

CHURCH MONTHLY BULLETIN.

THE XXXV-TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

DUMINICA A XXXV-A DUPA RUSALII.

(Duminica Lasatului Sec de Carne.)

After His Resurrection, Jesus Christ "appeared in another form" (Mark 16,12). His disciples did not immediately recognize Him. Mary Magdalene, near the sepulcher, took Him for the gardener (John 20,20). On the road to Emmaus, the two disciples took Him for a traveler (Luke 24,13). To the apostles, fishing on Lake Galilee, He appeared as a stranger until John said to Peter, "It is the Lord" (John 21,7). In these ways, Jesus was showing us that He is present in all persons. He tells us so in today's Gospel lesson. He declares that He was hungry and thirsty; naked and sick; a stranger and a prisoner in those whom we have fed and given to drink, clothed, visited, and welcomed. He was present, also, in those who were in need, but whom we did not help. "Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it no to Me".

This does not mean that God and His creatures are identical by nature, but by grace as members of His Body, as His living images and temples. This is the mystery of the visible presence of Christ among us today. Amen.

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Duminica de astazi este dedicata Lasatului sec de carne, sau a Infricosatei Judecati. Ne punem intrebarea: Cum ne pregatim pentru a doua venire? A doua venire a Domnului Hristos o marturisim de cate ori spunem Simbolul credintei: "Ca iarasi va sa vie cu marire sa judece viii si mortii, a Carui Imparatie nu va avea sfirsit". Se intreaba oamenii de astazi, s-au intrebat cei de ieri, s-au intrebat cei din vremea Domnului Hristos, cand va veni Domnul Hristos?

Raspunsul cel mai adevarat la aceasta intrebare este cel dat de Domnul Hristos cand zice: "Iar de ziua si de ceasul acela nimenea nu stie, nici ingerii din cer, nici Fiul, ci numai Tatal" (Matei 24,36).

De va veni cineva si ne va spune, cum am observat in ziarele locale, ca cineva déjà stie ziua Judecatii, anume 21 May 2011, se arata mai intelept decat cuvantul Domnului Hristos.

"Privegheati si va rugati ca ziua aceea sa va gaseasca pregatiti".

Ce se va intimpla la Judecata de apoi? La Judecata vom avea toti sa dam raspuns de cele ce le-am facut in viata, de cele ce le-am vorbit, de cele ce le-am gandit. Sa cerem de la Dumnezeu, in fiecare zi si mai ales la sfintele slujbe, sa ni se daruiasca "sfirsit crestinesc vietii noastre, neinfruntat, in pace si raspuns bun la infricosatoarea judecata a lui Hristos".

Slujind omului, slujim lui Dumnezeu. Si adevarata slujire a Domnului este aceea cand ai slujim omului, cand ai facem bine omului in numele lui Dumnezeu, si orice bine facut oamenilor, in numele Domnului Hristos, are dreapta sa rasplatire.

Dar mai este si o judecata a cugetului nostru, judecata constiintei noastre. Referitor la aceasta ne spune Sfantul Marcu Ascetul: "Sa nu ascultati de inima voastra pana n-ati dezradacinat toate patimile".

Mai este o judecata, aici, in lumea aceasta, o judecata printr-un cuget strain, si anume **judecata de la spovedanie**, cand omul se duce sa fie judecat, nu numai sa fie dezlegat. Mai este si o judecata: **judecata rugaciunii**. Spune Sfantul Ioan, cel ce a scris Scara, despre rugaciune, ca este judecat si judecatorie si scaunul judecatorului inainte de judecata cea viitoare. Vedem ca rugaciunea este oglinda sufletului, si astfel omul cand se roaga, simte cata legatura are cu Dumnezeu. Cine se roaga stie care-i starea lui sufleteasca. Rugaciunea este ca un fel de termometru al vietii duhovnicesti, iti arata cu adevarat starea in care te gasesti.

