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SPIRITUAL CALENDAR: 8th Sunday after Pascha(Pentecost-Rusaliile)
Epis. Acts 2:1-11; Gos. John 7:37-53; 8:12

Altar Boys: Aiden Bălescu, Joseph Rudary, Marcus Durlesteanu.

Epitropi: Group 2

Abba Onuphrios the Great

(June 12)

The faithful of Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland are blessed to have in their church a small relic of Saint Onuphrios the Great. Saint Onuphrios was one of the Desert Fathers whose life was written by Saint Paphnutios the Great, who left us the *Histories of the Monks of Upper Egypt & the Life of Onnophrius*, trans. Tim Vivian, published by Kalamazoo, MI, Cistercian, 1993. The holy Onuphrios died in the year 400 A.D.

Like many other holy men who struggled in the desert of Thebaida, in Egypt, we learn from Saint Pahnutios that the saintly Onuphrios lived his entire life in a cave, far away from the world, in continuous prayer and harsh fasting. According to his own words, he was fed by his guardian angel, who every Sunday brought him the Holy Body and Blood of Christ. His only other food was from the branches of a tree that grew by his shed. A spring of clear water sustained his life in the heat of the desert, while his long wavy hair was the only shelter and protection for his feeble body. His life confirms the word of the Lord that “not only by bread can we live but by every word that comes from God” (Mt 4:4; Lk 4:4).

Onuphrios was “a seer” and, among others, he announced the day of his own death. For his strong spiritual ascetic example and endurance in harsh conditions, he became a protector of the monastics. He is venerated in both the East and West, and especially in the Coptic Church. He is a reminder to all Orthodox Christians that God provides and sustains those who put their trust in Him. When he gave up his soul, angels were heard singing with joy.

In the West, many are praying to Saint Onuphrios, especially when they lose something. In our church, blessed by his prayerful presence, we intercede with the Lord that, through his holy prayers, we may find salvation.



Abba Onufrie cel Mare

(12 iunie)

Credincioșii Catedralei Sf. Maria din Cleveland sunt binecuvântați să aibă în biserica lor o mică parte din moaștele Sfântului Onufrie cel Mare. Acesta a fost unul dintre Părinții Pustiei, a cărui viață a fost scrisă de Sf. Pafnutie cel Mare, care ne-a lăsat *Istoria Monahilor din Pustia Tebaidei și Viața Sfântului Onufrie*. Sfântul Onufrie a înfrumusețat pustia cu viața sa și a trecut la Domnul în anul 400 AD.

Ca mulți alți bărbați sfinți, care “au luptat lupta cea bună” în deșertul Tebaida, din Egiptul de Sus – după cum învățăm de la Pafnutie -- Sfântul Onufrie a trăit toată viața într-o peșteră, departe de lume, în neîncetată rugăciune și post. După propriile sale cuvinte, era hrănit de îngerul său păzitor, care în fiecare Duminică, îi aducea Sfântul Trup și Sânge al Domnului. În afară de acestea, singura sa hrană provenea din cele douăsprezece ramuri ale unui curmal crescut lângă coliba sa. Un izvor de apă proaspătă i-a susținut viața, în căldura deșertului, iar părul său lung și vălurit a fost singurul acoperământ al firavului său trup. Viața lui ne întărește convingerea că “nu numai cu pâine trăiește omul, ci cu tot cuvântul ce vine de la Dumnezeu” (Mt 4:4; Lc 4:4).

Onufrie era atât *văzător cu duhul*, cât și un bun cunoscător al sufletului omului. El a cunoscut cu duhul însăși ziua morții sale. Datorită pildei sale de asceză și a răbdării sale în suferințe, el a devenit un model și un ocrotitor al monahilor. Este cinstit atât în Răsărit, cât și în Apus, dar mai ales în Biserica Coptică, a Egiptului. El amintește Creștinilor Ortodocși că Dumnezeu dăruiește și ajută celor ce se încred în El. În ziua când și-a dat duhul, Epifanie a auzit pe sfinții îngeri cântând cu bucurie.

Credincioșii din Apus se roagă Sfântului Onufrie atunci când pierd un obiect. În biserica noastră, noi îl cinstim și suntem binecuvântați de prezența sa rugătoare și rugăm pe Dumnezeu ca, prin sfintele sale rugăciuni, să ne aflăm și noi mântuirea.

Fr. Remus Grama

Pr. Remus Grama

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

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, June 8:(+) Rusalii 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy;

Monday, June 9:(+) Holy Trinity 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, June 11: 6:00 pm Festival Committee Meeting;
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting.

