

# St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

A parish of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America



## Weekly Bulletin

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Marian Ciuta & Family in  
honor of Aurel Dorin Ciuta's  
birthday. La Mulți Ani!

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**SPIRITUAL CALENDAR:** 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. 8:30 A.M. Matins (*Utrenia*); Tone 1. Gos. 1.  
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (*Sf. Liturghie*). Epistle (of the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday): Colossians 1:12-18. Gospel: Luke 17:12-19.  
(*Ten lepers*).

**Altar Boys:** Nicholas Spânu, Gabriel Ciobanu, Alexander Bugnar, Daniel Călugăr, Florin Socol.

### A Call to Christian Life

1 Thessalonians 5, 12-22

At this beginning of the year, let us read St. Paul's direction for a spiritual life and try to conform ourselves to his calling, as addressed by him to his disciples in Thessalonica:

- "Recognize them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake!
- Be at peace among yourselves!
- Warn them that are unruly!
- Comfort the feebleminded!
- Support the weak!
- Be patient toward all men!
- See that none render evil for evil unto any man!
- Always follow that which is good!
- Rejoice always!
- Pray without ceasing!
- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you!
- Quench not the Spirit!
- Despise not prophesyings!
- Prove all things!
- Hold fast that which is good!
- Abstain from all appearance of evil!"

When we put into practice his advise, God's peace will sanctify us and our souls and bodies will be preserved "blameless" until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Fr. Remus Grama

### Chemare la Viețuire Creștinească

1 Tesaloniceni 5, 12-22

La acest început de an, să recitim îndrumările spirituale date de Sf. Pavel ucenicilor săi din Tesalonic și să ne străduim să le și urmăm:

- "Să cinstiți pe cei ce se ostenesc între voi, care sunt mai-marii voștri în Domnul și vă povățuiesc; și pentru lucrarea lor, să-i socotiți pe ei vrednici de dragoste prisositoare!
- Trăiți între voi în bună pace!
- Vă rugăm însă, fraților, dojeniți pe cei fără de rânduială!
- Îmbărbățați pe cei slabi la suflet!
- Sprijiniți pe cei neputincioși!
- Fiți îndelung-răbdători față de toți!
- Luați seama să nu răsplătească cineva cuiva răul cu rău!
- Totdeauna să urmați cele bune unul față de altul și față de toți!
- Bucurați-vă pururea!
- Rugați-vă neîncetat!
- Dați mulțumire pentru toate, căci aceasta este voia lui Dumnezeu, întru Hristos Iisus, pentru voi!
- Duhul să nu-l stingeți!
- Proorociile să nu le disprețuiți!
- Toate să le încercați; țineți ce este bine!
- Feriți-vă de orice înfățișare a răului!"

Atunci când vom pune în practică sfaturile sale, ne încredințăm acest sfânt Apostol că Dumnezeu păcii ne va "sfinți" pe noi, iar trupurile și sufletele noastre vor fi găsite fără prihană la a doua venire a Mântuitorului nostru Iisus Hristos.

Pr. Remus Grama

## THIS WEEK:

**SUN., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy; 11:30 a.m. Parastases IMO Maria, Maria, Mărioara (Dumitrescu, Hulață & Epuran Families); 12 p.m. ALL WINTER SAINTS DINNER.

**MO., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>:** 1 p.m. Blessings of the homes.

**TUE., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 p.m. Blessing of the homes.

**FRI., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>:** **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS.**

**SAT., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>:** 10 am Parastas IMO Dan Oprea; 2 pm Baptism Ray Alexander Pop; 5 p.m. Vespers & Confessions.

## NEXT WEEK:

**SUN., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy; 12 p.m. "FOCUL DIN VATRĂ" - AROY activity (Social Hall), 3 pm Blessing of the homes.

**WED., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>:** (+) **HOLY 3 HIERACHS** 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

**SAT., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** (+) **PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD** 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 11 a.m. Baptism Alexia Maria Tudoran, 3 p.m. Baptism Cristian Novitschi, 5 p.m. Vespers & Confessions.