Pana la Judecata de Apoi, inca se mai pot ajuta oamenii morti prin rugaciunile Sfintei Biserici, prin rugaciunile pentru morti, ca Dumnezeu sa-i usureze sis a le faca parte de rai celor care n-au ajuns sa fie in rai.

Se spune in Sfanta Evanghelie ca Domnul Hristos va desparti pe cei buni de cei rai cum desparte pastoral oile de capre. Se spune in Pateric ca un parinte oarecare a fost intrebata: "Care sunt toile si care sunt caprele"? Si el cu smerenie a raspuns: "Caprele sunt eu, fiindca eu sunt dintre capre, sunt rau, si oile Dumnezeu le stie".

Sfantul Stefan cand a fost lovit cu pietre, a zis: "Iisuse, primeste duhul meu". Asa si noi, sa-i dam duhul nostru Domnului Hristos.

Ne sta in fata Sfantul Post in care este mai multa vreme de cercetare. Dumnezeu sa ne ajute la toti sa putem face lucrurile acestea cu rost si cu folos pentru mintuirea noastra. De aceea sa ne cercetam acum mai mult, sa ne gandim mai mult la a doua venire a Domnului Hristos, la clipa cand vom sta de fata inaintea Lui si la clipele in care, de fapt, stam de fata inaintea Lui: la Sfintele slujbe, la rugaciune, la Sfintele Taine.

De aceea, sa cerem mai mult ajutor, sa ne punem mai multa incredere in Domnul Hristos, asa precum tilharul a strigat: "Pomeneste-ma, Doamne, intru Imparatia Ta!". Amin.

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Church Services: - **Holy Baptism - Mitchell Alin Dron**, the son of Mr. Calin Daniel Dron and Ms. Elena Madalina Neagu, who was born on Dec. 20-th, 2010, was baptized and confirmed into the Orthodox faith in our Cathedral on Sat. Feb. 26-th, 2011, having as God parents: Mr. & Mrs. Nicolae Sorin & Simona Dron. We would like to congratulate the newly baptized one along with his parents, God parents and grandparents. La multi si fericiti ani!

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- **Funerals - Valentina Cerghet**, age 74, born in Baneasa, Romania, passed away on Feb. 17-th, 2011, at Met. Hosp. Prayers were held at Families First Funeral home on Feb. 18-th, 2011 and funeral service was held in our Cathedral on Sat. Feb. 19-th, 2011. Interment took place at Windsor Memorial Gardens. May God rest her soul in peace and her memory be eternal. Dumnezeu s-o odihneasca in pace, si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.
- **Memorial Services** - On Sat. Feb. 5-th, 2011, Mr. & Mrs. Tiberiu & Carmen Andrei had brought a memorial in loving memory of the late mother, Anica, and all of the departed ones in the family. May God rest them all in peace. Dumnezeu sa-i ierte.

- *On Sat. Feb. 12-th, 2011, Mr. Dan Grosu along with his family had the monument of his late wife, Lucia, blessed and sanctified at Windsor Memorial Gardens, at one year since her departure from this life. May God rest her soul in peace and her memory be eternal. Dumnezeu s-o ierte.*
- *On Sun. Feb. 13-th, 2011, the family of the late Lucia Grosu, who passed away one year ago, had brought a memorial in her remembrance in our Cathedral. Dumnezeu s-o ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*
- *On Sun. Feb. 13-th, 2011, Ms Mary & Ms. Vera Cory had a memorial service at Windsor Greenlawn Cemetery, in memory of a beloved brother, Nicholas Albert Cory, who passed away one year ago, on Feb. 13-th, 2010. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal.*

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CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL, 2011-2012.

At the General Assembly Meeting and the first Council meeting held in our Cathedral, the followings were elected in our Parish Council for the next term, 2011-2012.

