

Glad Tidings bi-monthly Bulletin



January 2011

Saturday, January 1 – **Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great; the New Year.** Liturgy of St. Basil at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12. Gospel: Luke 2:20-21; 40-52; 6:17-23.

Sunday, January 2 – **Sunday before the Baptism of our Lord. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8. Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

Wednesday, January 5 – **Eve of the Baptism of our Lord.** Great Vespers with the Greater Blessing of the Water at 6:00 p.m. (*Day of strict fasting*).

Thursday, January 6 – **Holy Theophany. Baptism of our Lord.** Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17. Greater Blessing of the Water.

Friday, January 7 – **Synaxis of St. John the Baptist.** Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. Epistle: Acts 19:1-8; Gospel: John 1:29-34.

Sunday, January 9 – **Sunday after Baptism of our Lord. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13. Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17. Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 16 – **34th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16. Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14. Sunday School after Holy Communion. **Annual General Assembly after Divine Liturgy.**

Sunday, January 23 – **35th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17. Gospel: Luke 18:35- 43. **Transylvanian-Style Dinner. See flyer!**

Sunday, January 30 – **Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. 36th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (M) at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16. Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19.

Looking forward to February

Tuesday – Eve of the Presentation, Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2 – **Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple.** Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: I Corinthians 10:23-38 and Thessalonians 4:13-17. Gospel: Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36; John 5:24-39.

Sunday, February 6 – **32nd Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15. Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (*Zaccheus*). Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. This Sunday we will celebrate *Papandina* and *Godparents' Sunday*.

Sunday, February 13- **33rd Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10- 15. Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 (*The Publican & the Pharisee*). Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, February 20 – **34th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (*The Prodigal Son*). Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 26 – **Memorial Saturday. Caraga. Moșii de iarnă.** Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12; Gospel: Mark 2:23; 3:5, followed by a Memorial Service and a memorial meal.

Sunday, February 27 – **35th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2. Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (*The Last Judgment*). Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. *This week there will be dispensation for milk, cheese, and eggs.*

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IANUARIE 2011

Sâmbătă, 1 Ianuarie – **Tăierea împrejur al Domnului. Sf. Vasile cel Mare.** Sf. Liturghie a Sf. Vasile cel Mare la 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Coloseni 2:8-12; Evanghelia: Luca 2:20-21 și 40-52.

Duminică, 2 Ianuarie – **Duminica dinaintea Botezului Domnului.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: 2 Tim. 4:5-8. Evanghelia: Marcu 1:1-8.

Miercuri, 5 Ianuarie – **Ajunul Botezului Domnului.** Vecernia cu Sfințirea cea mare a apei la ora 6:00 p.m. (*post strict*).

Joi, 6 Ianuarie – **Botezul Domnului.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. cu Sfințirea cea mare a apei. Apostol: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Evanghelia: Matei 3:13-17.

Vineri, 7 Ianuarie – **Soborul Sf. Prooroc Ioan Botezătorul.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Fapte 19:1-8; Evanghelia: Ioan 1: 29-34.

Duminică, 9 Ianuarie – **Duminica după Botezul Domnului.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Efeseni 4:7-13; Evanghelia: Matei 4:12-17. Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Duminică, 16 Ianuarie – **Duminica a 34-a după Rusalii.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Coloseni 3:12-16; Evanghelia: Matei 22:1-14. Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m. Adunarea Generala a Parohiei.

Duminică, 23 Ianuarie – **Duminica a 35-a după Rusalii. Sf. Grigorie Teologul.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: 1 Timotei 1:15-17; Evanghelia: Luca 18:35-43. Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m. Masa sarbatorind Unirea, stil Transilvan.

Duminică, 30 Ianuarie – **Sfinții Trei Ierarhi: Vasile cel Mare, Grigorie Teologul, și Ioan Gură-de-Aur. Duminică a 36-a după Rusalii.** Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Evrei 13:7-16; Evanghelia: Matei 5:14-19. Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Anticipând Februarie

Marti, 1 Feb. – Ajunul Întâmpinării, Vecernia 6:00 p.m.

Miercuri, 2 Februarie - **Intâmpinarea Domnului.** Sf. Liturghie 10:00 a.m. Ap. Evrei 7: 7-17; Ev.: Luca 2:22-40.

