

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

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

On the Corner of East 15th Street and Second Avenue

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August 4, 2024

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2024

12th Sunday After Pentecost

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sunday, August 4
10:00 AM

11th Sunday After Pentecost
+John Huzinec
by Dorothy Huzinec

Monday, August 5
6:30 PM

Vigil Liturgy
Feast of the Transfiguration
For the Parish Families
of St. Mary's and Holy Cross

Sunday, August 11
10:00 AM

12th Sunday After Pentecost
+Theresa Hutnick
by Debbie Sank
Festal Anointing
and Blessing of Fruit

Tuesday, August 13
7:00 PM

**100th Anniversary
Celebration**

Thursday, August 15
Dormition
of the Mother of God
6:30 PM

For the Parish Families of St.
Mary's and Holy Cross

Sunday, August 18
10:00 AM

13th Sunday After Pentecost
+Mary Rushak
by Margie Rushack

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 hope you find our worship true and reverent and that our people here are friendly and consider you part of our family. If you seek a spiritual home, we would be more than honored by your presence in our family. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please see Fr. Ed.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. It is nice to hear from a friend from church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay. Ask them if they want a visit from Fr. Ed - and let him know.

1924 CENTENNIAL 2024

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN EXARCHATE IN THE UNITED STATES

You are invited to
St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic
Church for an evening of
celebration

7:00 PM

Symposium on the arrival and ministry of
our first bishop.

Presented by Fr. Christopher Zuger,
historian.

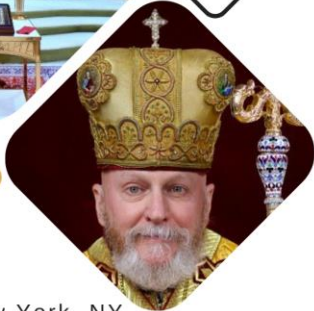
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Moleben of Thanksgiving celebrated by
the Most Reverend Kurt R. Burnette,
Eparch of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy
of Passaic, along with local clergy.

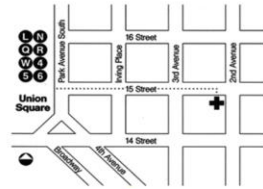
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Reception

Bishop Takach
arrived in New York
City on August 13,
1924, and celebrated
a Moleben of
Thanksgiving at
the original St. Mary's
Church.



Subway Station:
14th Street – Union Square



REGISTRATION



246 East 15th Street, New York, NY

AUG | 13TH | 2024

For more information:



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**Please mark your calendars for this
extraordinary event. We will need
volunteers to help with the
hospitality. Watch for more details.**



Remember St. Mary's ~ It is not a topic we are comfortable discussing or even considering. Maybe that's why over 60 percent of Americans die without a will. And yet, a will is one of the deepest expressions of love and commitment we can leave

behind. It is how we let family and friends know how much we genuinely treasure them. It is also a way to ensure that our parish will prosper after we leave. Your bequest to St. Mary's is a beautiful way to thank God for our parish's place in your life. Please complete a will for your own sake and your family's sake after you are gone. Please consider St. Mary's in your estate plans.

**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.

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

ITALY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



HOSTED BY:

Archbishop William C. Skurla

Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

Bishop Kurt R. Burnette

Bishop of Passaic, Apostolic Administrator of
Phoenix & Toronto

Bishop Robert M. Pipta

Bishop of Parma

With Tour Coordinator:

Fr. Ed Cimbala

**11 Days:
May 5-15, 2025**

\$4829 from NEWARK

(Air/land tour price is \$4299 plus
\$530 government taxes/airline surcharges)



VISITING:

Venice ♦ Padua ♦ Ravenna ♦ Florence

Assisi ♦ Rome ♦ Vatican City

Including

***The Opportunity to Pass Through The
Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in
Vatican City & the Other Three Major Basilicas***

TOUR FEATURES:

- Roundtrip air from Newark
- \$530 government taxes & airline surcharges
- First class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- Most Meals
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing



FOR THE
FULL
DETAILED
BROCHURE

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**Brochures may be found on the
bulletin board outside the social
hall.**

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Our parish family has lost two of its members recently.

Philip M. Chillak was called home to the Lord on Thursday, July 25. His funeral services were celebrated at St. Mary's on Tuesday, July 30.

Helen Gaydos was called home to the Lord on Friday, July 26. Her funeral services were celebrated at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 1.

Please continue to pray for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their families. *In Blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the souls of Your departed servants, Philip and Helen, and make their memories eternal.*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by his apostles as "the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God," he told them that "he must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things ... and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16). The disciples met with indignation at the announcement of Christ's approaching passion and



death. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John "up to a high mountain" -- by tradition, **Mount Tabor** -- and was "transfigured before them." ... and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as snow, and behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well

pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces with awe. In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ. They see that in him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in him, the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1:19, 2:9). They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, who is God, has prepared for those who love him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

THE BLESSING OF GRAPES AND OTHER FRUIT



It is the Day of Transfiguration tradition to consecrate grapes, apples, and other fruit after the Divine Liturgy. The custom of bringing fruit to the temple for consecration originates in the Old

Testament time (Gen 4:2-4; Ex 13:12-13; Num 15:19-21; Deut 8:10-14). The Apostles brought this tradition to the Church of the New Testament (1 Cor 16:1-2). Instruction regarding bringing fruit to the temple is found in the Third Rule of the Apostolic Canon, the earliest collection of ecclesiastic laws (canons) known since the second century. In Greece, August is the month of ripeness of fruit, mostly grapes and new ears of corn. Since old times, the faithful have been bringing them to the temple for consecration and as Thanksgiving to God. St. John Chrysostom wrote, “Plowman receives fruit from the earth not so much for his labor and diligence, as out of the goodness of God Who grows this fruit, because neither is he that planted anything, neither he that waters but God that gives the increase.”




Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish family. If you know of anyone (or if you) who would like a visit from Fr. Ed ... just let him know, and he will arrange to visit.

PRAYER
FASTING
REPENTANCE

The Dormition Fast

August 1 - 14

Grow in your relationship
with the Theotokos and
Jesus Christ.



According to the early Christian tradition, the Dormition Fast was celebrated since the 4th century. It cherishes Theotokos (God-bearer, Mary), an example of an earthly life centered on Christ and being taken to the Trinitarian presence at the end of her life. The fast ends with the Feast of Dormition (Eastern tradition), also known as the “Second Pascha,” and the Feast of the Assumption in the Western Tradition.