



St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church, Saint Paul, MN  
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# The bulletin

APRIL 2025

**Hristos a  
Inviat!**

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**SPOVEDANII**  
**in Postul Mare**  
**CONFESSIONS**  
**In fiecare**

Vineri la 6:00pm (sau  
după slujbă)

Sâmbătă după Vecernie  
- 5:00pm

Duminică de la 9:00am  
- 9:30am

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## CUM SA SERBAM PASTILE DIN INDEMNURILE SF ATANASIE CEL MARE

“... Dumnezeu, iubitorilor, a asezat din inceput sarbatoarea Pastilor si ne ajuta sa petrecem in fiecare an. El insusi a dat pe Fiul sau pentru a noastra mantuire, pentru care ne pune inainte aceasta sarbatoare.

Sarbatoarea Pastilor ne povatuieste in mijlocul nenorocirilor ce le intapinam in acessta lume si din ea izvoraste bucuria mantuirii ce ne-o da Dumnezeu. Caci de Pasti ne adunam impreuna, ne intrunim sufleteste toti de pretutindeni si avem prilej de a ne ruga in comun, a multumi lui Dumnezeu, cum suntem datori sa o facem in zi de sarbatoare. Iata minunea bunatatii lui Dumnezeu! El uneste din nou la Pasti, pe cei indepartati si

prin unitatea credintei, apropiie pe cei , ce cu trupul, sunt poate departe.

Curaj deci, iubitorilor, sa recunoastem dupa cuviinta darul acestei sarbatori si sa multumim Celui ce a facut acesata zi frumoasa.

Noi, fratilor, suntem mai presus de pagani, serband Pastele curatiei trupului si a sufletului, mai presus de evrei, caci nu umblam in umbra si inchipuire, ci stralucim de adevarata lumina si privim pe soarele dreptatii – Hristos – mai presus de eretici pentru ca nu sfasiem tuninca (haina) lui Hristos, ci intr-o casa unica, in Biserica drept credincioasa,

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## GREAT LENT – A TIME OF PREPARATION

The season of Great Lent is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ, It is the living symbol of man's entire life which is to be fulfilled in his own resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is

a time of renewed devotion: of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time of repentance, a real renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in conformity with Christ and his teachings.

mancam Pastele Domnului celui ce ne -a dat legea Sa si povatuindu-ne sa facem binele, ne indeamna a ne infrana dupa cuviinta. In adevar, Pastele sunt ferirea de rautati, indeletnicirea cu fapte bune si trecerea din moarte la viata; de la diavol la Domnul si in fiecare an noi ne amintim de mantuirea noastra.

O, de am putea, iubitilor, de a urma sfintele invataturi si a vietui in tot timpul fara a uita nici o binefacere a lui Dumnezeu, cum invata Sf Apostol Pavel *“Aduceti-va aminte de Iisus Hristos cel ce a inviat din morti”*. Sa avem pururea in cuget aceasta amintire si sa ne mahnim in fiecare zi ca multi o nesocotesc.

Sa mergem deci la biserica nu numai pentru frumusetea slujbei de Pasti, ci si pregatiti pentru a ne apropia de Mielul lui Dumnezeu si a gusta din hrana cea cereasca – Sfanta Impartasanie.

Pentru aceea, sa ne curatim mainile noastre, sa fie trupul nostru fara nici o pata, sa pazim stiinta noastra scutita de orice rautate. Sa nu ne dam imbuibarii, ci sa petrecem cu Domnul nostru si cu sfintele Lui invataturi, pentru ca intotdeauna curati sa avem parte de viata cea impreuna cu Fiul si Cuvantul lui Dumnezeu”

It is the time, most of all, of our return to the great commandments of loving God and our neighbors.

In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent is not a season of morbidity and gloominess. On the contrary, it is a time of joyfulness and purification. We are called to “anoint our faces” and to “cleanse our bodies as we cleanse our souls.” The very first hymns of the very first service of Great Lent set the proper tone of the season:

*Let us begin the Lenten time with delight ... let us fast from passions as we fast from food, taking pleasure in the good words of the Spirit, that we may be granted to see the holy passion of Christ our God and his holy Pascha, spiritually rejoicing.*

*Thy grace has arisen upon us, O Lord, the illumination of our souls has shown forth; behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the time of repentance (Vesper Hymns).*

It is our repentance that God desires, not our remorse. We sorrow for our sins, but we do so in the joy of God’s mercy. We mortify our flesh, but we do so in the joy of our resurrection into life everlasting. We make ready for the resurrection during Great Lent, both Christ’s Resurrection and our own.

