



# St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

A parish of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America

## Weekly Bulletin

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



Alina, Christopher and Kevin  
Oancea in honor of husband and  
father Viorel Oancea.  
La mulți ani!  
God grant you many healthy years!

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**SPIRITUAL CALENDAR:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pascha  
Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 4. Epis. Acts 6:1-7; Gos. Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8

Altar Boys: Aiden Balescu, Joseph Rudary, Marcus Durllesteanu.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

*Epitropi: Group 1*

**HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!**

**You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Celebration in Honor of the Retirement of the Very Reverend Father Protopresbyter Remus Grama**

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM Great Vespers  
6:00 PM Fellowship Hour  
7:00 PM Grand Banquet  
Banquet Admission: \$65 per person

Sunday, May 18  
8:30 AM – Matins  
9:30 AM – Entrance of the Hierarchs  
10:00 AM Hierarchal Divine Liturgy  
Light Brunch to follow

**Sunteți Invitat Cordial să Luați Parte la Celebrarea Pensionării Preacucernicului Părinte Protopop Remus Grama**

Sâmbătă, 17 Mai  
5:00 PM Vecernia Mare  
6:00 PM Recepție  
7:00 PM Banchet Festiv  
Admiterea: \$65 de persoană

Duminică, 18 Mai  
8:30 AM – Utrenia  
9:30 AM – Intrarea Ierarhilor  
10:00 AM Liturghia Arhierească  
Prânz

### BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Because, the Banquet on Saturday will be catered, all reservations are to be secured with payment, no later than Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Limited space.

*First come, first served.*

Due to the slowness of the postal office, if you sent your reservation by mail, please, verify with us, at: (216) 941-5550. Thank you.

### REZERVĂRILE PENTRU BANCHET

Datorită faptului că *Banchetul* în onoarea Părintelui și a D-nei P-se Elena Grama va fi pregătit de un *caterer*, toate rezervările trebuie să fie garantate cu plata, până cel mai târziu Miercuri, 7 Mai. *Primul sosit va fi primul servit. Pentru că serviciul poștal este foarte încet*, dacă ați trimis rezervarea prin poștă, vă rugăm să ne anunțați, sunând la: (216) 941-5550. Vă mulțumim.

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

### **THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, May 4:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy; Parastas IMO David Riehl-Coffee Hour for; 6:00 pm Hall Rental

**Saturday May 10:** 11:00 am Parastas Ioana Avram IMO father Constantin Avram, Museum Tour; 5:00 pm Vespers

### **NEXT WEEK:**

**Sunday, May 11:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy; Parastas IMO Mother's.

**Wednesday, May 14th:** 6:00 pm Romanian Festival Meeting; 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting in AROY Room.

**Saturday May 17:** 5:00 pm Great Vespers; 6:00 pm Fellowship Hour; 7:00 pm Grand Banquet in honor of Father Remus and Psa Elena Grama for their 36 years of selfless service.

**Sunday May 18:** 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Entrance of Hierarchs; 10:00 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy; Light Brunch to follow

**Altar Boys for May 11:** Nicholas Olteanu, Samuel Neagoe

**Epitropi:** Group 2

### **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  
Kathy Dragomir.....Altenheim Senior Living, Strongsville

**Photo: Divine Liturgy in Chicago. Episcopate Clergy Praying Father Simion Pavel (L-Rt.):** Rev. Frs. Daniel Pop, Ioan Lupescu, Ion Ioniță, Geani Nemeș (Parish Priest), Remus Grama, Nicolae Izbașa, Cosmin Antonescu and Marin Mihalache.



### **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.
- Carmen IMO tatălui meu, Traian.
- Buzoiu Lenuta IMO Ioan, Ana, Ana, Ioan, Ioan, Tănase, Nicolae, Ludovica și tot neamul lor.

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

- Carmen Ivan pentru sănătatea lui Daniel, Carmen, Denisa, David, Ioan, Ioan, Felicia.
- 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.
- 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.(2)
- John & Elena Biliboaca IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Memory eternal!
- Antoniu IMO Emilia Ilias, Lucia Ilias, Magdalena Ilias.
- George Cantor in loving memory of mother Sylvia. May her memory be eternal!
- Florica Cotrau IMO Lee O'Connell.
- Gerald Largent IMO of Gerald and Marcella Largent.
- Studeny & Mortus families IMO husband, dad and moșu Ron Studeny.
- Vasile & Lucica Solomon IMO cumnatului Gheorghe. Dumnezeu să-l ierte.
- În memoria tuturor celor dragi care poartă numele Sfântului George, soțul George, fiul George, tatăl George, fratele George, nepotul George și bunicul George. Odihnă veșnică.
- Gerald Largent IMO John & Julia Hendrick.
- Lucica IMO soțului, părinților și a tuturor membrilor răposați din familie. Dumnezeu să-l ierte și să-l odihnească în pace.

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

- Simona Cismașiu pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Paraschiva Vasu-Family for the good health of our family and God's blessings.
- Ana Mohan pentru sănătate, mulțumire și ajutor de la bunul Dumnezeu la toată familia.
- John & Elena Biliboaca for the good health of all family and God's blessings.
- Studeny & Mortus families for the speedy recovery of mom and buni Faith Studeny.
- Mirela Farcas for the good health of my family.
- Lucica pentru sănătatea întregii noastre familii de aici și a familiilor copiilor mei din Romania.
- Dan & Mirela Rudary for the good health of our family and with thanks for God's many blessings. Hristos a Înviat!

