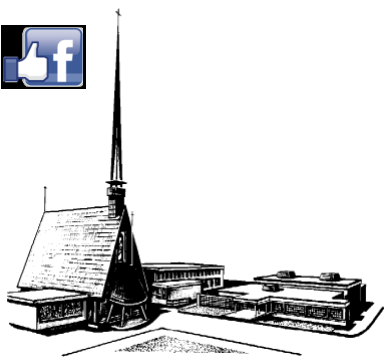


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Jonel, Ana, Daniela, Jonel Jr. and Erika Rosu, Dave, Shelley Calhoun & Family, IHO, Derek Calhoun, Fiance, Son, Son in law, sister, brother in law, & uncle on his birthday may God's love, peace, grace and blessings be with him throughout his life and help him always!!
Happy birthday!! La multi ani!

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SPIRITUAL CALENDAR: 2nd Sunday after Pascha (St. Thomas)

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

Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 1. Epis. Acts 5:12-20; Gos. John 20:19-31.

Altar Boys: Matthew Muntean, Kevin Oancea, Nicholas Olteanu, Samuel Neagoe.

Epitropi: Group 1

Thomas, Witness of the Resurrection

On the first day of the week after the Crucifixion, the risen Jesus came through the closed doors to the Holy Apostles. He gave them His "Peace," breathed upon them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Thomas, the Twin, was not there at the time.

When the Apostles told him that they have seen the Lord, he responded: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, Jesus appeared again in their midst saying to Thomas: "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Besides the witnessing of the 500 and 120 disciples, his affirmation has become proof of the Resurrection of Christ over the centuries. Jesus blessed him but He blessed even more so all those who have not seen and yet believe. For this reason, the Sunday following Pascha is known as *Thomas Sunday*. After this, Thomas preached the Gospel of the Resurrection all the way to India, where he sealed his witness to Christ with his martyrdom.

On this Sunday, we rejoice in the renewal of the Feast of Resurrection. All services will be like on Holy Pascha. At the same time, we are also called to renew our commitment to ever be witnesses of the Resurrection of our Lord. **Christ Is Risen!**



Toma, Martor al Învierii

În prima zi din săptămâna de după Răstignire și îngropare, Hristos cel Înviat a venit prin ușile încuiate la Sfinții Apostoli. Le-a dat „Pacea” Sa iar apoi a suflat peste ei, zicând: „*Luați Duh Sfânt, de veți ierta oamenilor păcatele lor le vor*

fi iertate și de le veți ține, ținute vor fi”. Toma însă nu era cu ei în acea clipă.

Apoi, când Apostolii i-au spus că L-au văzut pe Domnul, el le-a răspuns: "Dacă nu voi vedea urma cuielor în mâinile Sale și dacă nu voi pune degetul meu în rănilor cuielor și dacă nu voi pune mâna mea în coasta Sa, nu voi crede."

După opt zile, Iisus a apărut din nou în mijlocul lor, zicând lui Toma: „Pune degetul tău aici și uită-te la mâinile Mele; pune mâna ta în coasta Mea și nu fii necredincios ci credincios”. Atunci Toma răspunzând a zis către El: "Domnul Meu și Dumnezeuul Meu!" Între cei 500 și cei 120 de martori ai Învierii, afirmația lui a devenit, de multe secole, o dovadă a Învierii lui Hristos. Iisus l-a binecuvântat pe Toma, dar mai ales pe cei care au crezut fără să fi văzut. Din acest motiv, Duminica ce urmează Sfințelor Paști se numește *Duminica Tomii*. Atât de încredințat a fost Toma, încât a propovăduit Cuvântul Evangheliei Învierii până în India, unde a și murit, ca mucenic pentru Hristos.

În această Duminică, ne bucurăm de înnoirea praznicului Învierii. Toate slujbele vor fi ca în ziua de Paști. Totodată, suntem chemați și noi să ne reînnoim angajamentul de a fi mereu mărturisitori ai Învierii lui Hristos. **Hristos a Înviat!**

Fr. Remus Grama

Pr. Remus Grama

THIS WEEK:

Sunday May, 12: (+) St. Thomas 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy, 12:00 pm Coffee Hour in Honor of All Mothers, in the Social Hall.

Tuesday May, 14: 6:00 pm Festival Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday May 18: 10:00 am Parastas Mihaela Fulop IMO mamei; 11:00 am Baptism Maia Bughe; 1:00 pm Westpark Cemetery Blessing of Graves; 5:00 pm Vespers

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday May 19: 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy, 1:30 pm Sunset Cemetery Blessing of Graves; Lakewood cemetery 4:00 pm.

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

Altar Boys for May 19: Theodore Bica, David Sumedrea, David & Alex Popa.

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
Virginia Cucu.....O'Neil Rehab

Hospitalized

Rodica Iancu.....Southwest Hospital
Maria Mocanu.....Metro Hospital

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.