## PASCHAL CANDLES LUMÂNĂRILE DE PASTI DIN ALTAR



**Were donated by:**

**Luiza & Adrian Cernea (\$160)**

IMO of their brother Dumitru Cernea

**Andreea & Nathan Vanderby (\$160)**

Pentru sănătatea familiei si binecuvantare.



“May the Great Feast of our Lord’s Resurrection brings to us the grace of spiritual renewal in Christ. Let us receive our Resurrected Lord in spirit and in truth so that we may live our faith as those who are saved..”

“Postul acela este adevărat care este prezent in toate, pe toate le curățește, pe toate le vindecă”.

*(Sf. Grigorie Palama)*

**77<sup>th</sup> A.R.F.O.R.A. Congress****May 30 – June 1, 2025****Hosted by: St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church****Chairperson:** Prascovia Bortnova, (612) 298-9066**Co-chair:** Psa. Eugenia Cerghizan (651) 278-1890**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Mircea VasIU, Phone: (734) 497-4544

*We are delighted to bring to you news about National Congress of Ladies Auxiliary (ARFORA) , to be celebrated on May 31 - June1, 2025. His Eminence, The Most Reverend Archbishop Nathaniel will be here to celebrate this blessed event with us.*

**To memorialize this event, a commemorative booklet will be produced (similar with what we had at our 110th anniversary). Anyone can participate by sponsoring a page (half page - see details below) in the book.**

**Please be a sponsor & donate a page or what ever you can.**

You can advertise your business in the ad-book also.

Vă rugăm să donati la alcătuirea brosurii cu ocazia acestui eveniment . Puteti să faceti si reclamă la afacerea dvs sponsorizand o pagină la cartea comemorativă.

**Due date / Data limită este 15 Aprilie, 2025**

**Vă multumim anticipat!**

**Details :**

- **Booster Listing** \$10.00
- **Quarter Page** \$50.00
- **Half Page** \$75.00
- **Full Page** \$100.00
- **Full page with Picture and Logo \$125.00**

Email the add to [frmirceavasiu@yahoo.com](mailto:frmirceavasiu@yahoo.com) . Acceptable File Formats:

Microsoft Publisher/Word; Picture: jpeg

**Make check payable to:**

*St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church (memo: ARFORA Congress)*

Mail to: 854 Woodbridge St., Saint Paul MN 55117

**Pay online via [PayPal](#) and mention "ARFORA Congress"**

*Prascovia Bortnova - St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church, Ladies Auxiliary President*

**COFFEE HOUR:**

We would like to thank Psa.Anca for organizing the coffee hour, to Psa Eugenia & Mirela Oliva for their help and to all the supporters & donors in the last months : Mirela Oliva, Silvia Panait, Irinel Ardeleanu, Psa.Anca, Raisa Crihan, Ella, Cora Pirvu, Doina Neculescu, Pasha Bortnova, Silvia Antonescu.

**We are looking for coffee hour sponsors. Please see/contact Psa Anca for details.**



*We would like to  
thank the Ardeleanu  
family for flowers  
decoration on the  
Sunday of the  
Holy Cross .*

**VĂ RUGĂM , să faceți donații de tip  
“PLEDGE” (periodic) pentru a ajuta biserica  
noastră.**

**Puteti dona si online prin PAYPAL**

<https://saintmarymn.org/Donations.aspx>

**Deasemenea, vă rugăm să deveniți membri ac-  
tivi ai parohiei noastre. Membria este de  
\$175 / an**

**– din care noi plătim \$100 la Sfânta Episcopie.  
Vă mulțumim anticipat.**

**PALM SUNDAY  
FISH DINNER  
MASA DE PESTE  
DE FLORII**



**Sunday, April 13, 2025  
- 12:00pm**

**Din Menu:**

- ◆ Baked fish & garlic sauce
- ◆ potatoes / Cartofi natur
- ◆ Green salad & bread
- ◆ Mashed beans

**MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anonymous                  | \$ 200 - Pledge donation    |
| Julianne Larson            | \$ 200 - IMO Gerald Larson  |
| Liliana Badea              | \$ 50 - Pledge donation     |
| Marinela & Nicolae Grigore | \$ 400 - FOCUS donation     |
| Nicolae Manciu             | \$ 200 - Pledge donation    |
| Fr. Mircea & Psa Anca      | \$ 80 - Pledge donation     |
| Serghei & Maria Turcu      | \$ 100                      |
| Ion & Maria Ungureanu      | \$ 50                       |
| Constanta Korolchuk        | \$ 200 - Pledge donation    |
| Andrei Brinzila            | \$ 100 - communion wine     |
| Anonymous                  | \$ 250                      |
| Donald & Elaine Graf       | \$ 100 - IMO Leo Omorean    |
| Nicholas & Carolyn Manciu  | \$ 100 - IMO Leo<br>Omorean |

**PayPal donations**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Doina Neculescu          | \$ 50                                     |
| Anca Zamfirescu          | \$ 50                                     |
| Matthew Andriescu        | \$ 25                                     |
| Michael Beecroft         | \$ 100                                    |
| Stefan & Margelusa Alexa | \$ 1,000                                  |
| Denis & Mihaela Schiopu  | \$ 100 - for their new born<br>son Daniel |

**2025 MEMBERSHIP (\$175)**

Radu Stefan  
Doina & Cristian Neclescu  
Jessica & Valeriu Bortnov  
Rankin Catherine



We are looking  
for Palm Sunday  
strips and  
decorations.



## CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to everyone who helped us to clean the church on March 22: Raisa C., Silvia & Cezar P., Georgia M.O., Dorina V.T., Doina N., Irinel A., Oana & Carmen I. and Fr. Mircea  
May God bless you!



St. Mary Romanian  
Orthodox Church

# APRIL 2025

**GREAT LENT** MARCH 3 – APRIL 20

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | MONDAY                                                          | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                       | THURSDAY                                                                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                            |
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| <b>6. 5th Sunday of Great Lent - St. Mary Magdalene</b><br>9:00 am <u>Utenia</u> / Confessions<br><b>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b><br>11:15 am Sunday school<br><b>5 pm MEOCCA Lenten Vesper</b><br>St. George Antiochian OC         | 7.                                                              | 8.      | 9.                                                                                                                              | 10.                                                                                                                         | 11.<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Confessions<br><b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</b>                             | 12. <b>10 am</b> Akathist<br><b>Parastas de obste</b><br><b>5:00 pm</b> Vespers & confessions       |
| <b>13. Palm Sunday - Duminica Florilor</b><br>9:00 am <u>Utenia</u> / Confessions<br><b>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b><br>11:15 am Sunday school<br><b>12:00 PM FISH DINNER</b><br><b>5 pm MEOCCA Lenten Vesper</b><br>St. Herman OCA | 14.                                                             | 15.     | 16.<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Spovedanii<br><b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Sf. Maslu Holy Unction</b><br>Confessions                                 | 17.<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Spovedanii<br><b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Denia celor 12 Evanghelii</b><br><b>12 Gospels</b>                    | 18. <b>10:00 am</b> Ceasurile Imparatesti / Royal Hours<br><b>6:00 pm Vecernie</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Denia Prohodului</b> | 19. <i>Incercati sa acordati timp sufletului si rugaciunii ; Nu lasati spovedania pe ultima zi!</i> |
| <b>20. SF. PASTI HOLY PASCHA</b><br><b>12:00 AM</b> Resurrection Service<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Divine Liturgy<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Reception hour                                                                                       | <b>21. +Bright Monday</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> <b>Holy Liturgy</b> | 22.     | 23. <b>+ ) St. George</b><br><br><i>(Fast free)</i>                                                                             | 24. +) Holy Confessors: Elias (Ioresti), Simion Stephan & Sava Brancovich); Holy Hierarch Joseph the Confessor of Maramures | 25. +) Izvorul Tămăduirii Life-giving Fountain of the Mother of God.<br><br><i>(Fast free)</i>                               | 26. +) Martyrs Cyril, Kindeas and Dasius of Axiopolis                                               |
| <b>27. 2nd Sunday after Pascha</b><br>9:00 am <u>Utenia</u> / Confessions<br><b>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b><br>11:15 am Sunday school<br><b>11:30 AM Water Blessing</b>                                                            | 28. +) Martyrs Maximus, Quintilian and Dada at Dorostorum       | 29.     | 30.                                                                                                                             | 1. May                                                                                                                      | 2. May                                                                                                                       | 3. May                                                                                              |
| <b>30. 3rd Sunday after Pascha - Myrrh-bearing Women</b><br>9:00 am <u>Utenia</u> / Confessions<br><b>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b><br>11:15 am Sunday school                                                                        | 1.                                                              | 2.      | 3.<br><br><b>Confessions during Great Lent / Spovedanii in Postul Mare</b><br>Vineri si Sambata seara & Duminica de la 9-9:30am | 4. + Hieromartyr Vasily Martysz, missionary in America                                                                      | 5.                                                                                                                           | 6.                                                                                                  |

