



ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

***Martyred Bishop's Collection
in support of the
Clergy Retirement Fund***

November 9, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As in years past, the faithful of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton have the opportunity this December to support the Clergy Retirement Fund. After years of supporting the faithful of a parish or mission, each priest receives a small pension for his love and dedication to God's church and His people. The Clergy Retirement Fund is comprised of this collection and interest from an account that is held for this purpose. Currently, there are three retired priests who receive a stipend for their years of service, Rev. George Gage, Rev. Michael Kirila and Rev. Gheorghe Opris. Keep them in your prayers.

As we remember the martyred bishops at Divine Liturgy on December 3, 2017, we are called to remember our Romanian Martyred Bishops and the other faithful who suffered during the communist regime in a special way with a *parastas*, special collection and other fundraising event(s). The zeal of the Martyred Bishops and faithful who stood up for their faith has been a blessing to the Church. We use their example here and now to love more deeply as Christ taught us.

Most Reverend Alexandru Rusu (Born on November 22, 1884), was ordained the bishop of the Diocese of Maramures on January 30, 1931. He was chosen as the Major Archbishop of Fagaras and Alba Iulia in 1946, but the communist regime did not approve the decision. Bishop Alexandru was arrested in 1948 and spent the next fifteen years in various prisons and monasteries under arrest. The dedication and perseverance of his life shines as an example for the faithful in our modern times. *In veci pomenirea lui!*

We are grateful for the clergy of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians and the sacrifices they have made to share the Good News. Please show your gratitude with your donation on December 3. May God bless your lives with every good thing for your generosity to those who have faithfully served.

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
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