

# Communiqué

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## From the Chancery:

### *Happy New Year!! La Multi Ani!*

The Chancery's office hours are 9am to 4pm (EST - Eastern Standard Time) Tuesday through Friday. Special announcements for the days when the Chancery is closed will be posted in advance.

**The Chancery Office will be closed on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, due to observance of Holy Day of Obligation: Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom!**

The Bishop's as well as the Chancery's address, is:

**1121-44<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Canton OH 44714-1297**

**This includes special deliveries such as FEDEX, UPS, Express Mail, Overnight Priority Mail and any other packages.**

## Bulletin inserts

Attached please find the **January 2020 leaflets** inserts for your bulletins – Enjoy reading and distributing them to your parishioners – very useful information in them!

# MAJOR FEAST DAYS FOR THE CALENDAR

*On which the faithful are obliged to attend Divine Services, besides the Sundays throughout the year. Pascha and Pentecost always fall on Sunday!!*

January 1	Circumcision of our Lord
January 6	Baptism of the Lord (Theophany)
February 2	Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
March 25	Annunciation of the Mother of God
May 25	Ascension Thursday
June 29	Holy Apostles Peter and Paul
August 6	Transfiguration of our Lord
August 15	Dormition of the Mother of God
September 8	Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
November 21	Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
December 25	Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).
December 26	Synaxis of the Mother of God (Second day of Christmas)

Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean  
Chancellor

## **Special Collections to be remitted to the Diocese:** **Romanian Martyr Bishops - collection for Clergy** **Retirement Fund**

**Romanian Martyr Bishops collection** took place on **December 8**. This is a collection that has to be remitted entirely to the Diocese for the **Clergy Retirement Fund**. Please use the information provided above to remit the funds collected. Thank you!

## **2020 Special Collections listing**

“The Special Collections offer us an opportunity to share God’s love and support of us with those who do not have enough. As we finish the Year of Mercy, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on that love and compassion from God and to give back to Him who deals so generously with us. Please pray and share what you can. The chance to give is a gift from God for our salvation. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (The Beatitudes)”

Review the documents for the 2020 Special Collections for the Eparchy of St. George in Canton for the Romanians, here:

<http://www.romaniacatholic.org/special-collection-2020/>

Contact Ann Fosnaught at 330-493-9355 or [annf@rcdcanton.org](mailto:annf@rcdcanton.org) for questions. Thank you and praise God for your open heart!”

Thank you!

**Address where to remit your collections:**

Special Collections  
c/o Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean  
1121 44<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
CANTON OH 44714-1297

**Checks should be made to the *Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton*.** Thank you. Questions about collections or if you have not received the advertising materials from the collecting agency or the letter from Bishop John Michael on the collections please call our secretary Ann Fosnaught at 330-493-9355 right away. Thank you.

**Ann Fosnaught  
Secretary**

## **UNIREA CANTON**

If you have questions or suggestions of improvement to *Unirea/Canton* or *Unirea.org*, don’t hesitate to send them to [unirea@rcdcanton.org](mailto:unirea@rcdcanton.org)

## **Practical things to remember**

In submitting your **weddings request for permission or dispensations** please remember that **we require at least a 5 month** notice so that we can prepare the necessary papers – should a special case is needed to be handled! We can discuss details over the phone especially when you have problems to solve about a wedding but it's good to talk them well in advance so that we might be able to solve them!

**Tribunal matters (annulment petitions, etc.)** – check out the Maronite website <http://www.stmaron.org/eparchy/marriage-tribunal/> for forms and answers to your questions – you need more details call the Tribunal Office. Fr. Marini will help you with all the details you need if you have things that are unclear – call the office number listed in their website.

**E-mail updates to Ann on parishioners** who passed away or moved so that Ann can update your Unirea listing so that we do not send a newsletter that will return to us and we already paid the postage for it!!

