

Glad Tidings bi-monthly Bulletin



MAY – JUNE 2011

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.

Sunday, May 8 – 3rd **Sunday of Pascha** (*Myrrh bearing Women*). **Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 6:1-7; Gospel: Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-7

Sunday, May 15 – 4th **Sunday of Pascha** (*Paralytic*). **Mother's Day. Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 9:32-42; Gospel: John 5:1-15. Sunday school: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Friday, May 20-- **Sts. Equal-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen**. Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 – **Sts. Equal-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen**. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Acts 26: 1, 12-19; Gospel: John 10: 1-9.

Sunday, May 22– 5th **Sunday of Pascha** (*Samaritan Woman*). **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 11:19-30, 9:19-31 Gospel: John 4:5-42, 10:1-9. Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

➤ **Sunday school Graduation**, between the services.

➤ **Parish Informational Meeting 12:30 PM .**

Sunday, May 29 – 6th **Sunday of Pascha** (*Blind Man*). **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 16:16-34; Gospel: John 9:1-38. Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

➤ **Greatest Generation Dinner 12:30 PM –**

Looking forward to June

Wednesday, June 1 – **Eve of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Vespers service at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 2 – **Ascension of our Lord. Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10 a.m. Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53.

Sunday, May 5 – **7th Sunday of Pascha** (*Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council*). **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; Gospel: John 17: 1-13 (*Jesus' prayer*).

➤**Romanian Comedy Theatre 2 PM** –

Saturday, June 11 – **Memorial Saturday. Moșii de vară. Rusalii. Divine Liturgy (M)** 10:00 a.m., followed by the Memorial Service, a memorial meal, and prayers at the cemetery. Epistle: Acts 28: 1-31; Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Sunday, June 12 – **8th Sunday of Pascha. Descent of the Holy Spirit** (*Pentecost*). **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Acts 2:1-11; Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12.

Monday, June 13 - **Holy Trinity**. Divine Liturgy (M) at 10:00 a.m. Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 18:10-20.

Sunday, June 19 – **1st after Pentecost** (*All Saints*) **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12: 1-2; Gospel: Mat. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19: 27-30.

Monday, June 20– Lent of Sts. Peter and Paul starts.

Friday, June 24 -- **Glorious Prophet Elijah. Divine Liturgy (M) at 10:00 a.m.** Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4; Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80.

Sunday, June 26 – **2nd after Pentecost**. (*American and Romanian Saints*). **Divine Liturgy (E)** at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (M)** at 10:30 a.m. Epistle: Romans 2:10-16; Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23.

Wednesday, June 29 **B Sts. Apostles Peter and Paul. Divine Liturgy (M) at 10:00 a.m.** Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19. (Fish permitted).

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Duminica, 1 Mai - **a 2-a a Sf. Pasti** (*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 10:15a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Duminica, 8 Mai - **a 3-a a Sf. Pasti** (*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 10:15a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Duminica, 15 Aprilie - **a 4-a a Sf. Pasti** (*Slăbănogului*). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 9: 32-42; Evanghelia: Ioan 5:1-15. Școala duminicală de la 10:15 a.m. la 10:45 a.m.

Vineri, 20 Mai -- **Ajunul Sf. Constantin si Elena**. Vecernia la 6 p.m.

Sâmbătă, 21 Mai – **Sf. Constantin si Elena**. Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 6: 1; 12-19; Evanghelia: Ioan 10: 1-9.

Duminica, 22 Mai - **a 5-a a Sf. Paști** (*Femeia samarineană*). Sf. Liturghie la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 11:19-30; Evanghelia: Ioan 4:5-42. Graduarea Școlii duminicală între cele două Liturghii.

Duminica, 29 Mai – **a 6-a a Paștelui** (*a orbului*). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 16:16-34; Evanghelia: Ioan 9:1-38

Anticipând Iunie

Miercuri, 1 Iunie – Ajunul **Înălțării Domnului**, vecernia la ora 6:00 p.m.

Joi 2 Iunie – **Înălțarea Domnului**. Ziua eroilor. Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor 1:1-12; Evanghelia: Luca 24: 36-53.

Duminica 5 Iunie **a 7-a după Paști** (*Duminica Sf. Parinti de la Sinodul I Ecumenic*). Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Faptele Apostolilor: 20: 16-18, 28-36; Evanghelia: Ioan 17: 1-13.

