



APRIL 2011

Sunday, April 3 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent. Sunday of St. John of the Ladder. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:8-19. Gospel: Mark 9:17-32 (Healing of the lunatic); Matthew 4:25; 5:1-12 (Sermon on the Mount, The Beatitudes). Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

✠ **Pan-Orthodox Vespers** at St. Nicholas Russian Church, Stratford, at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6 – **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** at 6:00 p.m. The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Friday, April 8 – **The Akathist to the Mother of God**. Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April, 10 – **Fifth Sunday of Lent. Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29. Gospel: Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50. Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

✠ **Holy Unction Service** – Three Saints Church, 26 Howard Avenue, Ansonia at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Nikon will participate.

Wednesday, April 13 – **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** at 6 p.m.

Saturday April 16 – **Lazarus Saturday**. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Hebrews 12:28-31, 13:1-8; John 11:1-45.

Sunday, April 17 – **Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday. Floriile**. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18.

✠ **Annual Fish dinner** following.

Holy Week

Monday, April 18 – Saturday, April 23

Monday, April 18 – **Bridegroom Matins - 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 19 – **Holy Tuesday. Bridegroom Matins - 7:00 p.m.**

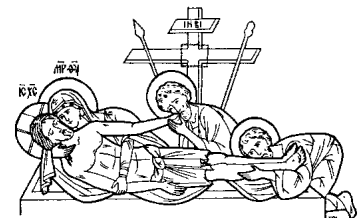
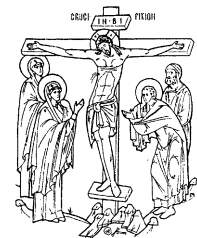
Wednesday, April 20 – **Holy Wednesday. Holy Unction Service - 7:00 pm.**

Thursday, April 21 – **Holy Thursday. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

Bridegroom Service - 7:00 p.m. Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels with Procession and Vigil at the Cross.

Friday, April 22 – **Great and Holy Friday. Placing of the Holy Epitaph at 3:00 p.m.**

Lamentations Service and Procession at 7:00 p.m.



Saturday, April 23 – **Great and Holy Saturday. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil at 9:00 a. m.**

Sunday, April 24 – **The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Resurrection Service begins on Saturday night at 11:30 p.m., with the Paschal Divine Liturgy following into Easter Sunday.**

Epistle: Acts: 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17

➤ **Agape Vespers - 1:00 p.m. with Easter Reception and Egg Hunt for the children following.**

Monday, April 25 -- **Bright Monday. Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.** Epistle: Acta 2:1-11; John 15:17-27; 16: 1-2.

Friday, April 29 – **All Holy Lady Birthgiver of God of the Life-giving Font. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.**

Epistle: Philipians 2:5-11, Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42, 11:27-28.

Sunday, May 1 – 2nd **Sunday of Pascha (St. Thomas). Matins at 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:19-31.

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Duminică, 3 Aprilie - **A 4-a Duminică din Post** (a Sf. Ioan Scărarul). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Evrei 6:13-20 și Efeseni 5:8-19; Marcu 9:17-32 (*Vindecarea fiului lunatic*) și Matei 4:25; 5:1-12. Școala duminicală de la 10:15 a.m. la 10:45 a.m

✠ **Vecernia Pan-Ortodoxă** la Biserica Sf. Nicolae, Stratford, la ora 4:00 p.m.

Miercuri, 6 Aprilie - **Liturghia Înainte-Sfințită** la ora 6:00 p.m. Canonul cel Mare.

Vineri, 8 Aprilie – Acatistul Maicii Domnului ora 6:00 p.m.

Duminică, 10 Aprilie - **a 5-a Duminică din Post** (a Cuvioasei Maria Egipteanca). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Evrei 9:11-14 și Galateni 3:23-29; Marcu 10:32-45 și Luca 7:36-50. Școala duminicală de la 10:15a.m. la 10:45 a.m

✠ **Sfântul Maslu** la Biserica Three Saints din Ansonia, la 4:00 p.m.