### **Romanian Festival Meeting Parish Council Meeting**

We invite the members of the Parish Council and leaders of various festival departments to attend a regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 14th. The festival meeting will be at 6:00 pm and the Council at 7:00 pm in the AROY Room.

## Planning Ahead BLESSING OF GRAVES

Every year, on Memorial Weekend the Cleveland Orthodox Clergy gather in a memorial Service for the heroes and veterans. On that weekend, father Remus Grama will bless the graves of our parishioners according to the following schedule:

- **Sunset Cemetery – Sunday, May 25,**  
**at 1:00 pm (Romanian Section)**
- **Lakewood Cemetery, Sunday at 3:00 pm**
- **St. Theodosius Cemetery, Monday, 26,**  
**at 9:30 am**
- **Westpark Cemetery – Monday, May 26,**  
**at 11:00 am (Ridge Gate).**

Other cemeteries may be visited by personal appointment.

### To our Ladies, with Love

On this Myrrhbearer's Sunday, we pray for all the members of our Ladies Auxiliary and urge all parish women to join. Hristos a Învia!

### 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!



## 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: **May 18; 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 21.**

The bulletin(s) can be sponsored for a donation of **\$80 for Christmas**, 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!*

### SPONSORI 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 sponsorizarea 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 anual 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!*

### IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

<b>Parish Council President:</b> Viorel Oancea (440) 915- 9642	<b>Ladies Auxiliary President:</b> Florica Cotrau 440-667-7152
<b>Custodian:</b> Radu Ciobota (561) 860-5392	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Simona McGrath (216) 533-4636
<b>Hall Rental:</b> Parish Office: (216) 941-5550	<b>EMERGENCIES:</b> Fr. Remus Grama (216) 406 - 3654



## A LETTER FROM A GREAT SUPPORTING FAMILY

Dear Father Grama,

Please, accept our Easter donation of \$2,500. We look forward to the celebration of Easter. God bless Saint Mary's, its congregation, you and your family,  
Sue and James Mach.

P.S. Please accept this \$100 for the Ladies Auxiliary

*May the Risen Lord bless the Mach family and all our supporting members and friends! May He grant a speedy recovery to Jim! Hristos a Inviat!*

## WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBER

We welcome Andrei Ionut Dragomir as a new parish member. Together with Renee Litvin they are the parents of baby Area who will be Baptized soon. We invite other young families to join our parish. For more information, please contact our Priest.

## Camp Vatra Student Registration Now Open

### ROEA Chancery, Grass Lake MI [25 April 2025]

Registration forms for children planning to attend Camp Vatra, a ministry of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America for more than 70 years, are now being accepted. Camp Vatra for Seniors (ages 14-17) will take place June 29 through July 12, while Camp Vatra for Juniors (ages 11-13) will take place July 20 through August 2. Both two-week sessions take place at the beautiful and historic Vatra Românească in rural Grass Lake (Jackson), Michigan, and feature a program of fellowship, prayer, classes on the Orthodox Faith, and fun.

Registration forms and more information can be downloaded at:

Camp Vatra for Seniors

<http://www.roea.org/campvatraforseniors>

Camp Vatra for Juniors

<http://www.roea.org/campvatraforseniors>

Space is limited, so all those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

## DAMAGED TREE

During the storm on Tuesday evening one of the trees close to Troitza, was damaged and fell.  
God protected the new Troitza for being damaged like the other one.



## IN MEMORIAM



**The Very Rev. Fr. Simion Pavel** (90) of Chicago, Illinois fell asleep in the Lord. He was buried Monday, April 28, from the beautiful Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois. Born in 1935, he was married to D-na P-sa Marioara. Ordained 68 years ago and served in the parishes of: Straja, Ghijasa, Arpasu de Jos and Brasov (Romania) as well as in Chicago, Illinois (USA) since 1983. When he arrived in the USA, he first came to Cleveland. He remarked himself as a very active Priest and he is the founder of the beautiful new church building of the parish of Nativity of the Lord, Chicago, of our Episcopate. The Divine Liturgy and funeral service was celebrated by nine Priests. The service was presided by His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL, assisted by the clergy in attendance. Among these, Father John Nemes is the Parish Priest, while Father Ioan Lupescu is the retired former Parish Priest. Father Gheorghe Ursache is the Dean of the area. With the blessing of our Hierarch, Father Remus Grama eulogized the departed. The body of the respected clergyman was laid in the awaiting of the general resurrection in Ross Cemetery. He leaves behind his wife, D-na P-sa Marioara and his three children with their families, with six grandchildren and nine great-grand-children.

*Memory Eternal!*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AVEM NEVOIE DE VOLUNTARI

The spring season is here and we need volunteers to help us with weeding, planting flowers and mulching. Viorel Oancea Council President, invites you to a work party Saturday, May 10th, at 9:00 am. If you wish to offer your time and energy, please call our secretary Cristina Hanea at 216-941-5550, and bring your own gardening tools.