Sâmbata, 11 Iunie - **Mosii de vara (Rusalile)**

Sf. Liturghie la ora 10:00 a.m. Apostol: F.Ap.28:1-31 Evanghelia: Ioan 21: 15-25. Sf. Liturghie este urmată de Maslu de obște, masa de pomană și vizită la cimitir.

Duminică 12 Iunie - **Pogorârea Sf. Duh, Rusalile** - Sf. Liturghie (M) la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: F.Ap. 2:1-11; Evanghelia: Ioan 7: 37-52; 8:12.

Luni, 13 Iunie - **Sf. Treime. Sf. Liturghie** (M) la ora 10:00 a.m. Apostol: Efeseni 5:8-19; Evanghelia: Matei 18:10-20.

Duminica 19 Iunie - **I-a după Rusalii** (*Duminica tuturor sfinților*). **Sf. Liturghie** (M) la 10:30 a.m. Apostol: Evrei 11:33-40; 12:1-2; Evanghelia: Matei 10:32-33; 37-38; 19: 27-30.

Luni 20 Iunie - **Începe postul Sf. Ap. Petru și Pavel**

Vineri, 24 Iunie – **Nașterea Sf. Ioan Botezătorul. Sf. Liturghie** (M) la 10:00 a.m. Ap: Romani 13:11-14; 14:1-4; Evanghelia: Luca 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80.

Duminică, 26 Iunie – **Duminica a 2-a după Rusalii**. (Sfinții români și americani). **Sf. Liturghie** (M) la 10:30 a.m. Apostolul: Romani 2:10-16; Evanghelia: Matei 4:18-23.

Miercuri, 29 Iunie - **Sf. Apostoli Petru și Pavel Sf. Liturghie** (M) la ora 10:00 a.m.. Apostol: 2 Corinteni 11:21-33; 12:1-9; Evanghelia: Matei 16:13-19. (Dezlegare la pește).

Primăvara Magnoliilor

Nu scapați ocazia de a vedea performanța d-nei Stela Popescu pe viu în sala de festivități a bisericii ortodoxe Sf. Dimitrie din Easton pe 5 Iunie orele 2:00 PM. Stela va susține un monolog de comedie de

peste 1 ora ce va fi prezentat la finalul unui spectacol musical (Primavara Magnoliilor) sustinut de 15 actori de comedie romani de la tratul din Giulesti. Spectacolul va include cantece de succes, arii de opera, cantzonete si dansuri celebre si va dura peste 2 ore. Vom servi gustari si bauturi dupa serviciul de Duminica din acea zi inaintea acestui eveniment dar si in pauza spectacolului intr-un efort de a sustine financiar contul de constructie a bisericii. Va rugam sa participati si sa informati rudele si prietenii despre acest eveniment extraordinar. Spectacolul va avea sub-titrari in limba engleza in mare parte si astfel vom avea si spectatori care vorbrsc numai engleza. Pentru mai multe informații puteți citi și pe *Facebook-ul bisericii*.

Biletul este numai \$30/pers.

Informații la: **Dan Munteanu:** 203-583-9068; **Sorin Breaz:** 203-543-3048; **Patty Johnson:** 203-258-6638

Festival 2011

Este greu de crezut ca foarte curând va trebui sa facem planuri detaliate referitoare la **Festivalul 2011**. Succesul acestui festival se datoreste dedicatiei si diligentei multor membrii voluntari ai Bisericii noastre care doneaza timp si talent.

Mai presus de toate va rugam sa rezervati în calendarul dvs, pentru cel mai mare eveniment social al anului **FESTIVAL 2011**, datele de **IULIE, 8, 9 și 10, 2011**

Ladies' Auxiliary News

Reported by Audrey Fatsy, President

“Christ is Risen!” – Indeed this Pascha Season has been a very special and busy time for our Ladies’ Auxiliary Committee.

Thank you to **Gloria Caranica** for donating Holy Bread for the first week in April, and to **Zoe Zgura & Rodica Ianus** for the Holy Bread for April. We would also like to thank **Zoe Zgura** for making the church bread used in the Pasti.