Miercuri, 13 Aprilie - Liturghia înainte sfințită, 6:00 p.m.

Sâmbătă, 16 Aprilie – Sâmbăta lui Lazăr, Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:00 a.m. Evrei 12:28-31; 13:1-8; Ioan 11:1-45

Duminică, 17 Aprilie – **a 6-a din Postul Mare. Intrarea în Ierusalim a Domnului Iisus (Floriile)**. Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Filipeni 4:4-9; Evanghelia: Ioan 12:1-18. Nu se ține Școala Duminicală.. Masa tradițională de Pește.

✠ **Vecernia Pan-Ortodoxă** se va ține împreună cu Parohia Sf. Nicolae, Bridgeport, la ora 6:30 p.m.

Săptămâna Mare și Sfântă *Luni, 18 Aprilie – Sambata, 23 Aprilie*

Sf. și Marea Luni, 18 Aprilie- Incepe Săptămâna Mare.

- **Utrenia Mirelui (Denie)** la ora 7:00 p.m.

Sf. și Marea Marți – 19 Aprilie - **Utrenia Mirelui (Denie)** la ora 7:00 p.m.

Sf. și Marea Miercuri, 20 Aprilie - **Sf. Maslu** la 7:00 p.m.

Sf. și Marea Joi, 21 Aprilie - **Sf. Liturghie** la 10:00 a.m.

Serviciul celor 12 Evanghelii - Utrenia –

la ora 7:00 p.m.

Sf. și Marea Vineri, 22 Aprilie - Scoaterea Sf. Epitaf, Vecernia - la ora 3:00 p.m.
Serviciul Prohodul Domnului – la 7:00 p.m.

Sf. și Marea Sâmbătă, 23 Apr. - **Sf. Liturghie** - 9 a.m.

Sf. Duminică a Invierii, 24 Aprilie - **Sf. Paști Invierea Domnului nostru Iisus Hristos. Serviciul Invierii și Sf. Liturghie** începe Sâmbătă la ora 11:30 p.m. Apostol; Fap. Apostolilot. 1:1-8; Evanghelia: Ioan 1:1-17

Vecernia Agape — la ora 1:00 p.m. **Recepția festivă**
Toți sunteți invitați. Vânătoria de ouă după serviciu, pentru copii.

Luni, 25 Aprilie - Lunea luminată. **Sf. Gheorghe**. Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 12:1-11; Evanghelia: 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Vineri, 29 Aprilie – **Izvorul tămăduirii**. Sf. Liturghie la 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Filipeni 2:5-11; Evanghelia: Luca 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Duminică, 1 Mai - a 2-a a Sf. Paști (A Tomeii). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Fp. Apostolilor 5:12-20; Evanghelia: Ioan 20:19-31. Școala duminicală de la 10:15 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Duminică, 8 Mai - a 3-a a Sf. Paști (Mironosițelor). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 6:1-7; Evanghelia: Marcu 15:43-47 și 16: 1-8. Școala duminicală de la 10:15 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Note :

Prin acest buletin vă invitația să participați în *Felicitarea de Paști a comunității noastre*.

Vă rugăm să faceți rezervații pentru **Masa anuală de pește** ce se va ține în duminica Floriilor, Duminică, 17 Aprilie.

De asemenea în acest buletin includem un plic, rugându-vă să faceți o donație Bisericii noastre cu ocazia Sf. Paști.

Festival 2011

Este greu de crezut că foarte curând va trebui să facem planuri detaliate referitoare la **Festivalul 2011**. Succesul acestui festival se datorează dedicării și diligenței multor membrii voluntari ai Bisericii noastre care donează timp și talent.

