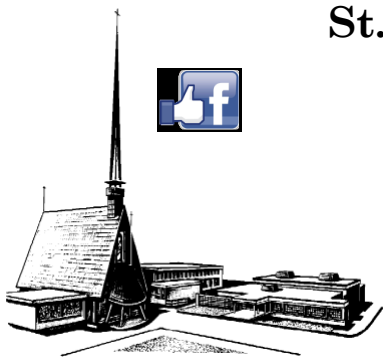


# St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

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## Weekly Bulletin

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In loving memory of Mircea  
Ludu, on his heavenly  
birthday from his wife,  
children and grandchildren.

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**SPIRITUAL CALENDAR:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pascha  
Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 5. Epis. Acts 9:32-42; Gos. John 5:1-15

Altar Boys: Nicholas Olteanu, Samuel Neagoe

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

*Epitropi: Group 12*

**HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!**

### FAREWELL BANQUET FOR FATHER AND D-NA PREOTEASA REMUS GRAMA

Saturday, May 17, 2025, the parishioners of Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral will organize a Farewell Banquet in honor of Father Remus and D-na Preoteasa Elena Grama. After 43 years of service in the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America and 36 years as Priest of Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, the Very Reverend Father Dean Remus Grama will enter retirement, effective July 1st.

A Farewell Banquet to salute the ministry of the senior Priest will take place Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 pm, in the presence of our beloved Hierarchs, His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL and His Grace, Bishop ANDREI of Cleveland.

**Reservations** for the dinner will be accepted not later than Sunday, May 11, pending availability. Please, call the parish office at (216) 941-5550, or visit the Trustees.

### BANCHETUL DE DESPĂRȚIRE DE PĂRINTELE ȘI D-NA P-SĂ REMUS GRAMA

Sâmbătă, 17 Mai, 2025, enoriașii Catedralei Ortodoxe Române Sfânta Maria vor organiza o Masă Festivă în onoarea Părintelui și a doamnei Preotese Remus Grama. După 43 de ani de slujire în Episcopia Ortodoxă Română din America și peste 36 de ani ca Păstor al Catedralei Ortodoxe Române Sfânta Maria din Cleveland, Preacucernicul Părinte Protopop Dr. Remus Grama se va pensiona începând, cu data de 1 iulie.

Consiliul Parohial va organiza această Masă de despărțire spre a saluta activitatea Preacucernicului Părinte, Sâmbătă, 17 mai, la orele 7:00 pm în prezența distinșilor noștri Ierarhi, Înaltpreasfințitul Arhiepiscop NATHANIEL și Preasfințitul Episcop ANDREI de Cleveland.

**Rezervările** vor fi acceptate până Duminică, 11 Mai, în funcție de disponibilitate. Sunați biroul parohiei la: (216) 941-5550 sau vorbiti cu Epitropii duminica.

### HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHERS!

THIS SUNDAY, WE INVITE YOU TO THE  
COFFEE HOUR IN HONOR OF ALL MOTHERS.

### La Mulți Ani Tuturor Mamelor!

În această Duminică, vă invităm la o recepție în onoarea mamelor noastre!

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

## **THIS WEEK:**

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

**Wednesday, May 14:** 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.

## **NEXT WEEK:**

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

**Monday, May 19:** IOCC Dinner- 6:00 pm St. Michaels, Broadview Heights

**Wednesday, May 21:** (+) Equals to the Apostles Emperor Constantine & his mother Helen-9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 24:** 10:00 am Parastas IMO Viorica Cucu; Paraschiva Vasu IMO of all deceased relatives; 1:00 pm Wedding Tudor & Stephanie Lungu; 5:00 pm Vespers & Confessions.

**Altar Boys for May 18:** 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  
George Sapacean.....O'Neil Healthcare at Fairview Park

## **Hospitalized**

Kathy Dragomir.....Southwest Hospital

# **ARFORA CONGRESS**

**77<sup>th</sup> ARFORA Congress**

**May 30-June 1, 2025**

**Saint Paul Minesota**

**Our Delegates are**

**Liliana Bruckner and Dorina Riscutta.**

## **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.(6)
- Angela Voiculescu IMO mother Floarea. God bless her soul.