On Saturday, March 26, our church held a very well-attended and insightful Lenten Retreat: *The Scope of Memorial Services*. Father Cornel and Father George led a very insightful and captivating discussion on the subject. Many thanks to all attendees and to those who prepared our luncheon, especially to Psa. Mariana for her lentil soup.

Many thanks to **Elefteria Fatsi** and her committee: Brianna Albulescu, Betsy Cipu, Psa. Mariana Coca, Florence Godin, Dria Mallios and Thalia (Fatsi) Tobin, for decorating the Epitaph for Good Friday. It looked lovely.

Palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for the epitaful were ordered by **Audrey Fatsy**, and the lilies for Pascha by **Florence Godin**. We thank them for their effort. The flowers on the altar table were donated by **Mrs. Bea Kolton**. Also we thank those who donated money for flowers used to decorate the altar during the Pascha season. Also many thanks to **Elena Vartic** for donating flowers for the altar table during Great Lent.

We are grateful for all the ladies who brought red eggs that were distributed to the faithful on Pascha. Easter Week was so beautiful due to the many people who volunteered their time, talent, and treasure. We thank the ladies who baked the "five loaves" of bread for each of the "Pre-Sanctified Liturgies" held on Wednesdays during Lent: **Chirata Jombur, Sultana Culcearu, Letitia Neagu, Cristina Kove**, her mother **Elena Vartic, Aspasia Margarit, Rodica Ianus**, and **Zoe Zgura**.

Also, thank you to **Vica Gallen** for taking the chairmanship of the Pascha Sunday Social and to **Lucy Shola** for her decorations. Last but not least, thank you to all who baked.

We encourage all ladies to join our organization for the betterment of our Church. May God bless all our hardworking women who have participated in various capacities with a joyful heart.

If you would like to sponsor the Fellowship Hour (Coffee Hour) for a specified Sunday, please call **Florence Marsala** at (203) (203) 336-4159.

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

The Festival is fast approaching.....PLEASE offer your help in any way for the success of this most important parish function.

On **June 8, 9, and 10** we will hold our **Annual Festival**. We need the help and support of many. The chairpersons, **Ovidiu Ocrain** and **Patti Johnson**, will call on us all to help.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sam Giavara, Parish Council President

I am pleased to announce the hiring of a part time office secretary on a "contracting basis" to assist our parish priests, council officers, and committee chairpersons. Our annual operating budget has grown to nearly three quarters of a million dollars, and as a result, we require professional resources to address the vast amount of administrative work. All parishioners will now have easy access to the secretary during the week either by phone, email or personal office visits. Please stop by and say hello to Mrs. Kathleen Licastrì who lives in Easton and only five minutes from our church. The following office hours have been established:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Tuesday - Wednesday
10 AM TO 2 PM.**

NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

**St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church
PO Box 95
Easton, CT 06612**

TELEPHONE & EMAIL

203 268 8237

stdimitrieroc@gmail.com

Good things happen when we encourage our parishioners to bring forth ideas to better our church. Example, Mr. George P. Fatse printed prayer and memorial cards with return envelopes to make it easier for parishioners to fill out and either mail or hand deliver to the church. Great idea George and thank you for the donation. Also, Alexandria (Kolton) Mallios suggested that we bring our community and friends together at a St. Dimitrie Spring Dance on May 14. She also volunteered to Chair the event with assistance from her sister Karen. It's great to see our younger generation involved with our church. Many thanks to Dria & Karen.

For those of you that do not use the internet or visit our web site or Facebook for church information, we installed a BULLETIN BOARD in the PARISH HALL. We will post our major

calendar of events, religious services, and other important church news. Please take the time to view the new addition.

We are preparing for the one of the most important events to take place in our church, “The Consecration of our New Church.”

Saturday, October 29, 2011, 1 PM at Testo’s Resturaunt & Sunday, October 30, 2011 10:30 AM Liturgy & Bishop Luncheon 1:00 PM Church Hall. Save the dates and make your reservations early because seating will be limited.

Despite the very poor weather, we accommodated nearly 600 people for the Midnight Easter Service. A Special Thank You to our Parish Council members, Women’s Auxiliary, Psa. Marrienne and her kitchen helpers for their efforts during holy week, and above all to Fr. Cornel & Fr. George that put in so many hours and performed such beautiful services. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated Priests and too often we take their hard work and dedication to our church and community for granted. Thank you Fr. Cornel & Fr. George and may God Grant You Many Years.
Christ Has Risen!