## **From the Finance Office:**

**Please share this Finance office section with your person who does the Church books!!**

## **Grant Applications for Parish Projects**

**First and foremost** – we will not consider any requests from any parishes/missions that do not pay their assessments to the Diocese. If you do not contribute to the Annual/Quarterly Assessment to the Diocese do not send us requests for help up until you have remedied that dysfunctionality (all Catholic Institutions throughout the world pay assessments to a higher Institutions – that is what it means to be in the Catholic Church – we support each other from smaller to bigger and from bigger to smaller!!!

We can help all our parishes/missions from our Diocesan jurisdiction obtain grants for their parish/missions projects.

**Here's what you need to do:**

1. **Create a project** (ex. Clergy salary, Church repairs, Catechism programs, etc.) – write a complete explanation – a narrative - of the purpose of the project and where do you intend to allocate the money that will be received on this project. Give us the amount that you want to ask for in this grant (5,000, 10,000, etc.) **Submit this entire request in writing to the Diocese.**
2. **Give us the name of the person in charge of the project** – normally we would like the Parish priest to be but if there is another person who helps the priest we understand that as well.
3. We need the **2018-2019 Revenue and expense report** of the parish/mission.
4. We need also a **project budget** – ex. Revenue for project –from fundraisers (\$550) Income from parishioners – pledged towards the project (\$1,500) etc. Expense for project – Repairs – (3,000), etc.
5. **Number of parishioners and your weekly collection amount.**

If we have all these from you I will be more than happy to assist you in obtaining a grant from different institutions depending for what kind of grant you are requesting. Once application is put in you will receive an e-mail of confirmation that such application was made for you and you also will receive updates from the same institution on what (if any) has been awarded to you on that grant application.

## Submitting

### Church & Rectory Capital Improvements Projects for Approval

From time to time our parishes must make capital improvements to the church property. By this time, **you should be aware that any expenditures in of \$5,000.00 or greater must be approved by Bishop John Michael.** Please send the following to the Chancery Office when requesting approval:

1. At least three proposals for the work to be done. If this is not possible please explain why.
2. Tell us which contractor you recommend for the project and why.
3. Tell us how you plan to pay for the improvements.
4. Give us your checking and saving account balances as of the date you submit your request (or financial statement if it is available.)
5. Send a copy of any plans or blueprints you may have.

**Please give us at least two weeks to review and approve your project.** The bishop is often traveling I am here only part of the time. It is often impossible for us to review your project in a few days.

These procedures are more formal that you have followed in the past. We are trying to give you some concrete procedures to follow so that your project can be approved in as little time as possible.

**Economos Very Rev. Ovidiu Marginean  
Finance Office**

## **From the Child Protection Office:**

Julie Shocksnyder or Ann Fosnaught are available to talk about child protection issues at any time. The policy for child protection and all other details can be found at <http://www.romaniacatholic.org/child-protection/>

There is an education tool for children and child protection called Godly Relationships. It can be found at the website above.

Keeping up-to-date with your Virus bulletins is a requirement. If you do not know your login name or password, contact Ann at the office OR Virtus directly.

Thank you for all you do for the Church and God's people who need protection.

**During the month January we celebrate three feasts:**

- ❖ January 1 - Circumcision of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation
- ❖ January 6 - Theophany. Holy Day of Obligation
- ❖ January 30 - The Three Holy Hierarchs. Regular Feast day.

**A “To do” List:**

- ❖ Send in **events list** via e-mail for **February 2020** by **January 20, 2020** at [ovim@rcdcanton.org](mailto:ovim@rcdcanton.org)

***Anniversaries and birthdays in January:***

Ordination Anniversary: Rev. Gabriel Didita - January 1

Happy Birthday: Psa. Kathleen Marie Kolitsos - January 17

Happy Birthday: Psa. Florica Pater - January 29

**If we forgot someone by mistake we apologize in advance!  
Please let me know though so I can make the changes!**

**May God bless you with many more to come!!!!**