Mai presus de toate vă rugăm să rezervați în calendarul dvs, pentru cel mai mare eveniment social al anului **FESTIVAL 2011**, datele de **IULIE, 8, 9 și 10, 2011**

A point from Fr. Cornel

Lenten Meditation

The negative role played by Judas comes up in one way or another in our Lenten readings and meditations. He seems to be, at least in our minds, an intricate part of our Lord's passion, crucifixion, and death. The understanding of the role he played in our Lord's arrest and condemnation varies from our putting all the blame on him to his being completely exonerated.

His exoneration comes in general from the belief that he was somehow destined to be the needed traitor. One may cite the text from the Mystical Supper where Jesus Himself, after He instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion, seems to send Judas, saying to him: "What you do, do quickly" (John 13:27). I believe these words of our Lord had to do more with His being prepared to take up the Cross, and with the readiness of time for the cosmic event that was about to take place. These words of our Lord were not a "license" to commit the most outrageous act of treason.

The truth is that Judas did not have to betray our Lord. He was not preordained to act as the necessary evil in the chains of events that would lead from death of our Lord to His resurrection and the salvation of mankind. His act of betrayal was an act of his free choice but, at the same time, an act of futility. There was no need for anyone to betray Jesus, for everything He had said or done was in the open, publicly. Jesus was not hiding in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was there to pray, waiting for the soldiers. When they approached Him He said: "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not take Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled" (Mark 14: 48-49). And to Judas, Jesus said: "Friend, why have you come?" (Matthew 26:50).

Without a doubt, Judas was guilty of his actions, committing this great sin. If this is true, then the events that followed, culminating with his suicide, are explainable as natural consequences. Or are they? No, they are not. In fact, committing suicide was a far greater sin than betraying the Lord.

In order to understand this, let's put Judas in parallel with St. Peter. During the judgment of our Lord, the Apostle Peter denied Jesus three times, as Jesus foretold him he would: "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times" (Matthew 26:34).

The action of St. Peter was different from Judas just by some degree. Both betrayed the Lord in moments of trouble. However, their reactions to their realizations of what they had done are very different. St. Peter, after he realized what he had done, felt sorrow, repented, and cried bitterly. The Lord accepted him back among his beloved disciples. He never lost his trust in the Lord, and the Lord forgave his sin.

On the contrary, Judas realized what he had done, and his sorrow turned into desperation. The devil, which he allowed to enter him (John 13: 27) after the Last Supper, guided him slowly and swiftly through his actions and then encouraged him to the ultimate self-destructive act. He hung himself. Judas' greatest sin is that he did not truly repent and did not have enough trust in God's forgiving love, and consequently cut himself from salvation by committing suicide.

During this Lent, we should turn the attention of our meditation to ourselves. First of all, we should acknowledge our own sinfulness. We are all sinners, for there is no man who lives and has no sin (prayer from the Orthodox funeral service).

Next, we must realize that there are only two ways to deal with our sinfulness. One, the way of Judas, is the way of desperation, which will take us to destruction and eternal condemnation. The other way is St. Peter's way, the way of repentance. In fact there is only one way, and that Way is Christ.

Ladies' Auxiliary News

Reported by Audrey Fatsy, President

Holy Bread for March was made by **Priscilla Carameta & Betsy Cipu**.

If you would like to make the **holy bread** for a specified week or a month, please call **Florence Marsala** at (203) 336-0296. If you would like to donate holy bread IMO or for the health of your family but can't make it, you are welcome to contact Psa. Mariana Coca or Pres. Audrey Fatsy, and we will make the bread. The donation is \$20/week.

For anyone wishing to have a memorial with **gur**, the Ladies will provide the service as follows: 2-3 lbs of wheat, \$45; 4-5 lbs., \$65. This includes holy bread, cups, wine, spoons, bags and the ingredients needed to make the gur. Please contact Psa. Mariana or Audrey Fatsy.

The Ladies' Auxiliary always welcomes new members. Please join our hardworking organization. The annual membership fee is only \$25.00. With our new church completed in Easton, we definitely need lots of help and fresh new ideas.

