

# *Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church*



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### **June Bulletin 2019**

### **Services' Schedule / Programul Slujbelor**

#### **Parish Council members:**

Priest: *Father Lucian Constantin*

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Auditor 2: *Cristian Abaco*

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***Sunday, June 2nd - +) Great-Martyr John the New of Suceava; Holy Hierarch Nicephorus the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople***

9:10 am- *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am- *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

***Sunday, June 9th - Holy Hierarch Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria. 7th Sunday after Pascha (Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council). Epis. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gos. John 17:1-13 (Prayer of Jesus).***

9:10 am- *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am- *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

***Tuesday, June 11th - 6:00 pm - Spiritual Counseling, Holy Confession by appointment/ Consiliere Spirituala, Sfanta Spovedanie cu programare.***

***Saturday, June 15th*** -Prophet Amos; Martyr Hesychius; Blessed Augustine and Jerome (Saturday of Souls)

5 :00 pm - Great Vespers/ Vecernia Mare and Holy Confession/Sfanta Spovedanie

***Sunday, June 16th - (+) Descent of the Holy Spirit/Pogorarea Duhului Sfant. 8th Sunday after Pascha (Pentecost). Epis. Acts 2:1-11. Gos. John 7:37-53; 8:12.***

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am -Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

11:45 am - Fathers Day/ Fundraising

***Monday, June 17th - (+) Holy Trinity.***

***Sunday, June 23rd*** - Martyrs Agrippina; Hieromartyr Aristocleus the priest. 1st Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints). Epis. Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Gos. Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30. Tone 8.

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am-Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

***Monday, June 24th - (+) Nativity of St. John the Baptist. + Translation of the relics of Great Martyr John the New of Suceava; + St. Nicetas of Remesiana***  
6:30 pm - Akatist of Saint John the New of Suceava/Confession /Sfanta Spovedanie.

***Saturday, June 29th - (+) Holy Apostles Peter and Paul***

***Sunday, June 30th*** - + Synaxis of the 12 Apostles; +) Holy Hierarch Ghelasius of Rametz. 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (American & Romanian Saints). Epis. Romans 2:10-16. Gos. Matthew 4:18-23 (Calling of first Apostles).

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am-Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

*The Ascension of the Lord*  
*By Saint Nikolai Velimirovic*

Thus did the One ascend to Heaven Who held heaven within Himself. He who carries hell within himself will end up in hell, but he who bears heaven within his soul will ascend to heaven. And truly, no one can ascend to heaven other than those who have heaven within; and no one can end up in hell besides those who have hell within. The familiar is drawn to what is familiar and unites with the familiar; but it rejects what is not familiar. Matter submits to the spirit to the extent that the human soul is filled with the Divine Spirit; and the laws of nature are obedient to moral laws, which govern the world. Because the Lord Jesus Christ is the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the perfection of moral law, to Him is subject all matter—the entire physical world, with all the laws of nature.

Any person, as a spirit, can be victorious in his life over a certain law of nature, with the help of another law of nature—that is, he can overcome it with his own spirit. Christ, as the God-Man, could subject the laws of nature to Himself through the law of the Spirit, which is the supreme law of the created world. However, this concept, just as any other spiritual concept, can be but partially explained by ordinary earthly conceptualizations and reasoning—and that only by examples and comparisons.

Spiritual things only become clear beyond a doubt when the spirit sees them and perceives them. In order to see and feel the manifestations of the spiritual world, long and exhausting spiritual practice is needed, after which, by God's grace, spiritual vision may be opened in a person; this vision allows him to see what seems unbelievable and impossible to ordinary mortals. Nevertheless, a person must first believe those who have seen the unbelievable, and strengthen their faith from day to day, striving to see what is inaccessible to the common gaze.

Not in vain does the Lord say, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" [John 20:29]. The Lord God rejoices in their faith just as a father on earth rejoices that his children believe his every word. All the apostles were present at the Ascension of the Lord, gathered on the hill. This was their last collective meeting. However, this was not the last appearance of Christ. Later He appeared in a vision to the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus, to the Apostle John on the island of Patmos, and to other apostles, as well as to martyrs, holy hierarchs, and confessors, over the course of the entire history of the Christian Church.

But the day will come—and that day is not far off—when all the righteous men and women who firmly believed in Him throughout their lives will see Him. And around Him in the heaven will gather all those who were baptized on earth in His name—not only with water, but also with the Spirit and Fire. And they will enter into His joy, which the Heavenly Father has prepared for all His chosen, and will inherit a joy that they have never known before.

***Announcements:***

- *Dear parishioners, as you may know our congregation is going to celebrate the 50th anniversary this year, on July 21st.*

*If you are able, I'd kindly ask you if you could make a donation to help organize this special event. This will make a huge difference! Thank you in advance for your contribution!*

- *Saint Mary church is spiritual home and shelter for our orthodox family. Similar to our own homes, our church require care, love and tenderness and we thank each and everyone of the parishioners for their efforts to ensure the continuity of our traditions and faith.*

*In the spirit of the tradition this year again we will celebrate Fathers day. Date of the event - June 16th, after the Liturgy.*

*Location - St Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church.*

*As per LAC meeting today, this will be a potluck /donation event with a minimum \$10 contribution. Children under 6 - free.*

*This is another great opportunity for each one of us to pitch in and make a difference In the day to day life and financial well being of our parish therefore each effort will be much appreciated.*

***God bless you all!***  
***Father Lucian***