**Altar Boys:** (January 27<sup>th</sup>): *Matthew Muntean Christopher & Kevin Oancea, Andrei Onciu, David Sumedrea.*

### Nursing Home

Radu Petrescu ..... Greenbrier  
Angela Netcu ..... Eliza Jennings  
Floare Mălan ..... St. Augustin

### Assisted Living

Victoria A. Morin ..... Greenfield at Oak Ridge, TN  
Ruth Lazăr ..... Royalton Woods  
Carlotta Miclău ..... Brighton Gardens

### Hospitalized

Florica Cucu ..... Cleveland Clinic

THE GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX CLERGY AND  
ZOE for Life! PRESENT



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
2587 West 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113  
9:30 am - Registration  
10 am to Noon - First Session  
12 Noon to 1 pm - Lunch  
1pm to 2:30 pm - Second Session  
2:30 pm to 3 pm - Break  
3 pm to 4:30 pm Third Session  
5 pm - Vespers

*Tickets are available at no cost. Free will offerings to ZOE for Life!  
Are always appreciated. For tickets contact the parish office or  
ZOE for Life! at 440-893-9990*

## ALTAR BREAD – PRESCURA

- Simona Cismas ÎM tatălui meu Ioan și a tuturor celor decedați din familie.
- Decebal Epuran & Family IMO mother, Mărioara.
- Mihaela Popescu IMO my mother, Iuliana-Olga. Always in my heart.  
*May God rest them in peace! Dumnezeu să-i odihnească!*
- Lavinia Cozmin-Morris for the good health of brother, Horia.
- Paula Ciobota pentru sănătatea și mântuirea lui Daniel.

## 7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS – NARTHEX

- Ana Popa ÎM soțului meu Traian Popa.
- Cornelia Bicescu IMO my husband Ovidiu Bicescu.
- Ionel & Ana Roșu IMO parents Saveta and Dimitrie.
- Simona Cismas ÎM tatălui meu Ioan și a tuturor celor decedați din familie.
- Rozalia Buta ÎM soțului meu drag, Toma, și a neuitaților părinți, Toma, Eva, Iosif, Maria și a tuturor celor decedați din familie.
- Afrodita, Irina, Magdalena & Sophia IM părinților Victor și Paula Constantinidis.
- Cristina Hemsoth & family IMO parents & grandparents, Grigore & Greta Butoi.
- Decebal Epuran & Family IMO mother, Mărioara.
- Maria Ișvanca ÎM soțului meu drag, Ioan.
- Studeny & Mortus Families IMO husband, dad, and moșu Ron Studeny.
- Antoniu Iliș IMO Elena Iliș.
- Marinela Turc IMO father, Joseph, and brother, Adrian.
- Mihaela Popescu IMO my mother, Iuliana-Olga. Always in my heart. Rest in peace, in the Lord!
- Dumitru & Paraschiva Vasu-Family IMO Ioan Ghindea, deceased in Romania. Memory eternal! Dumnezeu să-l ierte.  
*May God rest them in peace! Dumnezeu să-i odihnească!*
- Rozalia Buta pentru sănătatea ei și a familiei.
- Kalo Mariana for the speedy recovery of Buzaș Vioara.
- Maria Ișvanca pentru sănătatea lui Maria și tuturor binefăcătorilor mei.
- Fam. Spănu mulțumim lui Dzeu pentru toate binecuvântările și ne rugăm pentru succes în demersuri, ajutor, pace, liniște, credință și răbdare. (2)
- Marinela Turc for the good health of mother, Elena, and of the whole family. (2)
- Viorel & Elena Oancea for the good health of our family. Happy birthday mama Chivă și multă sănătate!
- Dumitru & Paraschiva Vasu-Family for the good health of our family, God's blessings and special intentions.
- George & Ana Mohan, mulțumire și ajutor de la bunul Dumnezeu la toată familia.
- Angela Voiculescu, please God, look over my daughter Sonia, protect and bless her!
- Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și prietenilor cu mulțumire lui Dzeu.

## CLERGY CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Clergy of the Romanian Episcopate of America are mandated by the decision of the Holy Synod and Episcopate Congress to attend the continuing education classes offered to the Clergy Conferences. On the week of **February 11-15**, father Remus Grama will participate in the Cnfertreat of the ROEA Clergy in Scottsdale, AZ.

## THE SCHEDULE OF THE BLESSING OF HOMES, 2019

*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 easier. Thank you!*

**Monday, JANUARY 21:** LORAIN, AVON, N.  
RIDGEVILLE, AVON LAKE, BAY VILL. - 1:00 PM

**Tuesday, JANUARY 22:** EUCLID, EUCLID HTS.,  
MAYFIELD HTS, E. CLEVELAND, SHAKER HTS. -  
1:00 PM

**Sunday, JANUARY 27:** **RESCHEDULED**, MEDINA,  
SEVILLE - 3:00 PM

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



**TWO MORE WEEKS TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORTS!**



In preparation for our annual meeting scheduled for the first Sunday in February, we need the reports from the following organizations: Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, AROY, Parents Club, Sunday School, Saint Mary Society. We are asking the officers to not delay and send or bring the **reports no later than January 25, 2019**.