Duminică, 6 Februarie – **Duminica a 32-a după Rusalii.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: 1 Timotei 4:9-15; Evanghelia: Luca 19:1-10 (*A lui Zahau*). Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m. Vom sărbători și Papandina și Duminica Nașilor.

Luni, 7 Februarie – Sedința Cons. parohial la 5:45 p.m.

Duminică, 13 Ianuarie – **Duminica a 33-a după Rusalii.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: 2 Timotei 3:10-15; Evanghelia: Luca 18:10-14 (*A Vameșului și Fariseului*). Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Duminică, 20 Ianuarie – **Duminica a 34-a după Rusalii.** Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: 1 Corinteni 6: 12-20; Evanghelia: Luca 15:11-32 (*A fiului risipitor*). Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Sâmb[ă]t[ă], 26 Februarie - **Sâmb[ă]t[ă] mor[ă]șilor (Caraga)** - Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:00 a.m. Apostol: 1 Corinteni 10:23-38 și Tesaloniceni 4: 13-17; Evanghelia: Luca 21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36 și Ioan 5:24-39. Urmată de parastas de ob[itu]te.

Duminic[ă], 27 Februarie - **a 35-a după Rusalii.** Lăsata secului de carne. Sf. Liturghie la 10:30: 1 Corinteni 8:8-13; 9:1-2; Matei 25:31-46 (*a Înfrico[ș]atei judec[ă]ții*).). Scoala duminicală de la 10:00 a.m. la 10:45 a.m. In cursul acestei s[ă]pt[ă]m[â]ni este dezlegare la oul, pește, și lapte.

Vă rugăm să ne vizitați la Website-ul nostru :

Stdimitrieeaston.org

și pagina din Facebook:

St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church

Evenimente importante :

Duminică 23 Ianuarie, după Sf. Litughie vom sărbătorii Sf. Trei Ierarhi, și Unirea pricipatelor române cu **o masă stil transilvan**. Vă rugăm să pariticipați; este imperativ să faceți rezervații doarece anul trecut nu am fost pregătiți pentru toți care au venit fără rezervații. Vedeți și anunțul.

Duminică, Februarie 6, vom sărbători **papadina și duminica nașilor**. Incurajăm pe nași să vină împreună cu finii lor să se împărtășească împreună.

Mulțumim din inimă D-nei **Virginia Shunda și familiei ei** pentru donația către Biserica Sf. Dimitrie de **veșminte noi** pentru a fi folosite de Preot la slujbele religioase. Dumnezeu să vă binecuvinteze pentru generozitatea dumneavoastră.

Deasemenea mulțumim **D-nei Zoe Zgură** pentru carpetele care le-a donat pentru altar. Donația ei a făcut-o spre sănătatea familiei ei.

Mulțumim și eroului parohiei noastre **Alexandru Tudor** care a adus o carpetă făcută de mână pentru altar din Afaganistan, unde el a servit două tururi. Ii dorim sănătate și îi mulțumim și pentru serviciul care l-a adus patriei.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Reported by Ann Nastu, President

Many thanks to **Mr. and Mrs. Van Michaels** who donated the holy bread for the month of December for the good health of their family: Van and Bea and family; Janet and Alan and Family, Christopher and Molly and Family, Georgette and Christy and their Family.

The Holy Bread for January is being offered by **Tula Michael** and her sister **Elefteria Kastanaras**.

Holy Bread (Prosfora) Donations: If you would like to donate the *Prosfora* for the church services, three or four loaves can be ordered from the Ladies' Auxiliary (for a fee of \$20.00) by calling **Psa. Mariana Coca** at (203) 373-0410.

On January 16th following the 10:30 Liturgy, the new Ladies' Auxiliary Committee will be sworn in.

2011 St. Dimitrie Ladies' Auxiliary Officers List

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| Audrey Fatsy | President |
| Betsy Cipu | Vice President |
| Mary Tambakis | Recording Administrator |
| Florence Godin | Corresponding Secretary |
| Molly Spau | Treasurer |
| Anne Nastu | Asst. Treasurer |

COUNCILORS:

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| Priscilla Carameta | Bea Kolton |
| Julie Cipu | Florence Marsala |
| Gina Cook | Tula Michael |
| Florence Costulas | Bea Michaels |
| Elsie Fatse | Kallie Schuster |
| Elefteria Fatsi` | Lucy Shola |

Ex-Officio:

Psa. Mariana Coca

Psa. Louisa Todeasa

Following the 10:30 service on February 13th, 2011, the first Ladies' Meeting of 2011 will be held in the church hall.

