

CHURCH MONTHLY BULLETIN.

THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

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In today's Gospel reading, we find three great truths in John 3:16: First, the great fact – "God so loved the world...", the second great fact – "That He gave His only begotten Son...", and the third great fact – "That whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have life everlasting".

Here, in essence is the entire Gospel, the whole message of Christianity. To believe this verse is to find the heart of the Christian faith. It is to find the love of God. It is to find forgiveness, salvation, peace with God and life eternal.

**Prayer: "Dear Lord, such love, so amazing, so divine, deserves my soul, my love, my all"
Amen!**

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Daca Dumnezeu este iubire, asa cum ni se prezinta in Sfanta Scriptura, inseamna ca lucrul cel mai de capetenie care il putem dori noi ca sa ne asemanam cu Dumnezeu este iubirea. Sa iubim pe Dumnezeu mai presus de orice si pe aproapele nostru, indiferent cine ar fi acela, ca-i bun, ca-i rau, ca ne este prieten sau dusman, sa-l iubim cu intreaga noastra capacitate de iubire.

Despre iubirea lui Dumnezeu am aflat ca este o iubire jertfitoare, o iubire prin care se urmareste binele. Domnul Hristos a spus : « Fiti desavarsiti, precum Tatal vostru cel din ceruri desavarsit este » Ce inseamna sa fii desavarsit? Inseamna sa fii deplin, sa ajungi la deplinatate. Un vas, de pilda, de sticla sau de portelan este deplin daca nu-i ciobit. Cum este ciobit, atunci nu mai este deplin.

Chemarea noastra este sa nu ne oprim niciodata din loc, sa nu ni se para niciodata ca am facut mult bine, niciodata sa nu ni se para ca acum ne putem opri, ca am facut destul. Noi trebuie sa purtam in noi chipul Domnului Iisus Hristos, sa fim ca El. Daca nu ne silim pentru aceasta, inseamna ca nu putem sa avem parte cu Domnul Hristos.

Sfantul Maxim Marturisitorul, in capetele despre dragoste, spune ca dragostea este nascuta din nepatimire, deci iubirea este nascuta din nepatimire.

Daca vrem noi sa avem iubirea cea desavarsita trebuie sa le cautam pe acestea : bunatatea, rabdarea, nepizmuirea, sa fim ingaduatori, sa fim intelegatori, sa nu punem la socoteala raul, sa nu rascolim relele.

*Tot Sfantul Maxim Marturisorul spune ca orice virtute duce la iubire, dar mai ales la iubire duce **rugaciunea curata, care este rugaciunea omului nepatimas.***

*Numai prin iubire se poate ajunge la fericire, ne spune acelasi Sfant Parinte. Ca sa ajungem la aceasta fericire de a iubi, de a simti focul iubirii in sufletul nostru, trebuie mai intai sa fim slujitori ai lui Dumnezeu (**teodul**), rob al lui Dumnezeu.*

*Iar cel care este teodul cu adevarat, slujitor al lui Dumnezeu, ajunge sa fie **teognost**, adica cunosctor de Dumnezeu. Cine incepe sa cunoasca pe Dumnezeu, se bucura de Dumnezeu. Si cine este **teognost**, ajunge sa fie iubitor de Dumnezeu, **teofil**. Si cine-i **teofil**, adica iubitor de Dumnezeu, acela-i fericit, deci a devenit **Macarie**.*

Sa ne ajute bunul Dumnezeu sa invatam sa ne cercetam pe noi insine, si sa scoatem din suflet toata rautatea, ca sa ni se deschida calea catre lucruri mai bune, sa ne silim intru rugaciune, sa ne ajute Dumnezeu prin rugaciunea Maicii Preacurate sa ajungem la rugaciunea tot mai inaintata.

Sa fim slujitori pentru cunoasterea lui Dumnezeu, adica sa devenim teognosti, caci curatindu-ne de rele, numai asa putem ajunge spre cele bune. Amin!

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Church Services : **-Holy Baptism - - Sebastian Andrei Seicean, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Florin Seicean & Florica Balan, who was born on June 8th, 2013, was baptized and confirmed unto the Orthodox faith in our Cathedral on Sat. Aug. 17-th, 2013, having as God parents: Mr. & Mrs. Imre & Dorina Laszlo. We would like to congratulate the newly baptized one with his parents, Godparents with wishes of good health, joy and happiness. Intru multi si fericiti ani!**

- **Holy Matrimony - Alexandra Canja & Aaron Alexander Aczel** were united into the Holy Matrimony in our Cathedral on Sat. Aug. 17-th, 2013, having as witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. **Ionut Adrian & Oana Maria Aftim**, along with **Adam Aczel & Sonia Torsan**. We would like to congratulate the newly wed couple with good health, happiness, love and God's blessings. Unto many years together!
- Mr. **Cornel Ciotea** & Miss **Melisa Mejali** were united into the Holy sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Sat. Aug. 31-st, 2013, at St. Charbel Church. We would like to congratulate them, wishing them a long life together with good health, happiness, love and God's blessings. Unto many years, and Casa de piatra! La multi si fericiti ani!
- **Funeral Service - George Cory**, age 62, passed away on July 31-st, 2013, at Hospice. Prayers and funeral service were held at Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home on Aug. 5-th, and Aug. 6-th, 2013, (Holy Transfiguration) . Interment took place at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal.

