4636
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## Parish Assembly (Synod), 2025

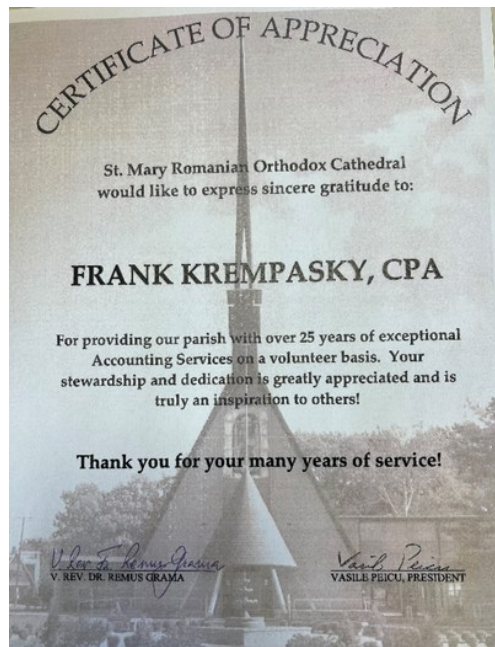
Our annual parish assembly was held last Sunday in the parish hall and was attended by 57 members. The participants were grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cotrau who donated a rich, traditional Romanian luncheon.

Father Remus Grama presided the meeting. In his report, Father noted that last year was a very productive year for the parish. The administrative Council accomplished many physical projects and the Ladies Auxiliary contributed substantially by covering the cost of many of them as the annual reports reflect it. Most of projects have been done with voluntary labor. Thank you to ALL!

The assembly heard the reports for the year passed and approved them. It is worth noting that the CPA, Frank Krempaski (external auditor) and the internal auditors reported that all books are in good order. Father Grama announced the presentation of a recognition plaque to Frank Krempaski, who has audited our books pro-bono for over 25 years.

The meeting approved three major recommendations made by the Council: 1). Approved the increase of the membership dues to \$235/year; 2). Approved 2.5% increase of the staff salary (COLA); Authorized the Council to begin the process of hiring of a full-time custodian. The assembly approved the proposed Budget as amended and accepted the slate of nominated Parish Council (See below). The newly elected Council took the oath to office in front of the entire assembly. Immediately after the concluding of the Synod, the new Parish Council met to elect new officers (See below). The new Parish Council has been called to meet again Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 for the purpose of organizing of the committees and approving of the events for the new year. Many thanks to all those who support our church!

**To Our  
CPA,  
Frank  
Krempaski!**



## 2025 Parish Council Members

Here is the list of the new Parish Council!

1. Fr. Remus GRAMA, Parish Priest
2. Viorel OANCEA, *President*
3. Gus SECUE, *Vice-President, Deleagte*
4. Adina MILEA, *Secretary, Delegate*
5. Nicole MORTUS, *Treasurer*
6. Liliana BRUCKNER, *Auditor*
7. Ioana Mădălina AVRAM, *Auditor*
8. Ovidiu VATAMANU, *Auditor*
9. Nick AVRAMAUT, *Epitrop*
10. Adrian BREAZ
11. George C. CANTOR, *Ex officio, Delegate*
12. Florica Cotrau, *Ladies Aux. Pres., Ex off.*
13. Simona CISMASIU
14. Gary DANIS
15. Eremie KLEIN
16. Traian KYTZU
17. Cezar IONESCU
18. George ITTU, JR., *Epitrop*
19. Loredana CĂLIN JOHNSON
20. Simona MALLOY, *Epitrop*
21. Mirel MARCULETIU
22. Rebecca McLAUGHLIN, *Epitrop*
23. Iosif MUREȘAN
24. Mircea OLTEANU, *Epitrop*
25. Vasile PEICU
26. Mihaela POPESCU
27. Simona McGRATH (SARSAMA)
28. Cristian SPÂNU, *Epitrop*
29. Joe WEBER, *Epitrop*

