



ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the year gracefully approaches its finale, we are ushered into December—a month deeply embedded with the virtues of love, compassion, and boundless giving. This year, it is our earnest plea for each one of you to rekindle the flames of altruism and direct them towards the devoted pillars of our community: our esteemed clergy.

Our priests, with their relentless dedication, have been the compass guiding us through spiritual tempests, ensuring that the beacon of God's teachings remains ever radiant. Among them, the venerable Rev. George Gage, Very Rev. Aurel Pater, and Right Rev. Gregory Duma have transitioned into a well-deserved retirement, having dedicated their lives in unshakable service to God's Church, its benevolent flock, and its divine mission.

As we congregate for the Divine Liturgy on December 3rd, 2023, our hearts will be full of the memories of our Blessed Romanian Martyr Bishops and all those gentle souls who embraced the supreme sacrifice for the sanctity of God's Church. As we stand at the crossroads of time, may their resolute spirit infuse us with strength to search deeper into Christ's teachings, embedding love and compassion further into our souls.

The clergy of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians have been the pillars of our faith, continual traversing spiritual landscapes to disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This December, let us enfold them in a mantle of gratitude by fortify the Clergy Retirement Fund on December 3, 2023. Every gesture, every contribution will ensure the well-being of those who've been the architects of our spiritual journey.

In this season of endless love and giving, your generosity will not only be a testament to your unwavering faith but also an ode to those who've dedicated their lives to service. From the deepest recesses of our hearts, we extend our sincerest gratitude for every act of kindness and generosity, praying that divine grace showers upon you, enriching your lives manifold.

Sincerely in Christ our Savior

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