We thank **Zoia Zgura** for organizing and for making the coliva and the bread for Caraga (Moşii de iarnă – Saturday of the Souls) on 2/26/11.

Thank you to Psa. Mariana for her making the *gur(coliva, boiled wheat)* for the departed and all the preparation of the coffee hours.

We need help with the coffee hour for the first and second service. Please volunteer to set up and clean up. Thank you to Sam & Gina Giavara for donating the blinds in the kitchen, retirees' room and Fr. Cornel's office.

Please bring baked goods for the Holy Pascha Sunday social hour.

Thank you to Sam and Gina Giavara for the donation of the blinds in the kitchen, Retiree's room and Fr. Cornel's office.

Note. If you have pita pans from the church at home, we kindly ask that you return them, since we need them to make more pitas. Thank you!

Audrey Fatsy will be collecting for the military to send goodie bags to soldiers connected to our community. Please give generously as we would like to send them in the name of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church.

Retirees Update

Reported by Mary Seferi, Secretary

Birthdays:

April: Peter Costulas

May: Len Balamaci, Florence Chanaca, Sam Chiacu, Charles Geambazi, Tom Muzea

Hosts:

April: Julie Cipu and Len Balamaci

May: Florence Godin and Kyratsa Jombur

Events:

March 3: **Veta Babu** sponsored a luncheon in loving memory of her brother **Vasil (Bill) Bileca** (1 year). **Memory Eternal.** Father Cornel blessed the Retirees and the food and led us in reciting the Lord's Prayer. Peter Costulas made a motion that the Retirees donate \$100.00 to buy shades for the Retirees' room and for the kitchen. Florence Marsala seconded the motion. We had a visitor from the Holy Trinity Greek Church, Helen Demestihias.

March 10: Before the meeting, the Retirees gathered in the church for a short prayer and for confession.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Sam Giavara, Parish Council President

The Parish Council has been extremely active in the last month setting the calendar for major activities for the year and planning for major events. The following events and dates have been established:

April 17 Sunday

Palm Sunday Annual Fish Luncheon 12:30 PM – Hall

April 24 Sunday	Easter Social after church service – Hall
May 8 Sunday	Fr Cornel 20TH Anniversary Acknowledgement 12:30 PM – Hall
May 14 Saturday	Spring Dance 7:30 PM – Hall
May 22 Sunday	General Assembly Meeting 12:30 PM – Hall
May 29 Sunday	Greatest Generation Luncheon 12:30 PM – Hall
June 5 Sunday	Romanian Comedy Theatre 2 PM - Hall
June 18 Saturday	Wild Game Dinner 6 PM – Hall
July 8,9,10 Fri–Sun	Festival 2011
July 31 Sunday	New Immigration Celebration Luncheon 12:30 PM - Hall
August 21 Sunday	MACAROY Celebration Luncheon 12:30 PM – Hall
Sept 24 Saturday	Food Fest
Oct 23 Sunday	St. Dimitrie Annual Luncheon 12:30 PM – Hall
Oct 29 Saturday	Consecration 9 AM Church & Banquet at Testos 1 PM
Oct 30 Sunday	Archbishop Luncheon 12:30 PM – Hall
Nov 11 Friday	Wine Tasting – 7 PM - Hall
Nov 12 Sunday	Pre-Lenten Party 7 PM - Hall
Dec 4 Sunday St. Nicholas	Fish Luncheon 12:30 – Hall
Dec 25 Sunday	Christmas Gathering (12:30 PM - Hall)
Dec 31 Saturday	New Years Eve Celebration – Hall

NOTE: Events & Dates are subject to change

In my last bulletin message, I announced the formation of several new committees. I'm pleased to announce that Karen Jordan & Dan Munteanu will co-chair the Membership Committee. Also very pleased to announce that Kris Fatsy will Chair our Facebook & Website committee. A special thanks to Daniella Babu who initiated the concept to rejuvenate our Facebook and Website as well as to Mary Jennifer Costulas who is an active contributor on this project. It is very encouraging to see that our younger generation is taking on these important assignments.