MAJOR COMING EVENTS 2011

May 14 (Saturday) Spring Dance 7:30 PM – Hall

May 22 (Sunday) Sunday School Graduation.

**May 22 (Sunday) Parish Informational Meeting –
12:30 PM – Hall**

**May 29 (Sunday) Greatest Generation Dinner –
12:30 PM – Hall**

June 5 Sunday, Romanian Comedy Theatre 2 PM - Hall

July 8, 9, 10 (Fri–Sun) - Festival

Aug 7 (Sunday) St. Mary’s Fish Dinner – 12:30 PM

**Aug 21 (Sunday) MACAROY Celebration Dinner –
12:30 PM – Hall**

**Sep 18 (Sunday) Parish Informational Meeting –
12:30 PM – Hall**

Sept 24 (Saturday) Food Fest

**Oct 23 (Sunday) St. Dimitrie Annual Dinner –
12:30 PM – Hall**

**Oct 29 (Saturday) Consecration 9 AM – Church
& Banquet at Testo’s – 1 PM**

Oct 30 (Sunday) Archbishop Dinner 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. Nick Fish Dinner – 12:30 – Hall

Dec 25 (Sunday) Christmas Gathering – 12:30 PM

Dec 31 (Saturday) New Years Eve Celebration

NOTE: Events & Dates are subject to change.

Please be advised: The Game dinner scheduled for June 19 has been canceled!

Retirees Update

Reported by Mary Seferi, Secretary

Birthdays:

June: Nick Cipu, Sophie Pittu, Kay Ziu

July: Doxie Scinto

Hosts:

June: Doris Servetes (and helpers)

July: John Cook and Pete Costulas

Events:

Mar 17: Stephanie Bellas donated a cake for the good health of the Seniors. Stephanie will donate the pastry for the entire month.

March 24: Thanks to Nancy Graham for baking pastry last week.

YOUTH NEWS

On March 16 (Lazarus Saturday), members of the Mac-AROY met following the Divine Liturgy to make palm crosses and fill the eggs for the Egg Hunt. **On April 24 (Easter Sunday), Mac-AROY** coordinated the Egg Hunt after the Agape Service, which was again a big success. Thanks to **Marianne Ocrain** for organizing this and to everyone who donated candy and plastic eggs! We encourage all our youth from 12 years old and up to join our organization.

Our youth will be of great support to our Festival. They have already started the dance practice. For more information, or if you would like to join in, please contact **Marianne Ocrain**.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen

This Holy Pascha Season was in a way very special and different from all of the Paschal Seasons we have had in the past, since we also celebrated three years since the move into our beautiful new Church.

Our sincere thanks to **everyone** who worked hard and was dedicated to making our Holy Week and Holy Pascha celebrations very special this year.

We are especially indebted to our clergy, **Fr. Cornel** and **Fr. George**; to our Cantors, **Constantin Bargiuma, George C. Fatsy, George Cipu, Bill Balamaci, and Dinca Ianus**; the choir, under the direction of **Gina Cook** and **Diane Vieira**; the epitrops; and all the members of the Parish Council, starting with the President **Sutiri Giavara**, who worked so hard! We must not forget the youth who show their dedication to the church: the **altar boys** (especially, but not only: **Justine Puztay, Dan Antoniu, William Docu, Daniel Munteanu, Dan Angelescu, Christopher Ocrain, Brian Moreales**) for their service and **MAC-AROY**, for making cross palms and preparing for the Egg Hunt.

We especially thank Psa. **Marian Coca** for beautifully decorating the Paschal Candle. She also baked the *Pascha*.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. **Cristi Petre** for donating the *Paști* this year. It was his own "label," donated in thanksgiving to God, good health, and continued blessings.

Last, but certainly not least, we appreciate all the ladies who, as usual, are mainly working "behind the scenes," making the eggs, organizing the Easter Social, with countless other jobs, under the able leadership of Pres. **Audrey Fatsy**. **Most of all, we thank all of you who faithfully participated** in the Lord's journey by devotedly attending all of the Holy Week and Paschal services.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School announces its graduation date for Sunday May 22, to be held between the two services. We would like to thank the teachers, the students, and the parents for making this year a good year for our program. Special thanks to Fr. George for coordinating the program as the spiritual adviser.

