

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

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

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February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

Veneration of the Cross

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sunday, February 25

10:00 AM

**2nd Sunday
of the Great Fast**

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

+John Sikora

by Margaret Sikora

Followed By Panachida
and the

Reading of the Hramoty
for the

2nd All Souls Saturday

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

+Julia Ann

Yastishock Dyckman

by Sharon Sulecki

and Lenten Soup Meal

Wednesday, February 28

12:15 PM

Lenten Moleben

and Lenten Soup Meal

Panachida +Betty Terryberry

By Betty and Mike Stano

Sunday, March 3

10:00 AM

**3rd Sunday
of the Great Fast**

Veneration of the Cross

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

+Yuriy

by Holiba Family

Followed By Panachida
and the

Reading of the Hramoty
for the

3rd All Souls Saturday

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

+Fr. Michael Yurista

by Fr. Harry Untereiner

and Lenten Soup Meal

Wednesday, March 6

12:15 PM

Lenten Moleben

and Lenten Soup Meal

Panachida +Betty and Ken

Terryberry

by Irene Vasil

Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM

4th Sunday of the Great Fast

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

+John Huzinec

by Dorothy Huzinec

Followed By Panachida

and the

Reading of the Hramoty

for the

4th All Souls Saturday

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

For the Parish Families

of St. Mary's and Holy Cross

and Lenten Soup Meal

Thursday, March 14 - 7:30 AM

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM

5th Sunday of the Great Fast

Mary of Egypt

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

+Mary & +John Malast

+Kevin Guiteras

By Debbie Sank

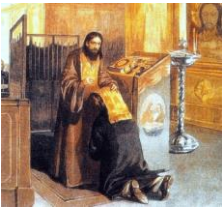
Panachida +Mikulas Sikoryak

By Sikoryak & Ceselka Families

WELCOME VISITORS!

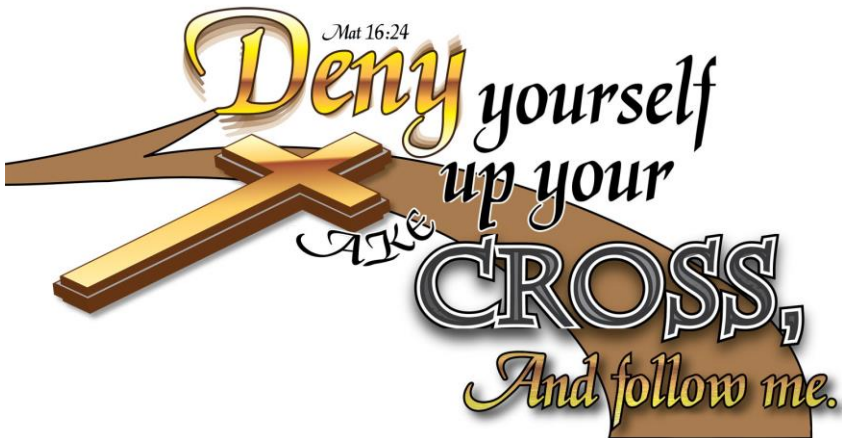
**“MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER
FOR ALL PEOPLES.”** - Isaiah 56: 7

If you are a visitor to St. Mary's, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. We hope you find our worship true and reverent and our people here friendly and cordial. If you seek a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our family. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please see Fr. Ed.



Mystery of Reconciliation

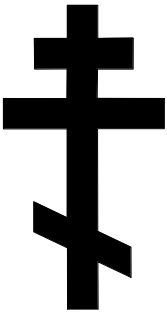
Fr. Ed is always available to celebrate the Mystery of Reconciliation before the Divine Liturgy and at any other time. If Fr. Ed is not in the confessional, please look for him; he will gladly help you.



The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen

WHY DO WE WEAR A CROSS?



In pre-Christian times, the Cross was the instrument of a shameful and horrible death. The ancient Romans invented it and used it everywhere to intimidate the people whom they had dominated. Everyone looked at this instrument of execution, the shameful Cross with horror. But a remarkable change took place with respect to the Cross after Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on it. The Lord suffered and died on the Cross. He took horrible sufferings upon Himself to save us from sins. The Cross received great glory, such as no other object made by the hands of man has possessed. The Cross became the sign of our salvation through which we receive the power of God, the grace of God.

The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies water, he immerses the Cross in it, and the water becomes holy. When we wear the Cross, our body constantly touches it, and from this touch, it, too, is sanctified. The Cross that we wear protects us from all kinds of danger. One ought not to look upon the Cross as some kind of jewelry like a bracelet or brooch. The Cross must adorn our soul and not our clothing and must constantly remind us that we are Byzantine Catholic Christians, called to live according to our faith, which is founded on the Savior's sufferings on the Cross.