Several milestones have been achieved by the Parish Council in the first quarter of the year. 1) Established and formalized a Protocol and set Fees for Special Religious Services (Baptism, Wedding & Funeral); 2) Established and formalized the Protocol and Fees for Hall Rental for Members & Non Members; 3) Established a Hall Rental Agreement. These actions will allow us to be more responsive and efficient in administrating church matters. I congratulate the Parish Council for their support in implementing these most important items. In addition, we have established official email addresses for the Church and for the Consecration Program Book. These addresses will be announced soon. (thanks to Mary Jennifer Cotulas).

A Reminder that Palm Sunday is quickly approaching and reservations are needed for the Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon (12: 30 PM – Hall). Please sign up at the candle desk as soon as you can.

As you can see from the very active calendar above we will need many volunteers to carry out these events. Please feel free to contact me to participate on any of the committees or to assist at the events we have planned for the year.

We need volunteers for the following committees:
 Membership....MACAROY....Special Events....Consecration.... Festival
 Please contact me if you have interest in participating.

Sunday School News

March was a very busy month for the Sunday School children. Lessons included learning the Lord's Payer, and the importance of the Ten Commandments in our lives was the focus in the Kindergarten and First Grade classes. The upper grades focused on the importance of living each day with regard to the Ten Commandments.

Important days to remember:

April 10 – Sundays School at 10:15

April 17 – Palm Sunday, no Sunday School

April 24 – Easter (Holy Pascha), no Sunday School. Egg Hunt after Agape Service (starting at 1:00 p.m.).

May 1, 8 (Mother's Day) and 15 – Sunday school at 10:15

May 22 – Sunday School Commencement

We are very grateful to our teachers, who with dedication give their talents to teaching our students. Also, a big thanks to Fr. George who acted as the Sunday School spiritual adviser.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT OF ST. DIMITRIE CHURCH

We are all responsible to provide stewardship of our beloved church in the form of time, talent, and finances. It is a system whereby the support of the church is expressed as a matter of personal commitment, conscience, and the ability of each individual Christian. Our contributions reflect our love of God and the church and will express our commitment to ensure the present and future of our church. We are all called on to support the financial needs of the church, especially now as we build our new house of worship to the Lord in Easton.

Did you know that you can make a gift to your church that costs you nothing during your lifetime? Just have your attorney add a simple codicil to your will that can create the gift for a dollar amount or percent of the residue of your estate.

Easter Special donation.

In this bulletin we include an Easter Donation envelope asking you to be generous to your church during this season of giving. Remember the Resurrection of our Lord by making a gift to St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Women's council meeting sponsored by St. Dimitrie Ladies Auxiliary will be held at St. Nicholas Antiochian Church on Saturday, April 30th at 1:00 p.m. Please attend.

Counting Our Blessings

St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations of time, talent and treasure:

Fellowship Hour Donations

On February 6, donated in loving memory of Thomas (Mike) Gachi (40 days) by his wife Florence & family.

On February 6, was donated in loving memory of Louise Bicki 40 days by the family.

On February 20, donated in loving memory of Aura (40 days) by Aurel Ciufecu & Jennie Babu & families.

On February 20, donated in loving memory of Vlaicu Ionescu (7 years memorial) donated by Alex Ionescu & his family.

On February 27, donated in loving memory of Elizabeth (Liz) Lambro (40 days) by Cheryl Themel & family.

On March 6, donated in loving memory of Vichia Fatsy (4 years memorial) and Apostol Babo (11 years memorial) by George, Audrey & Spiro Fatsy & families.

On March 6, donated in loving memory of John Kardos (40 days) by mother Helen & family.

On March 13, donated in loving memory of Protopsalt George V. Fatsi (3 years) by wife Elefteria & family.

On March 13, donated in loving memory of Bujor Todeasa (6 months) by son Sorin Todeasa & family.