More information about our Sunday School program will be provided in the next bulletin.

Counting Our Blessings

Fellowship Hour Donations

– Donated on March 7, 2011 in loving memory of Vasila Rusu, and for the World War I veterans by her husband Radu Rusu.

Altar Candles

- For the good health of Stila, Mihaela, Florentina, Joița, from Joița (4/21/11).
- For the good health of the family, from Van and Bea Michaels on Easter Day.
- In loving memory of Bujor Todeasa of Sebeș, Jud. Alba, Romania, from Fr. Cornel and Family.

Ambon Candles

– For the good health of Stila, Mihaela Florentina, Joița, from Joița (3/31/11).

5-day Sanctuary

–In loving memory of Vangel Janelu (49 years), from daughter Florence Marsala (4/6/11).

7-day Sanctuary

- In loving memory of our mom/maia, from Beverly, Gowan, A. Pete, Alexander, Marica and Nicholas Dacey (4/6/11)
- In loving memory of Sister Silvia B. Fatse (6 years memorial) from Florence and Pete Costulas (4/6/11)
- In loving memory of my Aunt Silvia B. Fatse (6 years memorial) from Mary Jennifer Pete Costulas (4/6/11)
- In loving memory of Christ E. Fatsy (29 yrs. in heaven) from George and Audrey Fatsy (4/10/11)
- In loving memory of Claudiu Ocrain. Happy Birthday Dad, from Vito, Marianne, Audriana and Christopher Ocrain (4/10/11)
- In loving memory of Sylvia Dumitrescu, from Sandra and Vasil Batsu (4/6/11)
- In loving memory of Vasile Costin (\$200), from Mihaela Costin (4/24/11)
- In loving memory of Mircea Vaduva of Romania (1 year), from his sister (4/17/11)
- In loving memory of George Yanka. Happy Birthday and Nameday frati, from Aurei and George Fatsy (4/22/11)
- In loving memory of George Yanka. Happy Birthday and Nameday frati, from Edmond, Beatrice, Daniel and Michael Neal (4/23/11)
- For the good health of Marc Caratas, from Nicoleta and Mihai Caratas (\$100)
- In loving memory of Van Vangele, from: Virginia Lity (\$25); Loretta & Tom Tanacea - (\$35); Anthony & Carol Wiencko (\$50) (5/1/11); Sue Wiencko (\$100) (5/1/11)

Special Donations

- In loving memory of Caraman Zica (mother), from Mariana Zica Cipu (\$50)
- In loving memory of Tata Dumitru (\$50), from Vasilica Stilu (3/20/11)
- IMO Dimitrie Tsatsa (Romania), from Father George & Marian Coca (\$100) 5/1/11
- IMO Dumitru si Maria Cearu (\$200), from Aspasia Ceara Margarit (5/1/11)
- Michael Adam (\$10) (4/24/11)
- Michael Babu (\$50) 4/24/11
- Tiberiu Batsu - Baptism Donation (\$250) 4/24/11
- Liana Bennett (\$313.50) (4/24/11)
- Yna Borcescu (\$20) (4/24/11)
- In loving memory of Florica and Nicolae Muresan (\$50), from Robert and Alexandra Braun (3/27/11)
- For the good health of the Family (\$100), from Robert & Alexandra Braun (4/24/11)
- For the good health of the family(\$50), from Georgeta Caratas (4/24/11)
- Fr. George Coca - Donation for Lenten Books (\$100)
- Father George & Marian Coca - Donation for the Holy Cross wreath (\$30)
- For the good health of Audrey Fatsy, from George P. Fatse (\$50) (4/24/11)
- For the good health of John Fatse & Family, from George P. Fatse (\$50) (4/24/11)
- For the good health of Nina Shaw, from George P. Fatse (\$50) (4/24/11)
- For the good health of Donna Benedetto & Family, from George P. Fatse (\$50)(4/24/11)
- Walter T. Flaherty (\$300) (4/24/11)
- In loving memory of Nick Geambazi, from Loretta and Earl Bahl (\$50) (4/12/11)
- In loving memory of Nick Geambazi, from Andrei and Caterina Colimitra (5/1/11)
- In loving memory of Despa Cipu, from Andrei and Caterina Colimitra (5/1/11)
- In loving memory of my mother Stela, from Lucia Bobes (\$50) (4/13/11)
- Judy and Louis Montagna and family (\$20) (4/3/11)
- In loving memory of Victoria Balamaci from George Assenza, Jr ((\$100 on 4/3/11; and (\$1500 on 4/21/11)
- In loving memory of Victoria Balamaci (\$250) from Alissa and Steven Crafta (4/3/11)
- In loving memory of Victoria Balamaci, from Andrei and Caterina Colimitra (5/1/11)
- In loving memory of Great Aunt Liz Lambro (\$300) from Ken and Ev Janello, Don and Dorothy Janello, Ted and Mary Ellen Janello (3/20/11) (\$100)
- Alexandru Ionescu (\$25) (4/24/11)
- Spiro Malisory (\$40) (4/24/11)
- Ovidiu Ocrain - Computer Memory (\$52) (4/24/11)
- Nicholas & Ines Sorovacu (\$50) (4/24/11)
- Romanian Bible Study (\$145) (4/24/11)
- Fr. Cornel & Psa. Louisa Todeasa (\$25) (4/24/11)