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

- Carmen Ivan pentru sănătatea lui Daniel, Carmen, Denisa, David, Ioan, Ioan, Felicia.
- Fam. Inoan pentru sănătatea familiei și mulțumire lui Dumnezeu pentru darurile aduse.

## **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 all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. 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.
  - John & Elena Biliboaca IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Memory eternal!
  - Andreea Raaber IMO Doina-Ileana, Ovidiu, Constanța-Elena, Marin, Dinu, Maria, Rodica.
  - Angela Voiculescu IMO my mother, God rest her soul.
  - Liliana Gavrilescu IMO bunica Pelaghia(name day).
  - Antoniu IMO Iosif Ilias, Elena Ilias, Lucia Dobrin.
  - Gerald Largent IMO of George and Helen Lelekacs.
  - Lucica IMO soțului, părinților bunicilor și a tuturor membrilor decedați din familie. Dumnezeu să-I ierte și să-I 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.
  - Lucica în onoarea lui Ștefan-Zian și Alexandru de ziua lor de naștere și la întreaga noastră familie de aici și a familiilor copiilor mei din Romania.
  - Andreea Raaber for the good health of Natalie-Andreea, Matthew, George, Zoey, George, Șerban, Mioara, Andreea, Maria.
  - Marioara Sarsama for the good health of my family. Dumnezeu sa ajute la toți nepoții și strănepoții mei.
  - Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și a prietenilor; intenții speciale.
  - Elena și Petre pentru sănătatea lui Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, Ayan, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu.
  - Angela Voiculescu-Please, God look over my family, protect us and bless us. We thank you God for everything you give us.

## Orthodox Paschal Greeting

From Holy Pascha to Ascension, we greet each other with the biblical salutation:

*Christ Is Risen!*

De la Paști până la Rusalii, ne salutăm cu:

*Hristos a Inviat!*

## IOCC NEWS

"Many thanks to Maria Diaconu and Mihaela Popescu for their generous contribution towards the purchase of a gift basket for the IOCC's annual banquet.

We appreciate your support more than words can express."

## COFFEE HOUR EVERY SUNDAY

We are planning to have Coffee Hour every Sunday, to socialize after the service.

You could donate money for coffee or bring donuts and sweets.

## 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, 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



## 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.



## The One Who Was Healed Did Not Know Jesus

How refreshing it is, in this paschal season, to read again the Gospel from John 5, 1-15, that is the Gospel reading for this Sunday. It is about the healing of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda. Even more, it is about his spiritual enlightening. Though paralyzed, not blind, he was brought to see Jesus Christ.



The divine Grace that surrounds this miracle becomes a source of wonders for everyone who receives the Word of God in his heart. First, we learn how to be faithful from those waiting for the waters to be troubled. Then, we learn how helpless we are without each other. We also see how Jesus reveals Himself gradually. When the Jews asked “who is the Man?” they help us to wonder who Jesus truly is. In spite of their ignorance, Jesus manifested His power with authority before them. Jesus commands the man to walk, while the world around gossips. Another lesson of faith is given to us by the sick, lame, blind and paralyzed – otherwise, all symbols of sinfulness.

But the absolute conclusion of today’s lesson comes when Jesus returns to the paralytic, in the temple. He confirms His divine action and warns him (and us!) “to sin no more lest a worst thing comes upon you!” Jesus returns out of infinite compassion. He returns to dispel darkness. Above all, He returns to invite each one of us to come and know Him deeper and personally. Thank you for the blessing of this day, O Lord!

Fr. Remus Grama

## 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).

## SPRING CLEANING:

As we advance into the warm season, everything grows exponentially. For this reason, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Viorel Oancea and the Parish Council invites men and women, young and younger to come together to the church, from 9:00 am to Noon to help us weed, clean, prune, trim and mulch the flower beds and beautify our church grounds.



Please, bring your shovel, wrecker and tool that you deem to be needed. Refreshments will be provided. If you can help, please, call the parish office, at 216-941-5550.

*Thank  
you*