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



- 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. Odihna veșnică.
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Nina Nereuta.
- Ana Mohan IMO soțului George Sr., a fiului George Jr., și a tuturor celor dragi din familie mutați de la noi. Veți fi mereu în inima mea.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of Al Haak. Resting with the Lord.
- Maria Grama in memory of husband Florin Grama. Odihna veșnică.
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Vasile Popescu.
- Jim Craciun IMO Marcy & Jack Craciun
- Antoniu IMO Emilia Ilias, Lucia Ilias, Magdalena Ilias.
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Dorin Fulea.
- Jim Craciun IMO John & Yolanda Craciun.
- Antoniu IMO Iosif Ilias, Elena Ilias, Lucia Dobrin.
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Dr. Viorica Novac.
- Jim Craciun IMO Ana & John Craciun.
- Antoniu IMO Eufimea Ilias, Eugenia Balanescu, Remus Dobrin, Maria Dobrin.
- Jim Craciun IMO Moldea & Moldovan.
- Andreea Raaber IMO Rodica, Maria(baby), Eleonora, Doina, Gigi.
- Dorina Riscutta IMO parents Minodora & George Riscutta and all deceased in Riscutta & Giurgiu families.
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Stefan Novac.
- Dumitru & Paraschiva Vasu-family IMO all family members fallen asleep in the Lord. Always in our hearts. Memory Eternal!
- Carmen & Radu Novac –Popescu IMO Margareta Popescu
- Valer & Aneta Alba IMO Natalia & Virgil Scarlat.
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.
- Viorel & Alina Oancea for the good health of our family.
- Claudia Mateescu pentru sănătate Maria, Nuti, Cornelia, Anna, Vale, George, familia și parohia!
- Valer & Aneta Alba for travelers.
- Andreea Raaber for travelers Serban, Mioara, Andreea, George, Natalie.
- Dorina Riscutta for the good health of Riscutta & Giurgiu families.
- Andreea Raaber for the good health of Madalina, Leon, Rodica, Petrica, Deniza, Andreea, Cristian.
- Elena & Petre pentru sănătatea lui Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, toți frații mei, surorile mele, fam. Olteanu, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu.

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!

UPDATES FOR PARISH DIRECTORY BOOK 2024

If you moved, changed your phone number or email address, please notify the parish office. Fill out the form below and leave it with us. Thank you!

Your full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number - **CIRCLE ONE** (mobile/ land line)

Email

Address: _____

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; August 11; Septembrie 15, 29;
Noiembrie 3, 10, 17; Decembrie 29.

\$80 Anul Nou.

\$ 40 în celelalte duminici de peste an.

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; August 11; 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!

AJUTAȚI-NE SĂ ACHITĂM ÎMPRUMUTUL PAROHIEI!

Reparațiile noastre capitale din anii trecuți au fost posibile între altele și cu un împrumut de la bancă. În ultimii doi ani, am fost binecuvântați să avem între noi oameni generoși care s-au oferit să achite o rată lunară de \$1,500 ca să sprijinească biserica. Aceasta ne-a ajutat mult și ne rugăm ca și în acest an să continuăm această practică folositoare.

De aceea, rugăm pe cei care au fost mai binecuvântați decât alții, să ne ajute plătind pentru una din următoarele luni. Dacă doriți să faceți acest gest nobil, vă rugăm să trimiteți un cec pe numele Saint Mary Cathedral pentru suma de mai sus, cu specificația "împrumut". Lista donatorilor potențiali se va publica în bulletinul săptămânal.

Dumnezeu să binecuvinteze pe cei ce ne aud cererea și răspund cu dărnicie!

Addition from Palm Sunday Donations List:

Camelia Moceanu \$ 60

Geta Avram \$ 60

Elena Graur \$ 40

Rodica Iancu \$ 20

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council President: Vasile Peicu (216) 240- 3299	Ladies Auxiliary President: Maria Tent (216) 272-5961
Custodian: Marian Ciuta (216) 513-5535	Financial Secretary: Simona Sarsama (216) 533-4636
Hall Rental: Italian Creations: (216) 226-2282	EMERGENCIES: Fr. Remus Grama (216) 406 - 3654

HOLY PASCHA



It was encouraging to see the entire church worship the Risen Lord together. If everyone attended every Sunday, we would need a church three times larger. Why? Because there was full church inside, at midnight service; another church outside and another full church on Sunday, for Vespers. Let us pray that the Resurrection become the impetus for a new beginning.

THANK YOU...

... to the **Parish Council** (Epitropi and others), that helped in the distribution of Pasti and assisted Father with the processions.

... to the **Ladies Auxiliary** who assisted us in organizing two Paschal Receptions and other practical festivities of this Pascha Celebration!