Liturgical Fund Donations

Anonymous (\$326)

Lenten Dinner Donation

Mr. & Mrs. Vasile Babu (\$100) 5/1/11
Virginia Baker (\$75) 4/22/11
Tanase Bujduveanu (\$40) 5/1/11
Anonymous (\$150) 3/27/11
John & Joan Kalakay (\$75) 4/10/11
Donna Peters (\$75) 3/27/11

Joanne C. Ryan (\$150) 4/10/11

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church, Chicago IL (\$300) Helen Zervos (\$50) 4/22/11

More Easter Card Greetings from Our Friends

Frusina Balamaci & Family

Sylvia T. Belba, Linda, Adam & Eric William

Brenda Bicki

Tom & Priscilla Carameta

Constantin & Anca Fundi

Nora Hoag & Family

Alex, Cristina, Bob, Alla & Stephanie Ionescu

Nikki Kressu

Charles & Barbara Kressu

Carole Maravich & Nicolle

Catalina Cincu Sankar

Pentru Sanatate – Tanase, Sotir, Veronica Stilu

Cornelia & Dinu Tarnoski

Martha H. Tennant

Gerghina Tomoiu

Nicolae & Simona Tudor

Dora Vasilescu & Son Theo in Loving Memory of John Vasilescu, Husband & Father

Pascha Offerings – Thru April 4th

Andrew Adam (\$10) 4/24/11

Michael Adam (\$40) 4/24/11

Manuela & Brianna Albulescu (\$35) 4/17/11

Anonymous (\$70) 4/24/11

Vasel & Veronica Atanase (\$20) 4/24/11

Elena V. Balamaci (\$25) 4/24/11

Frusina Balamaci (\$25) 4/17/11

Thomas & Nancy Baratta (\$100) 4/24/11

Constantin Bargiuma (\$40) 4/24/11

Lisa Batsu (\$50) 4/24/11

Vasil & Sandra Batsu (\$50) 4/24/11

Bob & Georgeta Blaschke (\$25) 4/17/11

Robert & Alexandra Braun (\$50) 4/24/11

Gloria Caranica (\$40) 4/24/11

Georgeta Caratas (\$50) 5/1/11

Nicoleta & Mihai Caratas (\$100) 4/24/11

Josephine Chanaca (\$50) 5/1/11

John & Patricia Christo (\$50) 4/17/11

George & Julie Cipu (\$25) 4/24/11

Maica Veronica Crisan (\$200) 4/3/11

Glenn & Cathy Crowell (\$25) 4/24/11

Dima Family (\$50) 5/1/11

George & Fevronia Fatse (\$100) 4/24/11

Eleftheria Fatsi in Memory of George (\$250) 4/17/11

Kris Fatsy (\$20) 4/17/11

Pete Fatsy (\$50) 4/24/11
Mariana Filimon (\$20) 4/17/11
Vica Gallen (\$20) 5/1/11
Daniella & Thomas Geer (\$100) 4/24/11
Georgeta Georgescu (\$50) 5/1/11
Andrew Ghitsa (\$20) 4/24/11
Alex & Cristina Ionescu (\$100) 4/24/11
Ileana Jombur (\$10) 4/24/11
Bob & Karen Jordan (\$20) 4/24/11
Simela Kastanaras (\$50) 4/24/11
Ani Kavalan (\$25) 4/17/11
George & Eftima Kiosse (\$100) 4/24/11
Brad & Cristina Kove (\$50) 4/24/11
Maci Family (\$30) 4/17/11
Carole Maravich (\$30) 4/17/11
Florence Marsala (\$10) 4/24/11
Gabriel & Victoria Matei (\$30) 4/17/11
Tula Michael (\$20) 4/24/11
John & Jasmin Morreale (\$20) 4/24/11
John Morreale (\$30) 4/24/11
Isaac & Nadia Murad (\$30) 5/1/11
Vic & Anne Nastu (\$50) 4/24/11
Dumitru & Daniela Nicola (\$25) 4/24/11
Marie Nicola (\$250) 5/1/11