A delicious lasagna dinner for the ladies of our parish was held on Sunday, January 9, after the Divine Liturgy. The dinner was prepared by **Psa Mariana Coca**, helped by **Maria Pusztay, Priscilla Carameta and Elefteria Fatsi**. The meal was donated by Fr. George for the good health of Isabella and the family. The dinner brought almost \$1000 to the Ladies' Auxiliary treasury. Thanks to all who came to support our organization!

The Ladies' Auxiliary always welcomes new members. Please join our hardworking organization. The annual membership fee is only \$25.00. Now that we're settled in our new church in Easton, we welcome your help and fresh new ideas.

Retirees' Update

Reported by Mary Seferi, Secretary

Birthdays:

January: Liz Lambro and Marie Dimitriades

February: Mary Chiacu, Julie Cipu, Jim Giambazi, Nikki Kressu

Hosts: January: Florence and Peter Costulas

February: Sina Balamaci and Lucy Swierczek

Events:

December 2: Gina Dumitre donated the refreshments. Teddy Valmus brought a cake, coffee, and napkins.

December 9: We will donate \$100 to the Community Christmas Card.

December 16: Julie Cipu brought a squash pita and we bought 2 spinach pitas from Psa. Mariana. Thanks to the following: Christine Balamaci for the apple pie, Mary Chiacu for the fudge, Nikki Kressu for the chocolates, Doris Servetas for the plates and Kay Ziu for the coffee.

Many thanks to Mrs. Virginia Shunda and her family for donating a set of gold priest vestments, made in Romania, to be used by Fr. Cornel at the Divine Liturgy. May God grant you many blessings for this holy gift!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 6, 2011

**5:00 p.m. to the end of the game
St. Dimitrie Church Hall**

**Ladies & Gentlemen:
Cheer for your team and
enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner
with Soda & Desserts.
~Door Prizes & Raffles~**

**\$15.00 per person
~Cash Bar~**

**All proceeds benefit our
Church Building Fund.**

**Make reservations any Sunday at the candle stand or call before February 2nd :
George Fatsy 203-268-8243**

COMING PARISH EVENTS

General Assembly - January 17, 2011
Transylvanian-Style Dinner - January 23
Papandina - Godparents' Sunday – February 6
Super Bowl Party – February 6
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting – February 13

ANNUAL PARISH EVENTS:

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| February 6 | Papandina, Godparents' Sunday |
| February 26 | Caraga (Moşii de iarnă) |
| March 6 | Sunday of Orthodoxy |
| April 17 | Palm Sunday Fish Dinner |
| April 24 | Holy Pascha (Easter Sunday) |
| July 8-9-10 | Festival 2011 |
| June 11 | Rusali (Moşii de vară) |
| June 12 | Holy Pentecost |
| October 23 | St. Dimitrie Day Banquet, and the Consecration of our church |

Choir Notes

Reported by Gina Cook, Choir Director

Choir members are always needed! If you can carry a tune, please join. All the talents we have are gifts from God, so if God granted you the gift of singing, He will be very pleased if you use it to glorify Him and to lead other parishioners to glorify Him. Please see **Gina Cook**, our Choir Director, and sign up.

Annual General Meeting Convocation

In compliance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America (Article IX, Section 25), we hereby call to order the Parish Annual General Assembly Of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, to Convene after Liturgy in the Church on Sunday, January 16, 2011

The following agenda will be presented:

1. Invocation of the Holy Spirit
2. Roll Call of the 2010 membership
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Selection of two (2) Tellers
5. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council.
6. Discussion and approval of oral reports given by Parish Priest, Assistant Priest and Council & Auxiliary Presidents
7. Financial Report for 2010 given by the Treasurer & Auditors
8. Recommendations of the Parish Council

9. Proposed Budget for 2011
10. Election of the 2011 Parish Council
11. Election of the Delegates and Alternates to the Episcopate Congress
12. End of the Assembly/Closing Prayer

Only members in good standing who have paid their membership for the year 2010 will be allowed to vote or be elected to the Parish Council. If you are not a member of our parish, we encourage you to become one and hope you join us in worship and in working for the building up of our parish. These are exciting times for our parish.