On March 20, donated in loving memory of Frances (Sue) Giavara, (20 years) by husband Arthur & family.

On March 20, donated in loving memory of Dumitru (40 days) by daughter Vasilica Stilu & family.

On March 27, donated in loving memory of Victoria Balamaci (40 days) by her son Bill & daughters Deana, Carol, and their families.

On March 10, donated in loving memory of Eugene Panatiecu (6 months) by his wife.

Fellowship Hour

Aureliu Ciufecu (\$50), Audrey & George Fatsy (\$50),
Arthur Giavara - IMO Sue Giavara (\$50)

The family of **Nicholas Geambazi** wishes to thank those who made donations to the church in memory of Nicholas:

Vasel & Ronnie Atanase, Elizabeta Babu, Michael & Jennie Babu, Betty & Barbara Balamaci, Constantin Bargiuma, Christo Bargiuma, Sandra & Vasil Batsu, Sophia & Mark Belade, Brenda Bicki, Catherine Broadbin, Christy & Florence Carabina & Sons,
Thomas & Priscilla Carameta, Christy & Cynthia Casavelly, Mary & Sam Chiacu, George & Julie Cipu, Thomas Cipu, Rev. Fr. George & Marian Coca, John & Gina Cook, Florence & Peter Costulas, Glenn & Cathy Crowell, Peter Fatsy, George & Audrey Fatsy, Ionel Geambazi, Andrew Ghitsa, Jim & Tina Giambazi, Stamatia & Christos Hatzis, Teddy Lupu & Aspasia Keleshian, Robert & Linda Lazar, Virginia Lity, Christine & Joe Magistro, Marge Michaels/Betty Nastu/Sylvia Culetsu, Frieda & Kay Nastu, Victor & Anne Nastu, Marie Nicola, Robert Nicola, Richard & Louise Pavlech, Flora Pittu, Sophie Pittu, Richard & Mary Ann Pittu, John & Mary Rigea, Liz Mestsos, Andrew & Alexander Shillira, Elizabeth Shola, Lucy Shola, Ioan & Eftimia Sideri, Debra Sylvia, Elizabeth & Tasi Vriga. The total amount of the donations was \$1760. *May his memory be eternal!*

The family of **Elizabeth Lambro** wishes to thank those who made donations to the church in memory of Elizabeth:

Dom & Marie Agostin, Vasel & Ronnie Atanase, Victoria Balamaci, Vasil & Sandra Batsu, Brenda Bicki, Christy & Florence Carabina, Tom & Priscilla Carameta, Florence Chanaca, Sam & Mary Chiacu, Nick & Despa Cipu, George & Julie Cipu, Fr. George & Marian Coca, John & Gina Cook, Virginia Dumitre, Kristin Fatsy, Audrey & George Fatsy, Tom & Elsie Gartsu, David & Marjorie Hirst, Elinor Ianuly, Kenneth & Evelyn Janello, Robert & Linda Lazar, Virginia Lity, Florence Marsala, Vangel & Diana Michael, Zoe Michael, Anne & Victor Nastu, Marie Nicola, Mary Nikola, Robert & Diana Nicola, Judith Schorg, Andrew & Alexandra Shillira, Lucy Shola, St. Dimitrie Retirees, St. Dimitrie Ladies' Auxiliary, Nick and Elsie Fatse.

The family of **Van Vangele** wishes to thank those who made donations to the Church in memory of Van: Sandra Batsu, Tom & Priscilla Carameta, Gloria Caranica, Joann Dzugan, George and Fevronia Fatse, Spiro Fatsy, Andrew Ghitsa, Robert & Linda Lazar, Virginia Lity, Florence Marsala, Robert & Diana Nicola, Loretta and Thomas Tanacea.

The family would like also to thank the pall bearers: Geno Caroni, Andy Ghitsa, David LaPierre, Gus Moran, Jeffrey Vanghele, Thomas Wiencko and the choir members who sang at his funeral service.