Saturday, June 14: 10:00 am Parastas IMO Tudora Vlasie;
5:00 pm Vespers & Confessions

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, June 15: All Saints-8:30 am Matins; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy;

Monday, June 16: Fast -Apostles Peter & Paul

Saturday, June 21: 3:00 pm Baptism; 5:00 pm Vespers & Confessions

Altar Boys for June 15: 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
Ion Adam.....Mapple Heights Nursing Home
Kathy Dragomir.....Altenheim Senior Living, Strongsville

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>

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 Albu IMO iubitelui meu tatăl Traian.
- Alexandra IMO mamei mele Cornelia.

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

- Carmen Ivan pentru sănătatea lui Daniel, Carmen, Denisa, Ioan, Ioan, Felicia.
- Alexandra pentru sănătatea familiei mele.

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.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of my dear brother Gabriel Boloca. Lord have mercy on his soul.
- 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!
- Antoniu IMO Iosif Ilias, Elena Ilias, Ioan Dobrin.
- Studeny & Mortus families IMO husband, dad, and mo-su Ron Studeny.
- Florica Cotrau IMO Ana Huluta.
- Marinela Turc Convery IMO mother Elena, brother Adrian-Marius, father Iosif.
- Jim Craciun IMO John, Ana, John, Yolanda and Marcy.
- Tudor Dăscălescu IMO bunicii Elena Dăscălescu.
- Lucica Fogoroș IMO soțului, părinților, bunicilor și a tuturor membrilor decedați din familia noastră. Dumnezeu să-I ierte și să-I odihnească în pace.
- Gloria Haak in loving memory of my dear husband Alfred. Resting with the Lord.

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.
- Marinela Turc Convery pentru sănătate Daniel, Mirela, Joseph, Adriana, Nicholas.
- Ovidiu & Georgeta Grama in honor of son Olivian, for his birthday! Happy birthday!
- Lucica Fogoroș pentru sănătate la întreaga noastră familie de aici și din România. La cei călători Dumnezeu să le poarte de grijă.
- Elena și Petre pentru sănătatea lui Ionuț, Andreea, Diana, Bogdan, Iulia, Mike, Landon, Logan, Luca, Ayan, fam. Radu, fam. Popescu, toți frații mei.
- Oster pentru sănătatea familiei și a prietenilor cu mulțumire lui Dumnezeu.
- Marinela Turc Convery for travelers-Mirela, Daniel, Joseph, Adriana, Nicholas.
- Marge & Stan Rus for the good health of Virginia Cucu.
- Angela Voiculescu –please God look over my daughter Sonia, protect and bless her.
- Mirela Farcas pentru sănătatea familiei.
- Paraschiva Vasu in honor of son Michael on his birthday. God grant him many more blessed, healthy and happy years!
- Marinela Turc Convery for the good health of Patrick & Marinela, friends.

GENERAL PARASTAS// Mosii de vară

This weekend, on June 7th, at 10:00 AM, at our church, we will have a General Memorial Service. We apologize for the late announcement. Please, let your friends know about this.

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!

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 2025.

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!

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: **June 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!

CHURCH WORK PARTY CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

Viorel Oancea, our Parish Council President, invites our parishioners to a **Spring work party**, on **Saturday June 21st instead of June 14th** from 9 to 1 PM.

The work consists of weeding and mulching the flower beds around the church, school and rectory. Please, bring gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided.



IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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

Caroll Michael Holtz Fallen Asleep in the Lord



C. Michael Holtz, 75, born in Frostburg, MD on July 24, 1949 passed away peacefully in the morning of Saturday, May 24, 2025 after valiantly carrying the cross of several serious medical conditions over his lifetime. He is preceded in death by his parents George and Blanche Holtz, brothers George and Nicholas, baby

daughter Nicole.

Mike is survived and will be missed by his beloved wife of 46 years, Helene (Dolly) (née Muntean), his children Dustin Holtz (Peggy); Brandi Aftabzadeh (Shahin), and Kevin Holtz (Nancy), Grandchildren, Madison, Abigail, Allison, Nathaniel, Elijah, Leila and Avalie, Sister Pamela Meyer (James), George Holtz, and sister-in-laws, Debbie Holtz and Linda Muntean, many family members and friends.

Mike is a former Parish Council member and a Altar Helper. He was active in the Parents Club and was a long-time member of our parish.

Family suggests contributions may be made to St. Mary's.

Memory eternal!



OUR HOSPITALITY!

It is so wonderful to meet church friends and visitors every Sunday. Tatiana and Traian Kytzu are a very welcoming family and offer a perfect image of hospitality. We thank them for their effort to host our Coffee Hour every Sunday. To help them continue on a weekly basis. We urge our members to sponsor a coffee hour. At the same time, each one of us should contribute one or two dollars, to help them with the seed money for the following week. Let us show that we care about our church and we want to continue this good practice, intended to strengthen the ministry of hospitality.

Thank you for your response!



OSPITALITATEA NOASTRĂ!

