

# **Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church**

(Saint Mary's Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church, Inc.)

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**August 18, 2024**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 25, 2024**

**14 Sunday After Pentecost**

## LITURGICAL SERVICES

**Sunday, August 18**

**10:00 AM**

**13th Sunday After Pentecost**

+Mary Rushak

by Margie Rushack

**Festal Anointing and  
Blessing of Flowers for the  
Feast of the Dormition**

**Monday, August 19**

**10:00 AM**

**Funeral Divine Liturgy**

+Vasil Vira

**Sunday, August 25**

**10:00 AM**

**14th Sunday After Pentecost**

+Mike Rinkovsky

with Panachida

by John P. Michnya

**Sunday, September 1**

**10:00 AM**

**Health and God's Blessing  
Marion and John Fowdy**

By Martha Kozar

**Monday, September 2**

+ Philip Chillak

with Panachida

by Chillak Family

**Sunday, September 8**

**10:00 AM**

+Mikulas & +Anna Zihal

+Peter & +Anna Vislocky

By Mary Galus

## WELCOME VISITORS

**“MY HOUSE SHALL BE  
CALLED A HOUSE OF  
PRAYER FOR ALL**

**PEOPLES.” - Isaiah 56: 7**

If you are a visitor to St. Mary's, we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your presence. Whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish, we are grateful for your interest in our church. We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you find our worship true and reverent. We consider you part of our family and would be more than honored by your presence in our spiritual home. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please see Fr. Ed.

## Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Let's stay connected as a community. If you haven't seen someone in a while, reach out to them. A simple email or call can make a difference. Let them know that you miss seeing them, and I hope everything is okay. If they want a visit from Fr. Ed, please let him know. Your outreach can provide comfort and support to our fellow parishioners.

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You



St. Mary's celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of Bishop Basil Takach was a resounding and triumphant success. Two hundred and twenty-one people were in attendance (an actual count ... thank you, Rachel!). Fr. Chris Zuger presented an informative lecture on the life and ministry of Bishop Basil. The singing was magnificent - Thank You, Boris, and the choir! The choir was made up of members from our usual choir, parishioners from St. Mary's, cantors and singers from other parishes, and members from the St. George Community Choir. Their singing along with those people in the pews made a joyful noise that reached the high heavens! Thank you to Silvia and her mother, Maria (who came in from Cleveland, Ohio, to help), for organizing a fantastic feast. Many St. Mary's parishioners and friends assisted in creating this banquet and in setting up and cleaning up the Social Hall. St. Mary's hospitality was demonstrated as our ushers helped people navigate our complex church complex. Thank you for your smiles and good cheer in greeting all these people, especially for helping them to find the bathrooms! It would not have been a St. Mary's event without flooding in the social hall. (It seems to be a tradition that the kitchen and the social hall flood whenever we have a crowd.) Thank you, Yuriy, for jumping in and leading the clean-up brigade. So many St. Mary's parishioners made this historical event a reality. Thank You! Thank You! Fr. Ed received many calls and texts after the event praising our St. Mary's family for hosting this important event in the life of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church in America. Bishop Takach would be proud!

If you missed watching the event live, here is a link. Go to the 30-minute point where the action begins!

**<https://www.facebook.com/100064554227722/videos/987036793173690>**

# Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church to Host Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage



Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a time of profound spiritual significance. Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the people of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. This pilgrimage costs only \$4,829 per person, which covers airfare from Newark Liberty International Airport, accommodations in first class/select hotels based on double occupancy, most meals, the services of an English tour director, comprehensive sightseeing all admission fees and hotel service charges and airport transfers in Italy.

Everyone is invited to come share during this prayerful celebration. People throughout the United States and Canada will be part of this exciting trip. With the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other services, our pilgrimage will be a joyful journey designed to highlight our Byzantine Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical past, and view the art inspired by the Church. For more information, please see Fr. Ed. Brochures may be found on the bulletin board outside the Social Hall.

## May His Memory Be Eternal



Vasil Vira was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, August 13. Visiting hours will be at Colonial Funeral Home, 2819 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, on Sunday, August 18, from 1 pm to 3 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm. Parastas Services will be celebrated at 7:30 pm. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 10:00 am on Monday, August 19. In charity, please play for the repose

of his soul and the consolation of his family. *In Blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant, Vasil, and make his memory eternal.*