As we make plans for the future of our church, we need to know if St. Dimitrie can count on you. Let us know and become a member. For membership forms or for more information please, contact the church office at (203) 261-1149.

Women's Council News

Reported by Audrey Fatsy

The Women's Council **Holiday Luncheon** will be held Sunday, January 30th at 1 p.m. at Marissa's restaurant on Main St., Trumbull. Please see Audrey Fatsy for reservations. Tickets are \$30.00.

Thank you to all who contributed **pajamas for needy** children in Connecticut. We donated 50 pajamas from our church. The total combined from the seven churches is over 200 – a job well done for Christian stewardship.

PLEASE continue to bring food for the needy and for our military. Please check the bulletin for goods needed for the military (Crystal Light for the foul water, instant oatmeal, peanuts, hard candy, etc.).

Bulletin Deadline

Please note that the deadline for any bulletin news, thank-you notes, or any other notice is the 20th of each month. Any information received after this date will appear in the following month's bulletin. Leave your information at the candle stand in the **Bulletin Folder**.

If you would like your special donations or candle donations to be recorded in the bulletin "In memory of" (IMO) or "In honor of" (IHO) a loved one, please fill out a white bulletin slip with your names recorded exactly the way you wish them to be printed in the bulletin, along with the date of the donation. Thank you!

Watch it on YouTube

Christine Spau Felt's daughter Taylor Felt (age 9) is on Your Tube with 2 videos. Type in her name under music category. Enjoy!

Counting Our Blessings

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

Fellowship Hour Donations

– Dumitru & Maria Siriniean (\$50)

Altar Candles

– For the good health of the family from Michael and Jenny Babu (1/2/11)

– For the good health of the family, from Bea and Van Michel: Happy Name Day to our son Christopher Michaels and to our son-in-law Chris McClure and to our four grandchildren who carry the name Christopher, Ashley, Collin, Christopher, Connor (12/12/10)

5-Day Sanctuary Lamps

– In loving memory of George Betso, from Elizabeth Shola (12/19/10)

7-Day Sanctuary Lamps

– In loving memory of Vasil Kressu, from Nikki Kressu (1/10/11)

– In loving memory of Louise Bicki, from John and Elizabeth Hill, Kenneth Lawton and Brenda Bicki (1/1/11)

– In loving memory of Christ E. Fatsy, Happy Name Day Dad, from George and Audrey Fatsy (12/25/10)

– In loving memory of Christ E. Fatsy, Happy Name Day Dad, love from Marianne, Vito, Audriana, and Christopher Ocrain (12/25/10)

– In loving memory of Christ E. Fatsy: Happy Name Day Dad, love from Kris Fatsy (12/25/10)

– In loving memory of George Betso, from Nikki Kressu (12/19/10)

– In loving memory of George Betso, from Elizabeth A. Shola (12/19/10)

– In loving memory of James G. Shola, 2 year memorial, from Lucy and Barbara (12/14/10)

Special Stewardship

Fr. George & Psa Marian Coca - Funeral (\$350)

Crina Hristu - Marriage (\$250)

Laurentiu Matei - Baptism (\$250)

Diana Minekime - Baptism (\$125)

Christopher Minekimem- Baptism (\$125)

Flora Zarcu Power - Baptism (\$50)

Mariora Roibu- for Eugene Panitescu burial (\$350)

Special Donations

Michael & Eugenia Babu for M. Sirbu (\$75)

William & Evelyn Balamaci - for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (\$100)

Constantin Bargiuma - for the Macedo-Romanian Congress (\$50)

Fr. Dn. Carol Bratosin (\$100)

Costel Calin & Antoneta Vanc (\$40)

James & Karen Demont (\$100)

Mr. & Mrs. Nicolae Enache (\$60)

George Fatsy - for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (\$10)

Ioan & Steriana Maci (\$50)

Nadia Murad (\$20)

Kathy Olschan - for the gingerbread houses (\$125)

Fam. Vanghele Pitu (\$60)

Dorel Radu (\$5)

St Johns R club (\$200)

Constantin & Elena Stroe for church expenses (\$50)

Kevin Taylor (\$500)

Fr. Cornel & Psa Louisa Todeasa - for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (\$25)

United Way Of Central CT For Radu Rusu (\$132)