## CANDLES IN THE FRONT AND INSIDE THE ALTAR



**On 03/02** - donated by the Grigore family for blessing and good health;

**On 03/09** - donate Liliana Badea pentru ziua nepotului Patrick - multa sanatate si La multi ani!

**On 03/16** - donated by the Ardeleanu Family IMO of Ovidiu G. Ardeleanu - Dumnezeu sa-l odihneasca!

**On 03/23**– donated by John Omorean IMO Gerald Larson -Dumnezeu sa-l odihneasca!

**On 03/30** – donated by Cernea Family IMO their brother Dumitru Cernea - Dumnezeu sa-l odihneasca!

**A DONATION FOR  
ALTAR CANDLES IS  
\$ 50**

*If you want to donate candles for Holy Altar please see the chart in “epitrop’s area” (pridvor – pronaos) and sign up for a Sunday or Holyday.*

## COMING EVENTS

1. **Pomenirea Morților** /Great Lent MEMORIAL SERVICES - SATURDAY, April 12 at 10 am
2. **PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER** – April 13, 2025 – after Divine Liturgy .
3. **HOLY WEEK**, April 14– April 19 - Special Services in Church ([see Calendar...](#))
4. **Blessing of the Water** – Sunday, April 27
5. **Ladies Auxiliary (ARFORA) National Congress** on May 31- June 1
6. Spring **PICNIC** - Sunday, June 8 from 12-3pm



**Sluja de PASTI  
Holy PASCHA Service  
April 20, 2025  
12:00 am (midnight) &  
binecuvantarea cosurilor  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy &  
Blessing of the baskets**



**We are looking for donators for flowers donors for the Tomb of our Lord and Easter Sunday (\$30) each pot).** Please contact the epitrops and give your offering in time. Flowers may be taken home on Easter Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

**Căutăm sponsori pentru florile pentru Sfântul Mormânt al Domnului și Sfintele Paști.** Pretul este de **\$30** un ghiveci. Florile pot fi luate acasă după Sfânta Liturghie din Duminica Învierii.

## **DARUL MEU DE SF PAȘTI - MY GIFT FOR THE HOLY PASCHA**

În această perioadă, când ne aducem aminte de prețul plătit de Domnul pe Cruce, pentru fiecare dintre noi, să ne arătăm și noi dragostea pentru El, sprijinind Sfânta Sa Biserică. Vă rugăm să trimiteți darul dragostei pentru una sau mai multe dintre următoarele:

At this time of Holy Pascha, when we remember the price that our Lord has paid for each of us on the Cross; let us show our love for Him, by supporting His Holy Church. You may send your gift of love for one or more of the following:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose find **my donation** to *Saint Mary Romanian O. C.:*

Pascha (Easter) Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Candles Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Dues (membria \$175/year)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Needs (see below\*) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2025 PLEDGE Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR DONATE  
ONLINE**



**\*Altar bread and candles, communion wine, oil for candles (olive oil only), charcoals, Incense - PLEASE talk with Fr. Mircea for details (The Church uses special wine & bread for Holy Communion & Sf Pasti, candles etc...)**

**\*Or for Easter Eggs Hunt activity**

Thank you for your kind expression of love and faith! May God repay your family with His Heavenly gifts! HRISTOS A INVIAT!

**PLEASE CLIP THIS COUPON** and bring it personally to the church or mail it (with the envelope enclose) along with your donation.

**VĂ RUGĂM SĂ TĂIATI ACEST CUPON** și să-l aduceți personal sau să-l trimiteți alături de donația Dvs. (cu plicul inclus)

### **PRAYER LIST / POMELNIC**

For the living (Vii):

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For the Deceased (Morți)

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