## Church Congress Delegates, 2025-2026

George CANTOR, *Delegate, ROEA*  
Gus SECUE, *Delegate ROEA*  
Mircea OLTEANU, *Alternate 1, ROEA*  
Adina MILEA, *Alternate 2, ROEA*

*Congratulations to the newly elected Council members and to the outgoing officers from the last year!*

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Every year, on the first Sunday of Great Lent we observe Orthodoxy Sunday. This year the event will be on March 9 at 5 PM at Saint Sava Serbian Cathedral on Broadview Road, Parma. On February 23, we will conduct a second collection to support this pan-orthodox event. Please, be generous.

## PARISH DUES INCREASE

**ATTENTION, MEMBERS!** OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE RAISING OF OUR ANNUAL PARISH DUES TO **\$235/PERSON**. THE RAISING OF THE DUES IS DUE TO INFLATION AND TO THE APPROVAL BY THE EPISCOPATE CONGRESS. Thank you for your steady support!  
**ÎN ATENȚIA MEMBRILOR! ÎNCEPÂND DE LA 1 IANUARIE, TAXA DE MEMBRIE S-A MĂRIT LA \$235/MEMBRU. Vă mulțumim tuturor pentru sprijinul acordat!**

### OBITUARY:

#### **Nicholas Damian, Fallen Asleep in the Lord**

Nicholas Damian was the son of Octavian and Sarah Damian and was born on December 11, 1937. He fell asleep in the Lord on February 2, 2025. Nicholas had two brothers: Virgil and James, both deceased. He married Barbara Yovan-Damian of Cleveland (deceased) and was the father of two daughters: Vicky Sue and Lisa Marie from Nevada, where he lived all his life. Nick was buried in Handerson, Nevada. Condolences to his family and his sister-in-law, our parish member, Nina Loub. *May he rest in peace!*

### SINCERE CONDOLEANTE:

#### **MARIN HODOR, 72, FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We received the news that Marin Hodor, age 72, fell asleep in Romania, on January 5, 2025. He leaves behind his wife Dumitra of Vâlcea, Romania, two daughters: Alina & Sebastian Pascu (of Cleveland) and Roxana, and the grandchildren: Roxana, Sabrina, Antonia and Catalin. We pray for the repose of his soul in blessed sleep and the consolation of the bereaving family. *Dumnezeu să-l ierte!*

### **HELP US REPAY OUR LOAN!**

Our capital repairs have been paid with the help of a bank loan. During the last 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 2025.

Therefore, we entreat those of you who have been more blessed than others, to pay the loan for one of the upcoming 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!



### **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!*

# ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

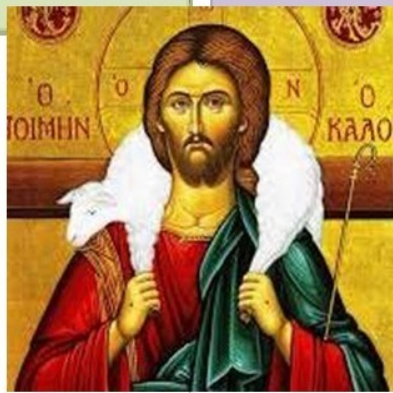
## FAREWELL TO MEAT FAMILY DINNER

Sunday,  
February 23  
After the Divine Liturgy

## MĂSĂ ÎN FAMILIE LA LĂSATUL SECULUI

Duminică,  
23 Februarie  
După Sf. Litughie

### MENU:



Salad  
Chicken Schnitzel with  
Scalloped Potatoes and  
Mixed Vegetables  
Amandine & Coffee



*Free-will donations!  
Come join us!*

### MENIU:

Salată  
Șnițel de pui  
cu cartofi cu brânză  
la cuptor și legume.  
Amandină și Cafea



*Donații benevole!  
Vă așteptăm cu drag!*