The family of **Victoria Balamaci** extends heartfelt thanks to those who have made donations to our church in memory of her passing on Feb. 15, 2011. The many condolence cards, telephone calls and personal well wishes have been a comfort to our family.

Andrew Adam, Dr. Dominic & Marie Agostin, Elizabeth Babu, Michael & Eugenia Babu, Betty & Barbara Balamaci, Chris Balamaci, Elena Balamaci, Frusina Balamaci, Gertrude Balamaci, Marilyn Balamaci, Nicholas S. & Karen Balamaci, Constantin Bargiunia, Stephanie Bellas, Doreen Bennett, Brenda Bicki, Brian & Doreen Bicki, Olga & Donna Laithy Bicki, Dr. Dennis & Lois Bird, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blaschke, Christy & Cynthia Caciavelly, Christy & Florence Carabina, Tom & Priscilla Carameta, Gloria Caranica, Robert & Stella Casera, Florence Chanaca, Josephine Chanaca, Sam & Mary Chiacu, Betsy (Mary Elizabeth) Cipu, Nicholas & Despa Cipu, Rev. Fr. George & Marian Coca, Cynthia Conry, Virginia & Theodore Cook, Peter & Florence Costulas, Department of Social Services Child Support Staff, Cristian & Stela Dima, Gina & Lupulia Dumitre, George & Fevronia Fatse, Eleftheria Fatsi, George & Audrey Fatsy, Kristin Fatsy, Pete Fatsy & Kathy Iuso, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Forbes, FORCC c/o Nina Kosowsky, Stella Fritz, Sam & Gina Giavara, Florence & Ernest Godin, Stephanie Golub, John & Deborah Hamilla, Ken & Marilyn Hanson, Christos & Stamata Hatzis, Mrs. Elinor Ianuly, Dinca & Rodica Ianus, Patricia Johnson, Kyratsa & Ileana Jombur, Karen & Robert Jordan, Anastasia Kapetaneas, George & Eftimia Kiosse, Helen & Nina Kosowsky, Stephen & Barbara Kovacs, Bradley & Cristina Kove, Robert & Linda Lazar, Mark Spiro Malisory, Florence

Marsala, Samuel & Kay Matook, Michael & Dorothy Murcko, Freida & Catherine Nastu, Victor & Anne Nastu, Robert & Diana Nicola, Ovidiu & Marianne Ocrain, Mr. & Mrs. John G. Papageorge, Judith Schorg, Ted & Kallie Schuster, Haralambrie & Eleni Seri, Andrew & Alexandra Shillira, Eizabeth Andry Shola, Lucy & Barbara Shola, Ioan & Emi Sideri, Nicholas & Viola Skenderis, St. Dimitrie Ladies' Auxilliary, St. Dimitrie Retirees, Thomas & Loretta Tanancea, Rev. Fr. Cornel & Louisa Todeasa, Anthony & Lucille Tomainio, Richard & Elaine Turek, Paul & Sharon Vanghel, Ted & Dora Vasilescu, Dennis & Diane Vieira, James & Elena Watras, Michael & Lydia Westerberg, Thomas & Marie Wood.

Altar Candles

- For the good health of the family of Andrei and Mariana Badea (2/27/11)
- In loving memory of George Celia, from Nora Hoag (3/13/11)
- For the good health of Dr. Dima Geta (Romania), from M/M Michael Babu (3/13/11)

Ambo Candles

- For the good health of Stila, Mihaela, Florentina, Joita, from the family (2/6/11)