Julie Lizette Uscatu for David Constantine's Baptism (\$100)

For the good health of family, from Mr. and Mrs. Nicolae Enache (12/12/10)

– In honor of John Cook’s 85th Birthday, from Ted, Liz and Bethany Cook 12/25/10 (\$85)

In Memory Of

- In loving memory of Zenovie and Maria, from Carseli Family 12/5/10
- IMO souls of deceased, from Constantin Bargiuma 11/6/10 (\$30)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Brenda Bicki (\$20)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Robert & Alexandra Braun (\$50)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Tom & Priscilla Carameta (\$50)
- IMO Zenovie & Maria, from Constantin Carseli (\$500)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Christy & Cynthia Cashavelly (\$25)
- In loving memory of Family Members, from George & Fevronia Fatse 12/12/10 (\$500):
 - ❖ Olimbia and Petra Fatse
 - ❖ Edith and Modi Bici
 - ❖ Hrisula and Ilia Bici
 - ❖ Katheryn Bici
 - ❖ Polexeanna Moran
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Nick & Florence Geambazi & Irene Rigia (\$25)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Charles & Elizabeth Geambazi (\$25)
- IMO Doxia Tanacea and Victoria Tanacea from Sam & Gina Giavara (\$100)
- IMO family departed, from Stamatia & Christos Hatzis (\$30)
- IMO Constantin Jombur, from Kyratsa Jombur (\$25)
- IMO George Batsu from Nikki Kressu (\$8)
- IMO Gabriel Panaitrescu, from Ruxandra Panaitescu (\$100)
- In loving memory of my parents, Constantin & Antonia Buiuca Radulescu, from Alexdrina Radulescu (\$500)
- IMO Eugene Panaitrescu, from Marioara Roibu with Ann Panaitescu (\$100)
- IMO Dennis Bileca, from Ted & Kallie Schuster (\$100)
- Lucy Shola IMO James Shola (\$100)
- IMO George Batsu from Elizabeth Shola (\$7)
- IMO Dennis Bileca from Amalia Spau (\$10)
- In loving memory of Mrs. Letitia Neag Morgan, from Lucian and Charlotte Steclaci of Torrington, CT (\$100)
- IMO Hristu & Victoria Stilu & Vasile & Victoria Cipu, from Tanase Stilu Family (\$25)

Christmas Offerings

Bob & Georgeta Blaschke (\$50)
Nick & Despa Cipu (\$20)
Ioan Cipu (\$75)
Rujita Veronica Crisan (\$200)
Karen Jordan (\$20)
Virginia Lity (\$20)
Helen Pariza (\$10)
Elena Seri (\$50)
Andrew & Alexandra Shillira (\$200)
Elena Vartic (\$100)

Other Contributions in Support of St. Dimitrie

Year-to-Date through November 30, 2010

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

Candles \$37,307

Trays \$27,082

2nd Building Fund Tray \$17,054

St. Dimitrie Church Pledge Status

Phase 1: \$692,152 Pledged - \$632,454 Received = \$59,698 Balance Due

Phase 2: \$276,125 Pledged - \$238,035 Received = \$38,090 Balance Due

Interior Furnishings:

\$203,137 Pledged - \$196,737 Received =
\$6,400 Balance Due

2010 Building Fund Assessment

The Building Fund Assessment amount received is \$102,410

Church Liturgical Fund Donations

Stella Babiana (\$25), Sandra Batsu (\$20), Rodovica Gallen (\$10), The Sylvia Family (\$100)

2010 Special Events

\$163,683 Income – \$44,222 Expenses
= \$119,461 Net Profit

God has blessed St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church with the people who worked hard to make this income possible. Without their efforts our struggle would have been much more difficult. We thank them for their dedication.

These numbers include our Festival, the Autumn Food Fest, Community Dinners, St. Dimitrie Dinner, Revelion (The New Year Party), Transylvanian Dinner, and all of the other events held this year.

May God bless all those hard workers, our donation supporters, and those who came to join us at these events.

488 Sport Hill Rd. Mortgage Donation

William & Evelyn Balamaci & Family (\$400)

Betsy Cipu (\$100)

George & Audrey Fatsy (\$200)

Andronica Kressu (\$15)

Bob & Diana Nicola (\$400)

Ted & Kallie Schuster (\$600)

Please join us in this endeavor to reduce the mortgage principal on the house next door.

