

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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January 7, 2024
Sunday After Theophany

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sunday, January 7

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10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy
and the Great Sanctification
of Water

+Petro & +Ilona Stegun

Festal Anointing

Sunday, January 14

Sunday of Zaccheus

David, Joseph, and James

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

+Deceased Members of the
Chillak Family
by Mary Chillak

Sunday, January 21

**Sunday of the Publican and
the Pharisee**

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

+Irene & +Larry Palumbo

by Elenor Ruschak

Sunday, January 28

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

+Mary Vislocky

By Mary DiMatteo

Thursday, February 1

6:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Meeting

Of Our Lord With Simeon
and Anna

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

Sunday, February 4

Sunday of Meat Fare

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

+Adam & Anna Cassiak

by Diane Smertiuk

Festal Anointing

and Blessing of Candles

Followed By Panachida

and the

Reading of the Hramoty

for the

First All Souls Saturday

Sunday, February 11

Sunday of Cheesefare

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

Deceased Members of the Sic

and Ruschak Families

by Margie Ruschak

with Service of Forgiveness

to Begin the Greta Fast.

Followed by Fashengy!

Fashengy!

Sunday, February 11

Mark Your Calendars.

More Details Soon.

If you would like to

Volunteer to help put

this event together,

please see Fr. Ed.

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.

House Blessings - It is our tradition to have our homes blessed after the feast of Theophany on January 6. If you wish to have Fr. Ed come and bless your home, please see or email him to schedule a time. Blessings will begin after the Sanctification of the Water on January 7.



PRE-CANA FOR COUPLES MARRYING IN 2024 and 2025



CROWNED IN LOVE: Are you planning to marry before the spring of 2025? Then, you should enroll in this one-day Pre-Cana program sponsored by the New Jersey Byzantine Catholic parishes. The event will be hosted on Zoom on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 9 am to 4:00 pm

with a break for lunch. The cost per couple is \$75.00. See Father Ed for information and registration, or contact Fr. Jack Custer at passaiccathedral@gmail.com. The deadline to register is January 26, 2024.

My Dear St. Mary Parish Family,

As we begin a new year, let us plan and make Stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and Stewardship of treasure a part of our budget. Your giving to the parish should be planned and consistent. I ask you to think about your level of giving for 2024. Are you able to increase your gift in the coming year, or do your circumstances require you to reduce your contribution? The important thing is that you think about your giving.

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
(II Corinthians 9:7)

Please pick up your envelopes. This will give me an idea of those planning to support the parish in 2024 financially.

As we begin the New Year, I also ask that you reflect on your stewardship of time and talent. What can you do for the good of your parish? Talk with me, and we will find something for you!

We have so much to do here, and the parish does need your contribution of time, talent, and treasure. You are in my prayers, and I ask that you keep me in yours!

Fr Ed



**Some Volunteer
Opportunities
At St. Mary's**

**Office Help – Organizing – Ushers - Church Tour Docent
Greeters - Collection Counters - Social Events – Parties
Special Event Hospitality – Photography - Flower Care
Anything that you see that needs to be done!**

Please see Fr. Ed to Volunteer.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be sent by January 15 to those who requested them in previous years. If you did not receive one and wished one to be sent, complete the form and drop it in the collection box or email Fr. Ed, and the statement will be sent to you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

2023 Envelope Number: _____

(It is not necessary if all your gifts were made online)



Remember St. Mary’s ~ It’s not a topic we are comfortable discussing or even thinking about. Maybe that’s why over 60 percent of Americans die without a will. And yet, a will is one of the most profound expressions of love and commitment we can leave behind. It is how we let family and friends know how much we truly treasure them. It is also a way to ensure that our parish will continue to prosper after we are gone. 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.



**Christmas Decoration
Take-Down
January 28th
Following
The Coffee Social**

Following the Coffee Social on Sunday, January 28th, please stay and help take down the Christmas decorations. The more people who stay, the quicker the work will go.

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ALL SOULS 2024



If you didn't receive an ALL SOULS list from last year, or you didn't submit a list, and you wish to have your loved ones commemorated – please use this form and return your list and the offering by January 28 – you may drop it in the collection basket or return by mail. Your deceased loved ones will be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the All Souls Saturdays.

As we did last year, the celebration of All Souls will be on Sunday near the designated Saturday – the dates will be February 3, 25, March 3,10, and May 26.

The regular Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated followed by a Panachida and the reading of the Hramoty.

St. John Chrysostom assures us that:” It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on.” (Homily on the Acts 21, 4) Family members are encouraged to attend these services on All Souls Saturdays (Sundays), for by their presence and personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion, they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and keep their memory everlasting!

Please commemorate the following people during the upcoming ALL SOULS SATURDAYS. (Sundays)

Name: _____

Offering Amount \$ _____

*Theosis In Action &
the Eparchy of Passaic Presents:*

Poustinia

**An Evening of
Encounter and Hospitality
In the Light of the Byzantine East**
Featuring the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

January 20th, 2024

7:00 - 10:00 pm

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
246 East 15th St. Manhattan, NY
10003**

Open to all young adults (18-35)

Evening to include

- Compline
- Confession
- Silent prayer/reflection
- Social & fellowship

*For more information, contact:
FatherTomByz@gmail.com or
facebook.com/theosisinaction*



Featuring Br. Simeon, CFR



Registration:



St. Mary's is Hosting
Poustinia
An Event For Young Adults
Saturday, January 20th
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Invite your friends!



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.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
Parish Hall**

335 Adeline Street, Trenton, NJ 08611



The cost is **\$350**

includes icon boards and painting material
you will need to bring your own lunch or dinner

There will be time for

- Prayer
- Talk and discussion
- Personal instructions
- Reflections

Workshop will be held



March 15 - 17, 2024

**Beginners as well as advanced artists
are welcome**



The workshop will be led and guided by Fr. Marek Visnovsky. Fr. Marek is a married Byzantine Catholic priest, serving the Eparchy of Parma. With his wife Miriam they raise three children. For 21 years he has been teaching iconography classes in the USA and Europe. He has painted over 700 icons which are venerated in churches and private homes around the world.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 10, 2024