*Thank you!*



**February 6**  
**7 p.m. - AROY**  
***Ellection of Officers***

## NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held on January 16, approved the following matters:

- The expenses for Father Remus Grama's participation to the Clergy Conference.
- Took note of the Spiritual Retreat for Laity to be held on February 16 at St. George Orthodox Church, Cleveland.
- Approved the Agenda for the Annual parish Assembly of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Took note of the completion of the work for the demolition of the White House ((80,000) and installation of one drain for pluvial water.
- Took note about the celebrations of the parish 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sep. 29, 2019. It was decided that ALL Parish Council presidents will be invited to co-chair the event and other activities related to this event.
- Approved that a pictorial Album of the parish be done after the Holy Pascha, in honor of the anniversary.
- Approved the snow removal contract at \$250 per push.
- Took note of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OCA in 2020.
- Approved the Fish Fry 2019 to begin on March 8. Chairman: Gus Secue and Missy Neumann.
- Approved the parish main events for 2019.
- Established that the election of the new Parish Council will be held Wednesday, February 6 at 7 PM.

Father Remus Grama offered special THANK YOU to Vasile Peicu (Council President) and Mariana Miron (Ladies Auxiliary President) who completed *four years of service* to the church and to ALL the members of the Council for their faithful service!





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January 17, 2019

17 ianuarie, 2019

## CONVOCACTION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Dear Parish Member,

In accordance with *Article IX, Section 25 (a)* of the *Constitution and By-Laws of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America*, the Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio is hereby called into session, on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** at 12:00 P.M., in the parish hall. All members are invited to participate. Non-members may attend without the right to vote. According to the By-Laws, the right to vote is reserved to those who paid their dues prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the past year. New members have the right to vote six months after paying dues.

### Agenda:

1. Invocation of the Holy Spirit.
2. Roll call, call to order.
3. Formation of the Bureau.
4. Reading of the Minutes of the last Parish Council.
5. Annual Reports, 2018:
  - a. Parish Priest
  - b. Council President
  - c. Treasurer & Auditors
  - d. Auxiliaries: Ladies, Church School and Parents Club, Saint Mary Society
6. Approve the raising of \$50,000 for capital improvements to the property of the parish.
7. Approve the increase of the salary of all church personnel with 3% (COLA).
8. Approval of the proposed Budget for 2019.
9. Approval of the nominated Parish Council.
10. Election of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates to the Episcopate Congress for two years.
11. Adjournment of the meeting.

## CONVOACARE LA ADUNAREA GENERALĂ A PAROHIEI

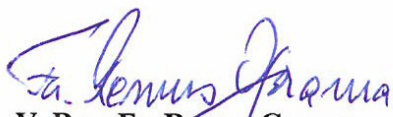
Stimate membru al parohiei,

În conformitate cu *Articolul IX, Secția 25 (a)* al *Statutului și Legiuirilor Episcopiei Ortodoxe Române din America*, *Adunarea Parohială a Catedralei Ortodoxe Române "Sf. Maria" din Cleveland, Ohio* este convocată în sesiunea anuală, **Duminică, 3 februarie, 2019**, orele 12:00 amiazi, în biserică. Toți membrii parohiei sunt invitați să participe. Ne-membrii pot asista, însă fără drept de vot. Potrivit Legiuirilor, dreptul de vot este limitat celor care și-au achitat taxa de membrisie până la 31 Decembrie, anul precedent. Membrii mai noi vor putea vota numai după șase luni de la achitarea taxei de membrisie.