- *President: Mrs. Monica Mihalceanu,*
- *Vice-President: Mr. Alexandru Ene,*
- *Recording Secretary: Mr. Marius Enache,*
- *Treasurer: Mr. Adrian Enciu,*
- *Financial Secretary: Mr. Preston Punga.*
- **Auditors:** *Mrs. Viorica Andrian, Mr. Adrian Dinica, Mr. Sam Erina, Mr. Cristian Manecuta.*
- **Council members:** *Mr. Iulian Bejan, (First cantor), Mrs. Daniela Anghel, Mrs. Carmen Ognean, (Sunday School Principal), Mr. Nicolae Popet, Mrs. Letitia Stanciu, (Ladies Club President), Mr. Stefan Tintoi, Mr. Peter Tonita.*
- **Delegates to Congress and Deanery:** *Mr. Marius Mihalceanu, (Treasurer for the Archdiocese – Canadian parishes) and Mr. Sam Erina.*

We would like to congratulate the newly elected President, Mrs. Monica Mihalceanu wishing her all the best and good administration of our Cathedral, along with the new Vice President, Mr. Alexandru Ene.

Our gratitude and heartfelt thank to the outgoing President, Mrs. Daniela Anghel, for all her hard work and efforts. May God bless her always with His rich mercies.

We would like to welcome the new parish council members: Iulian Bejan, Carmen Ognean, Adrian Dinica, Nicolae Popet, Cristian Manecuta, wishing them success in their new roles as Council members.

Same good wishes to the re-elected Council members, wishing them good success in their endeavors. Best of luck and God bless them all !

SUN. JAN. 30-TH, 2011: - ***Mrs. Vicky Kines has lite the Holy Chandelier for her good friend, the late Elaria Penzari, who passed away on Dec. 8-th, 2010, at her 40 day departure of this life. Now she is at peace from all the pain she had suffered over the past years. May God rest her soul in peace.***

- *D-I si D-na Titus si Madalina Onica au donat \$ 40.00 Catedralei noastre pentru sanatatea parintilor si bunicilor, Antonina si Traian, cu ocazia zilei de nastere, (30 Ian. si 29 Ian.) "La multi ani!" Multumirile noastre pentru frumoasa donatie.*
- *D-I Iulian Bejan, cantorul nostrum a donat \$ 20.00 Catedralei noastre in memoria celui ce a fost Vasile, trecut la cele vesnice in Romania, acum doua saptamini. Dumnezeu sa-l odihneasca in pace, si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*
- *Mrs. Letitia Stanciu has lit the chandelier in memory of her late brother, Simeon, in honor of his name day, and all of the departed in the family. May God rest their souls in peace.*

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SUN. FEB. 6-TH, 2011: - *Miss Valerie Penzari had donated to our Ladies Club sugar, flour, canned food in memory of her late mother, Elaria Penzari, at her 40 day departure from this life. The Ladies would like to thank her very much for the nice donation.*

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SUN. FEB. 13-TH, 2011: - *D-I Sorin Sabou impreuna cu familia a aprins o lumanare mare de \$ 14.00 in Sfantul Altar pentru sanatatea membrilor familiei. Bunul Dumnezeu sa-i binecuvinteze mereu.*

- *D-I Dan Grosu impreuna cu familia au donat \$ 50.00 Catedralei noastre in memoria sotiei, Lucia, trecuta la cele vesnice cu un an in urma. Dumnezeu s-o odihneasca in pace si multumiri pentru frumoasa donatie.*
- *D-I Alexandru Ene a donat \$ 50.00 Catedralei noastre pentru sanatatea membrilor familiei. Ii multumim din inima pentru frumoasa donatie.*
- *Familia D-I si D-na Cristian Manecuta a aprins policandrul in memoria prietenei, Lucia Grosu, un suflet mare si nobil, plecat prea devreme dintre noi acum un an in urma. Ii vom pastra vie amintirea cat vom trai. Dumnezeu s-o ierte, si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*
- *Familia Turcu a donat \$ 20.00 Catedralei noastre in memoria bunicilor, Drosida si Ilarie Braga, si pentru sanatatea intregii familii. Dumnezeu sa-i binecuvinteze pe toti.*
- *We would like to thank Mr. Alexandru Ene, for doing all the necessary repairs to our electrical and fire protection system, required in order to obtain the annual Hall licence. Multumiri D-lui Alexandru Ene pentru reparatiile facute sistemului electric si sistemului de alarma, in caz de incendiu.*

