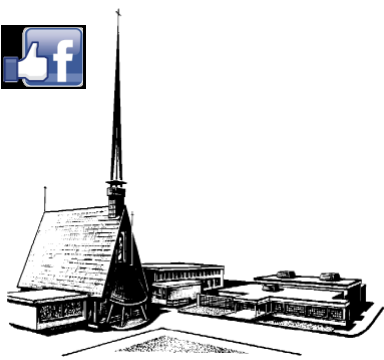


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La mulți ani!
Fiului Doru - Ioan și
nepoatei Bianca.
Dumnezeu să-i binecuvânteze!

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SPIRITUAL CALENDAR: 3rd Sunday after Pascha (Myrrhbearing Women)

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

Tone 2. Mat. Gos.4. Epis. Acts 6:1-7; Gos. Mark 15:43-47.

Altar Boys: Theodore Bica, David Sumedrea, David & Alex Popa.

Epitropi: Group 2

The Myrrh Bearers, Witnesses of the Resurrection

Among the first-hand witnesses of Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ were *the Myrrh-Bearers*, who went to the tomb early on the first day of the Resurrection. The Holy Apostles without Thomas and, then, with Thomas are the next witnesses of the Resurrection. Then, according to the *Synaxar*, Jesus appeared also to Joseph of Arimathea and to Nicodemus, who were the witnesses of His burial. Joseph was killed by the Jews, but he was risen by the Lord. It is believed that Nicodemus is the first who made known, in writing, the Passion and the Resurrection. These two witnesses of the burial and Resurrection are honored by the Church, on this second Sunday, after Pascha together with the Myrrh-Bearers.

The women disciples are called Myrrh-Bearers because they brought priceless oils (Myrrh) to anoint the Body of Jesus. As they came to the tomb, early in the morning, they saw two shiny Angels sitting one inside the grave and one on the stone. They gave them the news of the Resurrection. After this, they met the Lord whom they believed it was the Gardener. The Women disciples are: Mary Magdalene, Salome, Joanna, Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus, Mary of Cleopa and Suzana. According to St. Luke these faithful women were serving the Lord, with their own resources. Some, like Mary Magdalene, died a martyr's death.

Therefore, today, we honor their memory as close co-workers and myrrh-bearers of the Lord. Today, we also pray for all the women of the parish, who endeavor to follow the ideals of the Myrrh-bearers, praying, laboring for Christ and leading a life well-pleasing to God. *Through the prayers of the women-disciples, O, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!*

Fr. Remus Grama

Femeile Purtătoare de Miruri, Martore ale Învierii



Între martorii de primă mână ai Învierii Domnului nostru Iisus Hristos, se numără Femeile Mironosițe, cele care au mers la mormânt în prima zi a săptămânii, adică, în ziua Învierii. Sfinții Apostoli, fără Toma, iar apoi, cu Toma, sunt – desigur - următorii martori ai Învierii. Apoi, potrivit *Sinaxarului*, Iisus a apărut de asemenea lui Iosif Arimateanul și lui Nicodim, cei care au fost și martori ai Îngropării Domnului. Iosif a fost ucis de Evrei, dar a fost înviat de Iisus. Se crede că Nicodim a fost primul care ar fi scris despre Patimile și Învieria lui Iisus. Acești doi martori ai Însmormântării și Învierii sunt cinstiți de Biserică în a doua Duminică după Paști, alături de Femeile Purtătoare-de-Miruri.

Femeile ucenițe sunt numite “Purtătoare de Miruri” deoarece ele au purtat într-adevăr miruri scumpe, ca să ungă trupul lui Iisus. Ajungând la mormânt în acea dimineață, ele au văzut arătarea a doi îngeri strălucitori, șezând unul în mormânt și altul pe piatra răsturnată. Apoi, lor, li S-a arătat Iisus în chipul Grădinarului. Femeile ucenițe erau: Maria Magdalena, Salomeia, Ioana, Maria și Marta, surorile lui Lazar, Maria lui Cleopa și Suzana. Potrivit Sfântului Evanghelist Luca, aceste femei I-au slujit lui Iisus, cheltuindu-și averea lor. Unele, ca Maria Magdalena, au suferit moarte martirică.

Așadar, astăzi, cinstim memoria lor, ca a unor apropiate împreună-lucrătoare și purtătoare de miruri ale Domnului. Astăzi, ne rugăm și pentru toate femeile din parohie, care se străduiesc să urmeze idealurile femeilor purtătoare de miruri, rugându-se, muncind pentru Hristos și trăind o viață plăcută lui Dumnezeu. *Pentru rugăciunile Sfințelor Ucenice, miluiește-ne pe noi, Doamne!*

Pr. Remus Grama

**THIS WEEK:
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

Saturday, May 18: 1:00 PM Westpark Cemetery

Sunday, May 19: 1:30 pm Sunset Cemetery
4:00 pm Lakewood Cemetery

All other cemeteries, by appointment only.

Sunday May 19: 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Tuesday May, 21: (+) Equals to the Apostles Emperor
Constantine and his mother Helen – NO LITURGY

Saturday May 25: NO VESPERS

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday May 26: 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy,

Saturday June, 1: 12:00 Baptism Ana Maria Cooper; 5:00 pm Vespers.