### Ordinea de zi:

1. Invocarea Duhului Sfânt.
2. Apelul nominal.
3. Alcătuirea biroului de prezidiu.
4. Aprobarea Procesului-Verbal de la ultima ședință a Consiliului Parohial.
5. Rapoartele anuale pe anul 2018:
  - a. Preotul Paroh
  - b. Președintele Consiliului Parohial
  - c. Casierul și Controlorii
  - d. Organizații auxiliare: Reuniunea Femeilor, Școala Duminicală și Clubul Părinților, Societatea Sf. Maria.
6. Aprobarea colectării a \$50,000 pentru reparații capitale pe proprietatea parohiei.
7. Aprobarea măririi salariului personalului bisericii cu 3% potrivit ratei inflației (COLA).
8. Aprobarea Bugetului propus, pe anul 2019.
9. Aprobarea noului Consiliu Parohial.
10. Alegerea a doi (2) delegați și doi (2) supleanți la Congresul Episcopiei, pentru doi ani.
11. Închiderea ședinței.

Yours in Christ,

  
V. Rev. Fr. Remus Grama,  
President of the Assembly

Vasile Peicu,  
Parish Council President



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & PARENTS CLUB MEETING



On **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, after the Divine Liturgy, our Sunday school teachers and representatives from Parents Club met with Fr. Grama. They discussed and put in place the activities for this second semester of school.

There was also proposed an alternative of Sunday school classes during the first period of the Great Lent. The class teachers will inform the parents about any changes in schedule.

As a requirement, from now on all Sunday school students and teachers are invited to seat on the first two rows of pews during the Divine Liturgy, unless they are singing in the choir. The pews will be marked "RESERVED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL."

Finally, **when the Holy Communion is given, Sunday school students and all mothers/fathers with small children should be first to receive it.**

Father thanked all those who participated to this meeting and looks forward for younger moms to come along and help.

## "FOCUL DIN VATRĂ"

Activity organized by  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL & A.R.O.Y. STUDENTS**  
(ages 12 to 18 years)

***Sunday, January 27, 2019***

***After the Divine Liturgy  
in the Social Hall***

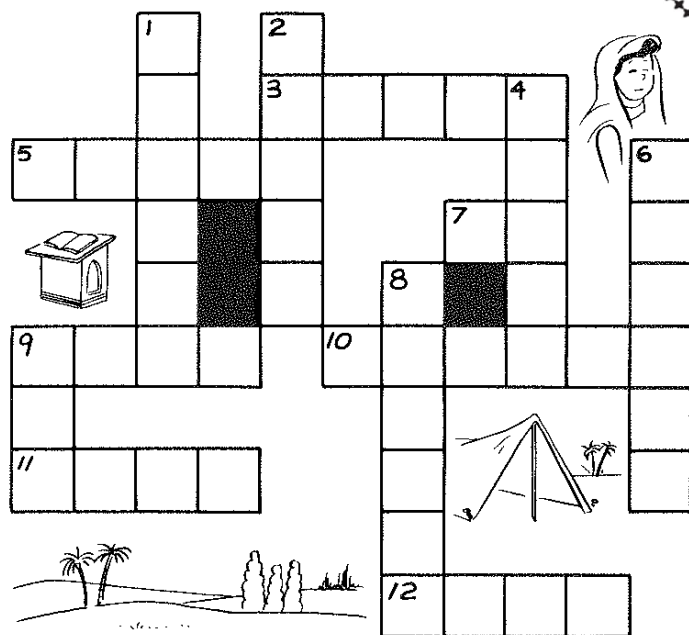
This activity will give our students the opportunity to learn more about their roots.

Activity initiated by Natalia Durleşteanu, and coordinated by Fr. Remus Grama, Natalia Durleşteanu, and Ioana Dincă

*All our teens between the age category mentioned above can participate.*

***R.S.V.P.*** by January 25th will be a great help for organizational purposes. Please call  
(440) 447-0045

## THE REWARD OF OBEDIENCE



(2 down) lived in (7 across) of the Chaldees. One day God instructed him to take his (10 across) and go to a new (9 across). God promised Abram: "I will make of thee a great (1 down), and I will (3 across) thee, and make thy (12 across) great; and thou shalt be a blessing." So Abram (6 down) and took (4 down) his wife, and (9 down) his nephew, and came to the land called (8 down). When Abram arrived, God told him that this land was to be his. Abram pitched his (11 across) and built an (5 across) to God.

**GENESIS 11:27 - 12:9**



## RUGĂCIUNEA COPIILOR CĂTRE MAICA DOMNULUI

Preasfântă Fecioară,  
Maica tuturor,  
Către noi coboară  
Al tău ajutor!

Și te rog fierbinte  
Să m-ajuti de-acum  
Să fiu mai cuminte,  
Mai harnic și bun!



Că tu știi ce mult înseamnă  
Dragostea sfântă de mamă!