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SUN. FEB. 20-TH, 2011 – Pre Lenten Dinner: - *D-I si D-na Sorin si Mirela Cerghet au donat \$ 100.00 Catedralei noastre in memoria mamei, Valentina Cerghet, trecuta la cele vesnice pe 17 Feb. 2011. Dumnezeu s-o odihneasca in pace si vesnica fie pomenirea sa. Multumiri din inima pentru generoasa donatie.*

- *D-I si D-na Sorin si Mirela Cerghet au aprins policandrul in memoria mamei, Valentina Cerghet, decedata pe 17 Feb. 2011. Dumnezeu s-o ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*

- *D-na Simona Cerghet impreuna cu fiul, Alexandru, au donat \$ 100.00 Catedralei noastre in memoria mamei si bunicii, Valentina Cerghet, decedata pe 17 Feb. 2011. Dumnezeu s-o ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa. Multumiri din inima pentru generoasa donatie.*
- *D-na Simona, impreuna cu fiul, Alexandru Cerghet, au aprins policandrul in memoria mamei si bunicii, Valentina Cerghet, trecuta la cele vesnice pe 17 Feb. 2011. Dumnezeu s-o odihneasca in pace si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*
- *D-I si D-na Marius si Monica Mihalceanu au aprins Sfanta Cruce in memoria celor decedati din familie. Dumnezeu sa-i ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea lor.*
- *D-na Cornelia Mesesan a aprins Sfanta Cruce in memoria celei ce a fost Maria Tudorache. Dumnezeu s-o ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.*
- *Our Sunday School had lit the chandelier today in memory of a very dear and dedicated Lady of our Sunday School, the late Connie Constance Marie Mihoren, who passed away six years ago. Always remembered by us for her kindness si noble soul. May her memory be eternal.*
- *Eleanore, Sandy, Marie and their families lite the Holy Cross in memory of their mother, Ann Cuku, who left us ten years ago, on Feb. 21-st, 2001. Loved and missed every day, and in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, Mom. May God have mercy on her soul.*
- *Mrs. Eva Dragomir has made a donation of \$ 100.00 to our Cathedral for the Pre Lenten Dinner, for her own good health and the health of her whole family. Our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation.*
- *D-na Felicia Nicolaiciuc a donat \$ 100.00 Catedralei noastre pentru sanatate si fericire in familie, bunaintelegere si binecuvantare, reusita la examene. Multumiri din inima pentru generoasa donatie.*
- *D-na Cecilia Dan a aprins o lumanare mare de \$ 14.00 in Sfantul Altar in memoria parintilor Aguda si Vasile. Dumnezeu sa-i ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea lor.*
- *D-I si D-na Marian si Dorina Stoica au aprins o lumanare mare de \$ 14.00 in Sfantul Altar in sanatatea si recuperarea rapida dupa operatie a sorei si cumnatei Mariana. Dumnezeu s-o binecuvinteze cu multa sanatate.*
- *Ms. Mary Cory has donated \$ 100.00 to our Cathedral in memory of her late brother, Nicholas Albert Cory, who passed away one year ago. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal. Many heartfelt thanks for the generous donation.*

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“Romanian Art Connections” a special exhibit of the paintings of four local Romanian artists will take place March 6-12, 2011 at Artspeak Gallery, 1942 Wyandotte St., E., Paintings by these four artists (Ron Suchiu, Iosif Derecichei, Janina Stancu, Vasilica Dumitriu) and youth from our Sunday School will be displayed for visitors to view and enjoy.