June 9

12:00 pm Family Day Dinner

Come one, come all

More details, next week.

Altar Boys for May 26: Alexandru Ciuta, Matthew Trimbilas,
Alex & George Tarog
Epitropi: Group 2

Nursing Home/Hospital

Filofteia Popescu.....Rae-Ann
Carlotta Miclău Mount Alverna
Earl Rindfleisch.....Ohio Veterans Sandusky
Octavia Peicu.....Altenheim Senior Living, Strongsville
Maria Mustea.....North Olmsted Recreation & Rehab
Pauline Trutza.....Ennes Court

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.
- Ștefan Trifu and Violeta, Etheniel & Claudia, Cristian, Elisabeta & James Bodnar, Maxim & Grayson IMO recently passed away father, grandfather, great grandfather Milan Trifu.
- Marioara Sarsama IMO lui Leon și Areta, Elena, Aurel și toți membri decedați din familie.

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

- Marioara Sarsama pentru sănătatea celor vii.

7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS – NARTHEX

- 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.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of Alfred Haak. Resting with the Lord.
- Paula Ciobota IMO husband & father Constantin.

- Lucica Fogoroș IMO soțului, părinților. Bunicilor și a tuturor membrilor răposați din familie. Dumnezeu să-i odihnească în pace.
- Maria Grama in memory of husband Florin Grama. Odihnă veșnică.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of mother Mary Boloca Nan.
- Antoniu IMO Lucia Ilias, Emilia Ilias, Magdalena Ilias, Elena Ilias.
- Gerald Largent IMO Julia Hendrick & Marcella Largent.
- Dumitru & Paraschiva Vasu-family IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Always in our hearts. Memory Eternal!
- John & Elena Biliboaca IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Memory eternal!
- Maria Bartan IMO tuturor celor adormiți din familie. Veșnică pomenire.

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

- Simona Cismașiu pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Ana Mohan pentru mulțumire și ajutor de la bunul Dumnezeu la toată familia.
- Dumitru & Paraschiva Vasu-family for the good health of our family and God's blessings.
- Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și prietenilor, cu mulțumire lui Dumnezeu.
- Gloria Haak for dear sister Elaine Spencer for Mother's Day.
- Gerald Largent for the speedy recovery of Patricia German.
- John & Elena Biliboaca for the good health of all family and God's blessings.
- Mirela Farcaș for the good health of my family.
- Carmen Popa în onoarea mamei mele Ana. Doamne ai grijă de ea.
- Lucica Fogoroș pentru sănătatea mea, Lucian, Carolina, Alesia, pentru călători Alex-Gabriel și Ștefan-Zian.
- Elena & Petre pentru sănătatea lui Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu.
- Gerald Largent for the good health of Marian Largent & Joanne Hendrick.
- Marioara Sarsama pentru sănătatea copiilor Ovidiu, Cristina, Ramona, Christopher, Pete, Killy, Clarissa, Adolfo, Gabriel, Noah, Eliot, Oliver, Benjamin, Teodor, Ramona, Mayla, Julian, Anastasia, Silvia, Maria, Victoria, Marian, Dora.
- Gerald Largent for the good health of Jacob and Madeline Shaffer(newly married).
- Lucica Fogoroș pentru sănătatea la întreaga noastră familie de aici și a familiilor copiilor mei din Romania.
- Marioara Sarsama pentru sănătate familiei, Ovidiu, Cristina Ramona, Chris, Pedro, Killy și copii, Clarissa, Adolfo și copii Victoria, Maria, Viorica, Olimpia, Simona, William, Marian, Doru și toți nepoții.
- Elena for the good health of Rodica, Marilena și Elena.

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 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 2024

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 still available:

**June 16; July 7, 28; September 15, 29;
November 3, 10, 17; December 29.**

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

A New Censer Donated

Mrs. Camelia Moceanu donated a new censer to our church. May the Lord accept her intentions and bless her and all her family members.

SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

Congratulations to Dna Preteasa Elena Grama and all parishioners who bear the names of the Holy Emperors Constantine and Helen! This year, Father and Dna Preteasa will be away from the parish and, therefore, there will be no services on May 21, the Feast of the Holy Emperors.

THANK YOU

Last Sunday, the Mother's Day Special Coffee Hour and Luncheon in memory of her father, Ioan, was offered by Simona Cismas, assisted by Victoria Ciuta.

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!

CONDOLENCES

We received news that Mrs. Silvia Pac-Urar of Windsor, Canada, mother to Father Ian Pac-Urar of Fairlawn (D-na Psa Mary Lynn), fell asleep in the Lord, on May 12. The funeral service will be in Akron and interment at Vatra Cemetery.

AVEM NEVOIE DE SPONSORI PENTRU BULETIN

DACĂ DORIȚI SĂ SPONSORIZAȚI UNUL SAU MAI MULTE BULETINE ÎN ANUL 2024, ÎN ONOAREA SAU MEMORIA CUIVA DRAG, VĂ RUGĂM SĂ ALEGEȚI DIN DATELE DISPONIBILE.