Kathy Olschan (\$50) 4/24/11
Elena Olszyk (\$25) 4/24/11
Helen Pariza (\$10) 4/17/11
Ana Petrovic (\$40) 4/3/11
Natalia Popescu (\$100) 5/1/11
Flora Zarcu & David Power (\$50) 4/24/11
Elena Radu (\$20) 5/1/11
Dimitrula Rich (\$50) 5/1/11
Ted & Kallie Schuster (\$30) 4/17/11
Mike, Joann, Talia & Carly Seamon (\$10) 4/24/11
Ion & Adriana Sirbu (\$50) 4/24/11
Nick Stoicescu (\$50) 4/3/11
Robert Talabac (\$100) 5/1/11
Cristina Tamasdan (\$50) 4/24/11
Cornelia & Dinu Tarnoski (\$50) 4/17/11
Fr. Cornel & Psa. Louisa Todeasa (\$50) 4/24/11
Elena Vartic (\$50) 4/24/11
Dora Vasilescu & Son Theo (\$20) 5/1/11
Tanase, Sotir, and Veronica Stilu, for the good health of the family (\$25) (4/17/11)
Tanase, Sotir, and Veronica Stilu, în pomenirea părinților: Hristu și Victoria Stilu, Vasile și Victoria Cipu (\$25) (4/17/11)

Other Contributions to St. Dimitrie Church
Year-To-Date through May 1, 2011

We thank all of the persons who have supported

St. Dimitrie Church. May God bless all of you!
Candles \$22,260
Trays \$12,615
2nd Building Fund Tray \$7,770

St. Dimitrie Church Pledge Status

Phase 1 - \$692,152 Pledged - \$636,004 Received = \$56,148 Balance Due

Phase 2 - \$298,906 Pledged - \$257,456 Received = \$41,450 Balance Due

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

Building Fund Plaque

A recap of everyone's Plaque commitments will be prepared and distributed at the May Community Assembly Meeting.

It has been over 5 years since our initial pledges were received at the 4/16/06 "kickoff dinner" at Testo's. Make sure that your payments are up to date. The Consecration is coming up soon and there will be a "Plaque" posted with all of the eligible people at the various levels.

Building Fund Assessment

The Building Fund Assessment amount received so far in 2011 is \$63,088

Special Events - Easter

Thanks to our clergy for the effort put into making our celebration of Christ's Resurrection so holy and beautiful and such a joyous occasion.

The Palm Sunday Dinner netted \$4,183.

Easter Card - \$7,240

Easter Offering - \$3,250

Epitaph - \$321

Palms - \$42

Paști (Pascha Bread & Wine) - \$351

Donations to Offset Our Mortgage: 488 Sport Hill Rd.

Eugene & Rodica Gall (\$150); 4/3/11

George Ghitsa (\$100) 5/1/11

Ted & Kallie Schuster (\$200) 3/27/11

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Special Thanks & Remembrance

St. Dimitrie is grateful for the Easter flower donation from the A. Peter Fatse and Sylvia Babiana Fatse Memorial Fund. Each year this gracious remembrance of two of our members who brightened our church with their personalities is well-appreciated and is expressed in the form of our beautiful Easter flowers.