Designated times include Wed. Mar. 9, Family night 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. Mar.11, Opening and reception 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sat. Mar. 12, Meet the artist 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Please plan to join us for this event.

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COUNCIL OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX CHURCHES.

INTER ORTHODOX VESPERS OF GREAT LENT 2011.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13-TH, 2011: - **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY –**

- *ST. VLADIMIR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, 2000 Tecumseh Rd., E., 6:00 P.M., followed by a Lenten Supper in the Church Auditorium.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 20-TH, 2011: - **SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY OF PALAMAS –**

- *ST. GEORGE'S ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, 1960 Tecumseh Rd., E., 6:00 P.M., followed by a Lenten Supper in the Church Auditorium.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 26-TH, 2011: - **SATURDAY OF THE SOULS –**

- *DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 2895 Seminole St., Matins: - 9:00 a.m., Holy Liturgy: - 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for the deceased, followed by a Lenten Lunch in the Parish Hall.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 27-TH, 2011: - **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS –**

- *HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 65 Ellis St., 6:00 P.M., followed by a Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 3-RD, 2011: - **SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLYMAX –**

- *SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH GRACHANICA, 1960 Meldrum Rd., 6:00 P.M., followed by a Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 10-TH, 2011: - **SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT –**

- *ST. DIMITRIJE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 2690 Seminole St., 6:00 P.M., followed by a Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall.*

NOTE: - **Clergy to wear BLACK or PURPLE Vestments for Lenten Worship, with the exception of Sunday of Orthodoxy, (white).**

NOTE OF THANKS: - *Our Ladies Auxiliary Club, its President, would like to thank all the Ladies who baked and brought the sweets for our Pre Lenten Dinner. Our gratitude to all of them. May God bless them all with good health. La multi si fericiti ani!*

A big THANK YOU to the Ladies Auxiliary Club for improving the Rectory Hall and Kitchen with tiles. The entrance floor shows a big change now and the kitchen as well. A very well job done. Thank you, Ladies!

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LADIES REUNION CLUB, 2011-2012.

At the General Meeting of our Ladies Reunion Club held in January, the members of our Ladies Club voted unanimously to have the same executive body of our Club for the next term, 2011-2012.

We would like to congratulate the re-elected Ladies President, Mrs. Letitia Stanciu, for accepting again this hard position and to work with all the Ladies for the betterment of our Cathedral. May God bless all the Ladies, re-elected and the new ones, Mrs. Claudia Ghitau, Mrs. Andreea Teodorof, Mrs. Carmen Ognean, for joining our Ladies Club.

We would like to wish them all the success in their endeavors for our Club.

La multi si fericiti ani!

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COMING EVENTS

- Sat. March 5-th, 2011: - Sambata Mortilor – Memorial services in our Cathedral for the departed ones, at 9:00 a.m. Please, bring your offerings and pomelnic for the service.
- Monday, March 7-th, 2011: - Great Lent begins – Inceputul Postului Sfintelor Pasti –
- Sat. March 12-th, 2011: - Sambata Mortilor – Service starts at 9:00 a.m. Please, bring your offerings for the deceased ones in your family; - 5:00 p.m. – Holy Confessions,
- Sat. March 19-th, 2011: - Sambata Mortilor – Memorial services for the departed ones; bring your offerings and pomelnic for the services; - 5:00 p.m. - Holy Confessions,
- Sun. March 20-th, 2011: - **Inter-Orthodox Vespers, hosted by our Cathedral**, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Lenten Supper in our Auditorium. Please, plan to participate.
- Fri. March 25-th, 2011: - **Buna Vestire**, (Dezlegare la peste); service starts at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Holy Confessions – Taina Sf. Spovedanii.
- Sun. March 27-th, 2011: - Sunday of the Holy Cross; - Inter-Orthodox Vespers hosted by Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 65 Ellis St., at 6:00 p.m. Plan to take part.

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REMINDER: - We would like to remind our members, who are behind with their membership for this year, please, do so with our Church office. We thank you!