- Cărticica de rugăciuni pentru copii



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**Available dates:** February: 3, 24; March 10, 17; May: 12, 26; July: 7, 14, 21; August: 4, 11, 25; September: 1; October: 20; December: 22, 29. We thank all who have supported and sponsored our bulletins over the years. This definitely helps reducing the expenses of our informative weekly newsletter.

## UPCOMING SPIRITUAL EVENTS

**JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 27** - Blessing of Homes

**JANUARY 30** - (+) Holy Three Hierarchs: Basil, Gregory & John - 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

**LIVE IN CLEVELAND**

**GHITA MUNTEANU**

**MARE MARIUS**

**FERY DE LA CLUJ**

**DORINA HOZA "ARDEAL"**

**LIVE CU ORCHESTRA**

**SAMBATA 16 FEBRUARIE 7:30PM**

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## English Lesson English speaking Course

Catedrala Ortodoxă Română  
Sf. Maria

### Curs de Engleză pentru Emigranți Adulți de origine Română

(cu accent deosebit pe conversația practică)

**Unde:** Sala AROY

**Orar Tentativ:** Fiecare SATURDAY

începând cu 26 Ianuarie 2019

**Ora:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Instructor:** Celia Joyce, Peace Corps

Voluntar în Rep. Moldova,  
care vorbește românește.

**Gratuit**



**Interesați?**

Sunați imediat la 216-941-5550!

# LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING & LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

*AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY*

All ladies, members or members to be of the Ladies Auxiliary, are invited to the annual Meeting and Luncheon.

The meeting will take place in the  
SOCIAL HALL

## AGENDA:

1. Invocation of the Holy Spirit
2. Annual Reports, 2018:
  - President Report
  - Financial Report
  - Financial Audits Report
3. Election of Officers
4. Projects & Events for 2019

## NOTE:

According to Article 4, Section 8 (c) & (d) of the *A.R.F.O.R.A. Constitution and By-Laws (2015)*:

- (c) In order to be eligible for election on a committee, the nominee must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year;
- (d) To be entitled to vote, a woman must be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for at least six (6) months prior to such meeting.

Mark your calendars and join the club!



# ȘEDINȚA ASOCIAȚIEI FEMEILOR & MASA DE PRÂNZ

17 FEBRUARIE 2019

*DUPĂ SFÂNTA LITURGHIE*

Toate doamnele, membre sau membre în devenire a Asociației Femeilor, sunt invitate la Ședința anuală cu masă de prânz.

Ședința va avea loc în SALA  
SOCIALĂ

## AGENDA ADUNĂRII:

1. Invocarea Duhului Sfânt
2. Prezentarea Rapoartelor Anuale, 2018:
  - Raportul Președintei
  - Raportul Financiar
  - Raportul Controlorilor Financiari
3. Votarea Funcționarelor
4. Proiecte și Evenimente pentru 2019

## NOTĂ:

În conformitate cu Articolul 4, Secțiunea 8 (c) și (d) al *STATUTULUI ȘI REGULAMENTELOR ORGANIZAȚIEI A.R.F.O.R.A. (2015)*:

- (c) Ca să fie eligibile, candidatele pentru funcții sau Comitet trebuie să fi fost membre ale Reuniunii cel puțin un (1) an;
- (d) Ca să poată vota, membrele vor trebui să aibă o vechime de cel puțin șase (6) luni în Reuniune, la data ședinței.

Notați-vă în calendare și deveniți membre participante!



  
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# Winter Saints Dinner



*Masa Sfinților de Iarnă*

**JANUARY 20, 2019**



*Please, come and enjoy our first dinner in the New Year! We promise you an appetizing family style dinner, in the company of your friends, at the church!*

*Vă invităm cu drag la prima masă din Anul Nou a parohiei noastre! Vă promitem un meniu delicios, în stil familial, în compania prietenilor Dvs., la sala bisericii!*

## **A TRADITIONAL WINTER ROMANIAN MENU**

## **MENIU TRADITIONAL ROMANESC DE IARNĂ**

### **BE A SPONSOR!**

FOR \$100 YOU COULD BECOME ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THIS DINNER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### **DEVENIȚI UN SPONSOR!**

PENTRU DOAR \$100 PUTEȚI DEVENI UNUL DIN SPONSORII ACESTEI MESE TRADIȚIONALE! VĂ MULȚUMIM PENTRU AJUTOR!

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

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

*Happy New Year!*

*La mulți ani!*