Food Fest Donations (additions)

Adrian Amariutei (\$100), Dr. Bardia Asgari, Primary Care of Shelton (\$500), Stella P. Babiana (\$25), Louisa Babu IMO Dima Batsu (\$500), Constantin Bargiuma (\$100), Tom & Priscilla Carameta (\$200), Chris and Cynthia Cashavelly (\$50), Ioan Cipu Family (\$100), Betsy Cipu (\$200), Fr. George, Psa Mariana Coca & Family (\$200), George Cody (\$100), Andrei & Caterina Colimitra (\$100), Sylvia Dimitrescu IMO James & Margaret Pittu (\$25), Constantin & Anca Fund (\$10)
Eugene/Rodica Gall (\$100), Christian & Florina Gheorghe (\$200), Raymond & Cristina Haithwaite (\$100)

Hill "N" Dale Sales & Service Station, Inc. (\$200), Patti Johnson - Water & Soda (\$77), Eleonora Jurebie (\$100)

Carole Maravich (\$75), Ion & Dumitra Mihalcea (\$50),

Nicola & Olschan Families (\$250), Carmine Pasacreta and Family (\$250), Viorel & Daniela Pescaru (\$100), Anne & Frank Polke (\$50), Athina Pontikis (\$100), Carmina si Marius Popescu (\$50), Dumitru Popescu - Returned 50/50 Winnings (\$70), Gabriel Popescu (\$100)
David Rodriques (\$100), Romanian Society Farsarotul (\$500), Haralambie & Elena Seri (\$30), Andrew & Alexandra Shillira (\$500), Elizabeth A. Shola (\$100)
William Sposili in honor of my wife Ruth's birthday (\$300), St Dimitrie Retirees (\$200), St. Dimitrie Ladies Auxiliary - Pastry Donation (\$40), Constantin & Vasilika Stilu Family (\$100, Fr. Cornel & Psa. Louisa Todeasa & Family (\$250), Constantin Tomoiu (\$50), Dora T. Vasilescu (\$50), Dumitru & Mirela Zdralea (\$100)

Church Furnishings Donation - Kitchen Slicer

William Balamaci (\$100), Tom Carameta (\$350), Fr. George Coca (\$100), John Haydu (\$100), Robert Nicola (\$350)

Church Pew Donations

From Robert & Georgeta Blaschke in loving memory of Pauline Blaschke & Marin Tudor - \$2,500
Please note that there are still church pews left to sponsor. If you are interested, please contact Ted Schuster or Karen Jordan.

St. Nicholas Dinner

The St. Nicholas Dinner held on Sunday, December 5, was very successful. The fish (*tava di pește*) along with the whole meal was delicious! Many members and friends of St. Dimitrie participated. The dinner was donated by **Chirața Jombur, Sultana Culcearu, and Ilie and Ileana Matrina Sipos** for the health of the family. They would like to thank all those who helped with the preparation and serving of the meal. Thanks also to the following donors: Alexandra Carali, Rodovica Gallen (\$100), Alex & Cristina Ionescu (\$200), Carlos & Melindy Marcuy (\$40), Van & Bia Michaels (\$100), Tom & Vera Morrison (\$300), Carmen & Sandu Pescaru (\$100), Mariana Roibu (\$100), Michael Siavrakas (\$10)

Community Dinners

During the months of October and November our church sponsored three community dinners, held on Thursday nights. We thank Mr. John Morreale, his wife Jasmine and his family for their hard work in preparing these delicious dinners. We thank all those who participated or helped with serving. The net income from them all was \$2,844. In February the church plans to start again offering these community dinners to the members of our church and the community at large. Look for the coming information.