... to **George Enescu Choir** and their director, Gerald Largent for their beautiful responses for ALL services during the last consecutive 12 days.

... to the **Altar Boys and their Parents**

... to our **Sunday School Students and Teachers**, especially to Ana Maria Sandu, for organizing the Paschal entertainment for the children.

... to administrative secretary, Cristina Hanea and financial secretary, Simona Sarsama, for handling the flowers for the decoration of the church and many other logistic details..

...to **Frs. Paul Monkowski and Florin Bica**, as well as **Fr. Deacon Nick Neagoe** for their services.

HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!

NEXT WEEK, TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Festival C-ttee, May 14, at 6:00 PM, AROY Room
Parish Council, May 14, at 7:00 PM, AROY Room

BLESSING OF GRAVES

In the Orthodox tradition, after the Holy Pascha, we bring the joy and blessing of the resurrection to our loved ones who are buried in the awaiting of the second coming of Christ. St. Paul says: „Either that we live or die, we belong to the Lord” (Rom 14,8). In our parish, we used to go to the graves on Memorial weekend, but this year the situation is slightly changed.

This year, the blessing of graves will be done according to the following schedule:

Westpark Cemetery: Saturday, May 18, at 1 pm

Sunset Cemetery: Sunday May 19, at 1:30 PM

Lakewood Cemetery: Sunday May 19, at 4 PM

For all other cemeteries, an appointment is required. Please, call our office at 216-941-5550.

BINECUVÂNTAREA MORMINTELOR

După rânduiala Creștin-Ortodoxă, după Sfintele Paști, aducem bucuria și binecuvântarea Învierii și celor dragi ai noștri care sunt îngropați în așteptarea celei de a doua veniri a lui Hristos. Sf. Pavel zice: „*Fie ca trăim, fie ca murim, ai Domnului suntem*” (Rom. 14,8). În enoria noastră, obișnuim să mergem la morminte în weekend-ul memorial. Dar, în acest an, situația este ușor schimbată.

Așadar, în acest an, vom sfinți mormintele potrivit următorului program:

Cimitirul Westpark, Sâmbătă 18 Mai, la 1 pm
(Poarta Ridge Rd)

Cimitirul Sunset, Duminică 19 Mai, la 1:30 PM
Lakewood Cemetery, Duminică 19 Mai, la 4 PM

Pentru orice alte cimitire, este nevoie de programare personală. Sunați 216-941-5550.

DOUĂ ADUNĂRI IMPORTANTE

Comitetul pentru Festival, Marți 14 Mai, la 6 PM, în sala AROY

Consiliul Parohial, Marți 14 Mai, la 7 PM, în Sala AROY

It's Mother's Day!

In the USA, the second Sunday in May is dedicated to the Mothers. On this day, it is befitting to pray for our departed mothers and especially to honor our living mothers. A great way to honor a mother is to offer a donation in honor or to light candles. Usually children come to the church together with the family to make their mother happy. A special reception will be offered on this day. It is a great time for us to pray together!
Happy Mothers Day to all mothers!

Este Ziua Mamei!

În SUA, a doua Duminică din Mai este dedicată Mamei. În această zi, este potrivit să ne rugăm pentru sufletul mamelor plecate dintre noi, dar mai ales pentru cele care sunt în viață. O cale potrivită de a ne onora Mama este să oferim donații sau să aprindem o lumânare. De obicei, copiii vin la biserică împreună cu Familia ca să o facă fericită pe Mama. O recepție va fi oferită în sala bisericii. Cât este de frumos să ne rugăm împreună în această zi! *La mulți ani, Mamelor!*



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

CHURCH NEWS:

ST. VLADIMIR SEMINARY GRADUATION

Congratulation to our former parish member, Spyridon Chaz Ikes, now Rev. Fr. Spyridon, who will graduate with a Masters of Divinity Degree, on May 18. Our Episcopate supported the cost of his education. We pray for his fruitful future pastorate. Father Spyridon was converted to Orthodoxy by our Priest, he is now married to his wife Sarah, an educator, and they are also proud parents. This should be an encouragement for other young people in our parish to study Theology and serve the Church.



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 15 and Thursday May 16, between 5 PM – 8 PM.** Viorel Oancea, Vice-President of the Parish Council will coordinate and waiting for YOU. Please, bring your own tools. **Thank you!**

Church Fence Coming Soon

Our church grounds will be refreshed with a new black aluminum fence. This will be replacing the old wooden one, which was demolished due to a reckless car accident. The installation will be done by the Grounds Committee. We are very proud to see our young talents at work!

THE NEW TROITZA WILL ARRIVE

After one year of efforts, our new Troitza, carved in American black walnut, will be brought from Philadelphia. We like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Alina Sacu for undertaking the cost of transportation to and from Philadelphia. More about this, soon.

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