Iunie 16; Iulie 7, 28; Septembrie 15, 29; Noiembrie 3, 10, 17; Decembrie 29.

\$80 Anul Nou.

\$ 40 în celelalte duminici de peste an.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING WORK

With the coming of the warm weather, the vegetation on the church grounds is now erupting quickly and we need to keep it under control. Our Building and Grounds Committee invites our parish youth to come and help us trim the shrubs, take care of the flower beds around the church and spread the mulch.

The proposed time is: **Wednesday May 22 and Thursday May 23, between 5 PM – 8 PM.** Viorel Oancea, Vice-President of the Parish Council will coordinate and will be waiting for YOU. Please, bring your own tools. **Thank you!**

76th ARFORA CONGRESS IN FAIRLAWN

On **June 7-8-9**, our **FAIRLAWN** (3365 Ridgewood, Fairlawn) parish of the Presentation of the Lord will be the host of the annual ARFORA Congress. (ARFORA stands for Asociatia Ortodoxă a Reuniunilor Femeilor Române-Americane). Usually, our Hierarch and area clergy, as well as other faithful will be participating. Our representatives will be *Dorina Riscutta and Liliana Bruckner*. We urge our delegates to register timely and our parishioners to plan to attend the Sunday Hierarchal Liturgy. More details elsewhere in this issue.

GRADUATIONS

We congratulate our young High School graduates and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them as they follow their specific calling. May the Lord bless them and their families.

Onciu Andrei – Rocky River High School

Kevin Oancea – Padua High School

Ana Gerding – Padua High School

Georgiana Bobes - Normandy

Anthony Catrone – Plant High, Tampa

Emma Ionescu – Rocky River High

Note: If you are graduating this year, from a college or high school, please call our church office and submit your name and school from where you are graduating. We like to recognize our youth and performance. You may also send it by email: st.mary.cathedral@sbcglobal.net

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to **Pryia Adelina Saini** on her graduation at age 17 from North Royalton High School with a Bachelor degree in Business and Finance from Cleveland State University.

CAMP VATRA, 2024

Generations of Camp Vatra graduates attest the importance of these camps. We invite the parish parents to plan sending their child/ren to this Camp organized by our Episcopate since 1948.

Camp Vatra Seniors (ages 14-17) Sunday, June 23 – Saturday July 6. Registration Fee: \$550. *Registration deadline June 1 (!).* (After this date, the fee will be \$600). More information: www.facebook.com/CampVatra. Please download the forms, fill them in, sign them and send them back in original, by mail. Medical recommendation is required. For this reason we advise you to act timely.

CAMP VATRA JUNIORS (AGES 11-13), July 14 through Saturday, July 27. Important: Due to the great number of students, it is essential to act on time and according to the required procedure. *Registration deadline: June 22.* More information: www.facebook.com/CampVatra

New Black Aluminum Fence Arrives

The old rugged church fence toward Montrose Street and Warren Road will soon be replaced by a new aluminum black fence, that just arrived. The mounting will be done by our laborious Building and Grounds Committee and members of the Council. A similar fence will be installed on Warren Road, just South of the Parish House, to protect the property of the former “White House.” If anyone is skillful and wishes to help, please contact Vasile Peicu.



The New Troitza Arrived

With the sponsorship of Olimpiu Grovu Family’s and the help of Daniel Sacu, the newly carved Wooden Cross, known as Troitza, has been brought from Philadelphia. Pretty soon, after it will be installed on its cement foundation, everyone will be able to finally see the new Troitza. The blessing will be postponed until the 120th Anniversary of the church, on October 6, 2024. The old cross was destroyed by a storm.



BANK LOAN SPONSORSHIP, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Dr. Vicky Stancey who donated the amount of \$1500.00 IMO her husband and parents. This amount will cover our Church Loan for the month of May.

We hope that many others will follow her example. God Bless!

GETTING READY FOR THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY

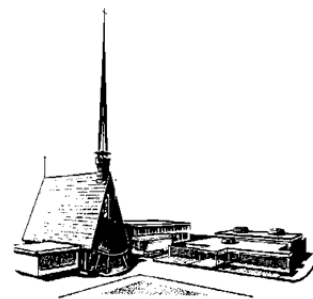
This Fall, our parish will be celebrating our 120 years of mission in the United States. This marks the beginning of the Romanian Orthodox mission in the USA. Saint Mary Cathedral is therefore the oldest Romanian Orthodox parish in this country.

Not only that we dedicate all our activities and works to the 120th Anniversary, but we also invite all those who were born and baptized here to join us for this homecoming. The celebrations will take place on **October 5-6, 2024** and they will be presided and blessed by The Most Blessed Archbishop NATHANIEL.

Please save the date!

Catedrala Sfânta Maria din Cleveland, la 120 de Ani

În acest an, în **5-6 Octombrie**, vom serba 120 de ani de la înființarea celei dintâi biserici Ortodoxe Române din Statele Unite ale Americii. Serbările vor fi prezidate de Înalt Prea Sfințitul Arhiepiscop NATHANIEL (POPP). Vă rugăm să vă rezervați această data în calendarul personal!



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