St. Dimitrie Dinner

St. Dimitrie Banquet held on Sunday, October 24, was again a fine occasion for the church community to come together in fellowship, giving thanks to God for all His blessings bestowed on us and our community. The chaipersons for the dinner were **Psa. Mariana Coca** and **Maria Pusztay** and the delicious leg of lamb was cooked by **Dean Coca**. We thank those who helped in preparing and serving the meal, including: **Justin and Joe Pusztay, Vasilica Stilu, Chyratsa Jombur, Patti Johnson, Victoria Varsani, Caterina Colimitra, John Morreale, Jenny Babu, Audrey Fatsy, and Violeta Breaz, with her "young crew."** We also thank the people who participated and the following donors:

Maria Cipu for her son Daniel (\$100), Andrei and Caterina Colimitra (350), Stela & Chris Dima (\$50), George & Voni Fatse (\$100), Vica Gallen – appetizers,

Vasile & Elka Geavela - Wine (\$43), Costice & Rodica Ianus (\$100), Dr. & Mioara Naum (\$25), Kathy Olschan (\$125), Helen Pariza (\$25), M/M Mihai Palavra (\$50), Romanian Society Farsarotul (\$1,000), Andrew & Alexandra Shillira (\$50), Sorin & Codruta Todeasa (\$50)
The net income from this dinner was \$4,715.

Thanksgiving Donations

John Morreale prepared and sold for the benefit of the church Thanksgiving dinners. Many people took advantage of this opportunity, and the church also donated dinners for charity. We thank John for his selfless hard work and the following people who generously donated towards these dinners:

Brenda Bicki (\$20), Ioan & Maria Cipu (\$50), Matthew Gelfand (\$25), Gina Giavara - Donation of a turkey to Bethlehem, Shelter, Stratford, CT (\$50), Alex & Cristina Ionescu (\$300), Michael Lynch (\$125), Elena Olszyk (\$50), Helen Pariza (\$25), Ted & Kallie Schuster (\$125)

The income from these dinners was - \$1,372

Romanian Party

A Romanian party was held Saturday before the beginning of the Advent Lent. The chairperson and the major donor of this great event was **Vica Moldovan Gallen**. The music was provided by the DJ **Bogdan Stefanide**. The music was great, many people brought food, and the dancing was contagious. Everyone who participated requested that this kind of event which brings the community together in joy and good fun be repeated again. The net income from the November 13th Romanian Dinner was \$1824.

Wine Tasting

More information about this event will be provided in the next bulletin. The following people donated towards this event: Pamela Boker (\$100) and Elinor Ianuly (\$25)

The net income from this event was - \$4,226. We thank Mrs. Karen Jordan and Patti Johnson and their helpers for a very successful event.

Revelion – New Year's Party

Chaired and organized by **Dan Muntean**, the New Year Party was a successful event, much enjoyed by the many people who attended. A big thanks goes to Dan, and his helpers, especially Mr. Sorin Breaz, who set up and enlarged the dance floor. The food was provided by Andrei Samoila from the *Amici Mei* restaurant, located on Main St. in Bridgeport. The live international music, featuring Romanian and Macedo-Romanian was enjoyed by everyone. Also DJ Bogdan Stefanide provided additional entertainment. More information will be provided in the next bulletin.

Memorials:

Louise Bicki passed on to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 30, 2010. Born in Woonsocket, RI on April 3, 1919, she soon came to Bridgeport where she resided for most of her life. Louise was a longtime member of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, where she sang in the Church choir and belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary. Louisa will be lovingly remembered as a kind and gentle woman who will be greatly missed by her niece, Elizabeth Hill and her husband, her nephew James Krista and his wife and a great nephew Kenneth Lawton. She was predeceased by her sister Constance Bicki Krista. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Dimitrie Church with burial to follow in St. John's Cemetery, Woonsocket, RI.

Thomas Dimitri (Mike) Gachi, age 86, beloved husband of Florence Lupu Gachi, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 1, 2011. Born in Bridgeport, July 5, 1924 to the late Dimitri and Athina Memu Gachi, was an Army Veteran, serving during WWII. He was a longtime member of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church and the St. Dimitrie Seniors Group. In addition to his loving wife Florence, Mr. Gachi is survived by his son, Nicholas Gachi and his wife; a daughter, Mary Ellen Gachi; a brother Andrew Gachi and his wife Carol; as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 5th at St. Dimitrie Church. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery with full military honors.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the Lesko & Polke Funeral Home for **Eleanor Pittu Zingo**, age 88, of Bridgeport, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 7, 2011. Born in Bridgeport, October 16, 1922 to the late Spiro and Domnica Pittu, Mrs. Zingo is survived by her brother Vasil Pittu; sisters Veronica Atanase and her husband Vasel and Julia Cipu and her husband George; her son, Gary Zingo and his wife Mary Nash; a daughter, Debra Sylvia, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. *May the Lord rest her soul in peace!*