- **Memorial Service** - On Sun. Aug. 4-th, 2013, Mrs. **Lucia Sabou**, Mrs. **Preoteasa Alexandra**, Mr. & Mrs. **Marius & Monica Mihalceanu**, Mrs. Karen Girard and Mrs. **Mitrita Gheorghiu**, had brought a memorial service and a memorial dinner in loving memory of all departed members in their families. May God rest them in peace and their memories be eternal. Dumnezeu sa-i ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea lor.
- On Sun. Aug. 18-th, 2013, Mrs. **Stella Djan** along with daughter **Valentina Djan** and family had brought a memorial in loving memory of a beloved husband and father, **Viorel Djan**, who passed away 40 days ago. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal. Dumnezeu sa-l ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.
- Mr. **Gheorghe Mihali** along with his family had brought a memorial in loving memory of his late wife, **Mirela**, on Sat. Aug. 24-th, 2013, at one year departure of this life. Rugam pe bunul Dumnezeu sa o ierte si vesnica fie pomenirea sa.

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Meet our new Member : - Avem bucuria sa primim in mijlocul nostru pe D-l si D-na **Claudiu si Daniela Aonigioaiei**. Le uram un bun venit in mijlocul nostru. La multi si fericiti ani!

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Support Our New Scholarship Program : - For students of Romanian Ancestry attending college, university this fall, one or more scholarships worth **\$500 to \$1000** each. Application forms and information at stgeorgewindsor.org. As of July 2013, the scholarships awards for students of Romanian Ancestry living in our community has become a part of the program at St. George's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral. This very successful project was sponsored in the past by the Romanian Beneficial and Cultural Society (Graiul Romanesc) and the club's efforts and contributions for all the years they supported it were appreciated. The decision by Graiul Romanesc to not sponsor the program at this time has led to a new affiliation for our scholarship committee with St. George's Romanian Church. We are looking forward to our new partnership. Presently we are preparing to raise the money we need to award one or more scholarships this fall. Plans are being giscussed for a fund raising dinner, promoting donations and a baked goods sale on Sept. 22-nd. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help us get started can do so by cheque and receive an income tax receipt. Cheques payable to: St. George's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, please add "Scholarship Fund" at the bottom. Cheques can be delivered to the office or mailed to: G. Plantus, Chairman, Scholarship Awards, 1735 LaBelle St., Windsor, On., N9E 1B3.

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Baked Goods Sale: - Everyone is invited to a Baked Goods Sale on Sunday, Sept. 22-nd.
Prajituri de vanzare – pentru a ajuta fondul burselor Romanesti. Profits from this event will help raise funds for the Scholarship Program of St. George’s Romanian Orthodox Cathedral. Please, join us in the Auditorium after the service and give your support to this important program for students. Looking forward to seeing you on Sept. 22-nd.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: - Please be advised that **there is no service** in our Church on Sun. Sept. 29-th, 2013. Due to the Deanery General Meeting in Brossard, Que., the Church will be closed for that Sunday.

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PERSONAL NOTE: - I take this opportunity by thanking everyone for the surprise party for my birthday. It was a real surprise and I would like to humbly thank you from the bottom of my heart for thinking of me and the cards and gifts offered. May God bless all the Ladies who prepared the delicious dishes and the people who attended and wished me a blessed birthday!

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COMING EVENTS: - Sat. Sept. 14-th, 2013: - The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Fasting – Post); Sf. slujbe incep la orele 9:00 a.m. You are invited to attend.

- Sun. Sept. 22-nd, 2013: - Baked Goods Sale, in our Auditorium, after the service.
- Sun. Sept. 29-th, 2013: - **No Service in our Church.**
- Marti, 1 Oct. 2013: - Acoperamantul Maicii Domnului; Sf. Ap. Anania.
- Sat. Oct. 5-th, 2013: - **Grape Dance – Balul Strugurilor**, in our Auditorium, at 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 14-th, 2013: - Sf. Cuv. Parascheva; service starts at 9:00 a.m. Plan to attend.
- Mon. Oct. 14-th, 2013 : - **Thanksgiving Day!** (Canada) - **Columbus Day** (USA).
- Sun. Oct. 20-th, 2013: - **The 95-th Church Anniversary.** His Eminence Archbishop **Nicolae** will be presiding at the Services. Please, save the date!

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