7-Day Sanctuary Lamps

- In loving memory Van Vanghele, from Florence Godin (3/12/11)
- In loving memory Nicholas Geambazi, from Florence Godin (3/6/11)
- In loving memory Elisabeth Lambro, from Florence Godin (3/6/11)
- In loving memory of Athanase and Thoma Babu, from their loving children Louise, Luci, Jennie and Victor Godin (3/6/11)
- In loving memory Maia Vasila Sholla, from George and Audrey Fatsy and Family (3/6/11)
- In loving memory of Vichia Fatsy and Apostol Babo, from George and Audrey Fatsy and Family (3/6/11)
- In loving memory Nora Pittu Zingo, from Gina Dumitre (2/17/11)
- In loving memory Louise and Stephen Bicki, from Brenda Bicki (2/26/11)
- In loving memory of departed from the families: Stilu- Bicki-Colimitra, from Brenda Bicki (3/19/11)
- In loving memory of Victoria Balamaci, from Nikki Kressu (3/20/11)
- In loving memory of Dumitrie Țața (40 days), from Brenda Bicki (3/19/11)
- In loving memory of John A. Babu, from Michael, Jennie, Johnny and Andy Babu (3/13/11)
- In loving memory of Ted Andry (for his nameday), from Nikki Kressu (3/13/11)

Special Donations

- Liviu & Maria Banc (\$60)
- Roluca Batsu - Donation for Caraga (\$50)
- Pam Boker (\$250)
- Decabel Hristu (\$50)
- Patti Johnson – Donated Postage for Consecration Ad-book (\$44)
- Nadia Murad (\$30)
- Helen Pariza (\$25)
- Donna Peters (\$20)
- Cheryl & Peter Themel, for the good health of the Coca Family (\$100)
- Charlotte & Lucian Stelaci & Marie Marinesco, in loving memory of our beloved parents Maria & Ioan Campean (\$1,000).
- Radu Rusu in loving memory of his wife Vala Rusu (\$1,250)
- Andrei and Mariana Badea, for the good health of the family (2/27/11)
- Florence Gachi (\$200), donation to Mike Gachi memorial meal.
- Elefteria Fatsi and family (\$50), in loving memory of George Fatsi (3 year memorial on 3/10/11)
- In loving memory of Mike Gachi, from St. Dimitrie Retirees (2/20/11)
- In loving memory of John Kardos, from Bill and Evelyn Balamaci (2/20/11) (\$100)
- In loving memory of Louise Bicki, from St. Dimitrie Retirees (2/20/11)
- In loving memory of Thomas Mike Gachi, from Elizabeth Shola (1/7/11)
- In loving memory of Katherine Becca, from Donna Peters (2/27/11)

- Sam and Gina Giavara and the family donated \$900 for the blinds in the kitchen, Senior Room and Priest's office.
- For the good health of Dean, Sara, Isabella, Fr. George, Maryanne, from Gina and Sam Giavara (Our thoughts and prayers are with you) (3/20/11)
- For the good health of the Family of Fr. George, Psa Mariana and family, from Anonymous (\$100) (2/27/11)

Liturgical Fund Donations

Anonymous (\$236), William Balamaci (\$100), Rodovica Gallen (\$110)

Other Contributions in Support of St. Dimitrie

Year-To-Date through March 20, 2011

We thank all of the people who have supported St. Dimitrie Church. May God bless all of you.

Candles	\$11,538
Trays	\$ 7,388
2nd Building Fund Tray	\$ 5,179

St. Dimitrie Church Pledge Status

Phase 1: \$692,152 Pledged - \$635,904 Received = \$56,148 Balance Due

Phase 2: \$295,996 Pledged - \$253,846 Received = \$42,150 Balance Due

Interior Furnishings:

\$201,818 Pledged - \$195,418 Received = \$6,400 Balance Due

Building Fund Plaque

A recap of everyone's Plaque contributions will be prepared and distributed at the May General Assembly Update Meeting.

Building Fund Assessment

The Building Fund Assessment amount received so far in 2011 is \$48,061.

Special Events

The net profit on the February Romanian Singing Event (*Spectacol*) was \$2,300. It was an enjoyable event. We extend our thanks to the people who chaired, cooked, and manned the stations to support our efforts. As usual, it is the clergy and the people of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church who make our events successful.

