

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



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**by the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint George in Canton
for the Romanians**

Clergy Remuneration Policy Revision

WHEREAS, the Board of Consultors of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton met and discussed changing in the clergy remuneration, and based on the discussions voted at that meeting, this past February 2008, the following of the Pastoral which had read:

"103. A priest is entitled to a monthly remuneration of \$1,200.00 per month..."

and

"104. In addition to the above, a priest who is married is to receive an additional food stipend of \$100 (one hundred dollars) per month per dependent..."

are hereby amended to read:

103. A priest is entitled to a monthly remuneration of **\$1,300.00 per month...**

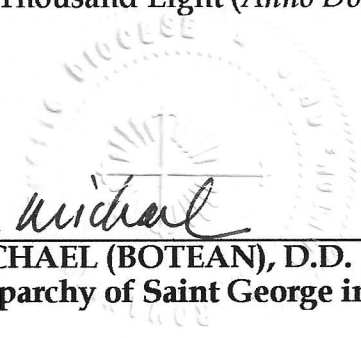
104. In addition to the above, a priest who is married is to receive an additional food stipend of **\$110 (one hundred ten dollars) per month per dependent ...**

Similarly, paragraph 118 of the Pastoral Typikon is amended as follows:

118. Priests are required to provide their retirement through participation in the Social Security by paying applicable Self-Employment tax as required by law. They are also strongly urged to invest in their own retirement through Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's), annuities, and other instruments, as they see fit.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the See of our Eparchy in Canton, Ohio, this Twenty-Seventh day of May in the Year of Our Lord the Two Thousand Eight (*Anno Domini* MMVIII) and eleventh of our episcopate.



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Office of the Bishop

May 27, 2008

To: Clergy of the Eparchy

RE: Decree for Clergy Remuneration Policy Revision

Reverend and dear brothers in Christ,

Enclosed please find the **Decree for Clergy Remuneration Policy Revision** which came in effect as of **January 1, 2008**. This new revision in clergy remuneration will replace the agreement existent in the Eparchy prior to this written policy which stated: "The parish priest will be reimbursed by the parish for one half of the Self-Employment tax paid by the pastor or administrator during the past year after his Income taxes were filed". Since most of our clergy were paying self-employment tax this new revision in the procedure will replace the old one.

Please make sure that you follow the procedures given in the Pastoral Typikon because they are given not only for the benefit of the church but also for your safe keeping. We are taking this step in modifying and amending some parts of the Typikon due to the fact that some of our parishes have received considerable penalties and interests to pay because of priests who failed to follow such procedures.

I trust you will communicate and make available these changes to the members of the Pastoral Council as well as the Stewardship Committee. **Please make sure that you place the enclosed decree in the Pastoral Typikon for future references.**

Assuring you of my prayers and blessings, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ-God,

Most Reverend John Michael (Botean)
Bishop

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Enclosure