Thank You Note. The family of Stella Nastu Chapar and the family of Albert Chapar wish to thank so many of you who remembered our sister Stella. We were overwhelmed at the love shown towards her and her husband Al who followed her ...two months after her death. May their memory be eternal!

We now have a new PO Box. The new address is:

St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church

PO Box 95

Easton CT 06612

For those who send checks from their online banking, please change the address with your bank.

FORCC NEWS

Reported by Bill Balamaci, Past President

Next meeting: June 16th at St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, Easton; presentation by Fr. Patrick Burns.

Scholarship Committee: Application forms available from churches and online at FORCC website. Deadline for submitting applications: June 1st.

FESTIVAL 2011

Volunteer Workers Needed

Our **June 8, 9 and 10 FESTIVAL** will require the support of all parishioners and friends. Please contact Festival Co-Chairmen **Ovidiu Ocrain** and **Patricia Johnson** to volunteer to work at our first Festival in Easton. We have plenty of work assignments to fulfill. Help make this, our 31st Festival, our best yet! Call the church office (203) 268-8237.

Thank you to **Nadia & Isaac Murad** from St. Nicholas Antiochian Church for their donation of flour and sugar for the festival.

Despa Costulas Cipu, age 89, of Fairfield, beloved wife of Nicholas Cipu, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Born in Blackstone, MA, Mrs. Cipu was raised in Bridgeport and later moved to Fairfield where she was a resident for over 40 years. Mrs. Cipu worked for the Harvey Hubbell Co., retiring after 32 years. She was a longtime member of St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, the St. Dimitrie Ladies' Auxiliary and the St. Dimitrie Seniors. Despa was a welcoming hostess and her home was a gathering place for family and friends over the years. A kind and gentle person, Despa will be fondly remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, and she will be greatly missed.

In addition to Nick, her husband of 68 years, survivors include her daughters, Marie Agostin and her husband Dominick; and Elaine Turek and her husband Richard, grandchildren Michael Agostin and his wife Anne, Jeffrey Agostin and his wife Maryann and Kevin Agostin and his wife Gabriela; Jennifer and Matthew Turek; and Scott, Heather, and Ashley Cipu; as well as great-grandchildren Nicholas, Sarah, Abigail, Samantha, Emily and Elena Agostin. Despa also leaves behind her brother, Peter Costulas and his wife Florence, a daughter-in-law Betsy, brothers- and sisters-in-law George and Julie Cipu and Florence and Chris Carabina, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Robert Cipu, and sister, Ellen Andry.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 29 at St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery. Trisagion service was held on Thursday April 28, in the Lesko & Polke Funeral Home, 1209 Post Road, in Fairfield Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Dimitrie Church.

Please support our troops

The Parish Council & Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Dimitrie are still collecting donations for our own young men serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. See Facebook for the goods they need or contact Audrey Fatsy or Kris Fatsy. Please help to let them know we are thinking of them. Thank you.

St. Dimitrie

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

504 Sport Hill Rd. - Easton

presents our

32nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL

July 8, 9, and 10, 2011

Friday - 5 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – 11 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday – Noon to 5:00 p.m.

ST. DIMITRIE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL
ST. DIMITRIE PARISH MEMBERS**

**IF YOU (MEN & WOMEN) WERE BORN ON OR BEFORE
1926 AND A NATURALIZED CITIZEN YOU ARE A PROUD
MEMBER OF THE
GREATEST GENERATION!**

You grew up in the USA during the deprivation of the Great Depression and you came of age to experience the greatest World War ever encountered in the history of this great

country. You served & supported this great country both at home and abroad with honor, loyalty and love of God. With the conclusion of the war you experienced even more challenges with the building of two new churches.

Without you our community would not have achieved its great success.

Therefore, we think it is only fitting that we honor you at a dinner on May 29, 2011.

**WE REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT A DINNER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE, AT
APPROXIMATELY 12:30 PM, IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

Please join us and invite your family and friends to this testimonial dinner.

**GREATEST GENERATION MEMBERS ARE OUR
GUESTS FOR DINNER.**

DINNER COSTS TO ALL OTHERS IS \$ 25 adults and children \$ 12.

**Please call our Parish Office at 203 268 8237 Mon thru Wed 10 am to 2pm, Or,
Sign up at the candle desk in the Narthex**