Este atât de minunat să întâlnești prieteni și vizitatori ai bisericii în fiecare duminică. Tatiana și Traian Kytzu sunt o familie foarte primitoare și oferă o imagine perfectă a ospitalității. Le mulțumim pentru efortul lor de a găzdui ora noastră de cafea în fiecare duminică. Pentru a-i ajuta să continue săptămânal, îi îndemnăm pe membrii noștri să sponsorizeze o oră de cafea. În același timp, fiecare dintre noi ar trebui să contribuie cu unul sau doi dolari, pentru a-i ajuta cu banii de pornire pentru săptămâna următoare. Să arătăm că ne pasă de biserica noastră și vrem să continuăm această bună practică, menită să întărească lucrarea de ospitalitate. Vă mulțumim pentru răspuns!

Attention, Graduates!

Every year, we love to salute the young high school and college graduates. In the month of June we are accepting informations on our graduates. Please, email or snail-mail your information to be acknowledged in one of the Bulletin issues in July. Thank you!

TROPARUL RUSALIILOR

Binecuvântat ești, Hristoase, Dumnezeuul nostru, Cea ce preaînțelepți pe pescari ai arătat, trimițându-le lor Duhul Sfânt și printr-înșii lumea ai vânat, Iubitorule de oameni, mărire Ție.

TROPARION OF PENTECOST

Blessed are You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

The Romanian Festival is Coming

In our parish, for 20 years, the Romanian Festival is the most significant annual fund raiser. This event brings together the Northeast Ohio Romanian community as well as many neighbors. It is made possible by all our joint efforts and personal support from each member. The Parish Council scheduled for June 14 will discuss its final details.

We invite all our members and friends to help us. If you have a business, please, purchase an ad to promote it in our program booklet! If you want to honor your loved ones or commemorate your beloved ones who fell asleep in the Lord, please, consider sending a donation and buy a page in their memory! Please, help us make this year's festival the greatest of it all! *Thank you!*

ORTHODOX WORLD NEWS:

His Grace, Bishop ANDREI of Cleveland Represented the Orthodox Church in America in ROME



With the blessing of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#), a delegation of the Orthodox Church in America traveled to Rome to attend the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The delegation, appointed by His Beatitude, consisted of [His Grace Bishop Andrei](#) of Cleveland, Auxiliary to the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, and Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Acting Chancellor and Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America. Upon their arrival on May 17, His Grace and Father Alessandro were formally received by an official of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity. ([oca.org](#))

Happy Birthday Your Grace!

His Grace Bishop Andrei was born on June 13. On behalf of our parish, we wish him: good health from the Lord, peace and salvation.

Many Years, Your Grace!

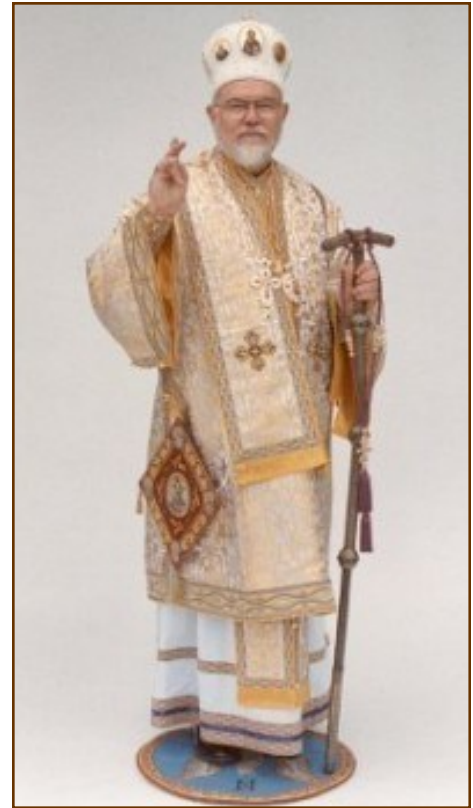
NEXT DOOR DEMOLITIONS HAVE BEGUN

For almost two years, we announced that the next door property was sold and the new owner intends to build high-end cost apartments.

As you see in the photo below, the demolition of old buildings is now ongoing.



Happy Birthday, Your Eminence!



His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel will observe his birthday on June 12.

On behalf of our parish, we wish him: good health from the Lord, peace and salvation.

Întru mulți ani, Your Eminence!

OCA PUBLISHES

FREE ADULT

CATECHISM ONLINE

Springfield, Virginia, June 13, 2023

Photo: oca.org The Orthodox Church in America published a new adult catechism online last week. The 16-chapter, 250 page *Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs: A Manual for Adult Instruction* is available for free in PDF format [on the OCA site](#). The OCA describes the book as a “groundbreaking work ... an offering to the Church to assist clergy and parishes in their work of instructing inquirers and the faithful in the truths of the Orthodox Christian Faith.” The manual is aimed at the development of an Orthodox worldview. ([OCA.org](#))

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