

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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November 24, 2024

27th Sunday After Pentecost

December 1, 2024

28th Sunday After Pentecost

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sunday, November 24

10:00 AM

27th Sunday After Pentecost

+Mary Ann Hogstrom

With Panachida

By John G. Rossiello

Festal Anointing for the Feast

Of the Entrance of the

Mother of God

Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM

28th Sunday After Pentecost

+John Ruschak

by Elenor Ruschak

Thursday, December 5

6:30 PM

Vigil of St. Nicholas

+Betty Terryberry

by Mary Galus

Sunday, December 8

10:00 AM

29th Sunday After Pentecost

Maternity of Holy Anna

For the Parish Families

of St. Mary's and Holy Cross

Festal Anointing for the Feasts

of St. Nicholas

and the Maternity of Anna

Followed by St. Nicholas

Celebration

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 PM

Emmanuel Moleben

Followed

by Fasting Soup Meal

Sunday, December 15

10:00 AM

Sunday of the Forefathers

+Stephen Hutnik

by +Theresa and Steve Hutnik

**Church Decorating After
Coffee Social**

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 PM

Emmanuel Moleben

Followed

by Fasting Soup Meal

Sunday, December 22

10:00 AM

Sunday Before Christmas

Of the Ancestors

+Theresa Hutnik

by Dorothy Huzinec

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

6:00 PM - Holy Supper in
Social Hall

8:00 PM – Compline and
Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

*Festal Anointing following
all Christmas Divine Liturgies*

Thursday, December 26th

**Synaxis of the
Mother of God**

6:30 PM ~ Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 27

Feast of St. Stephen

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

+Dorothy Sank

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 warmly welcome 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.

St. Nicholas Party

A Special Celebration for the Child in All of Us!

Sunday, December 8

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, gift raffle, dancing, visits with St. Nicholas and lots of great fun!!!

Dancing to the Music of Pajtáši

Mark Your Calendars

Ticket Purchase Deadline is December 1.



*Sunday, December 15, following the coffee social.
Volunteers needed. Many hands make things move
quickly. Who would like to be the coordinator?*



Poinsettia for St. Mary's

For the upcoming Festal Season of the Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Season, you will have the opportunity this year to honor

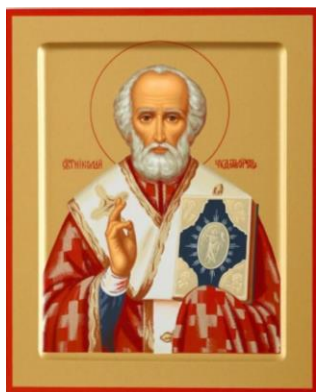
or remember loved ones by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in our Holy Church. If you wish to participate, please fill out this form. After completing the form, you can put it in the offering basket or return it to the parish office. Remember to indicate “in memory of” or “in honor of.” Please PRINT your name and the name of the person(s) you are remembering as you wish the names to appear in our parish bulletin. *The deadline to make your commemoration is Sunday, December 15th.*

\$25.00 - 6.5” Pot with Single Poinsettia (24 available)

\$50.00 – 8.5” Pot with Multiple Poinsettias (8 available)

Name	In Honor Of	In Memory Of	Amount
	Total	Enclosed	\$

Your Name	
Phone #	



St Nicholas the Wonderworker

Commemorated December 6

The true greatness of this beloved Saint is hidden in the shadows of legend, obscuring the identity of one of the most endearing of our saints.

Nicholas's early life is unknown except that he was born at the turn of the fourth century, during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, in Asia Minor, and was a Bishop of Myra in that area, which is now Turkey. Of a quiet and studious nature, he attended the Synod of Nicaea in A.D. 325. On that momentous occasion, he was so withdrawn that he is not even mentioned in the account of the proceedings recorded by St. Athanasios the Great; however, his behind-the-scenes activity did add to the luster of this memorable convocation. His importance was recognized by Emperor Justinian, who had a magnificent cathedral erected in his memory in Constantinople.

Before his elevation as Archbishop, Nicholas had suffered imprisonment, harsh treatment, and torture at the hands of the enemies of the Church. It was not until the reign of the Christian Emperor Constantine that he could lead the everyday and peaceful life of a prelate. His leadership in Myra, which did not offer very hospitable surroundings for the Christians of the day, was so effective that his fame and popularity gave rise to many legends that were well intended but served only to screen the true character of this genuine and industrious saint who labored for Christ all the years of his life, echoing the truth of Christianity uttered centuries before by the apostles.

So great was St. Nicholas' popularity that he became the symbol of protection of children, which led to many legends about him. After his death by natural causes at a venerable age, the legends and myths multiplied, but they only demonstrate how dearly loved he was for his great work. He became the patron saint of children, merchants, sailors, and scholars and was a protective symbol for travelers against highwaymen.

PRE-CANA FOR COUPLES MARRYING IN 2025



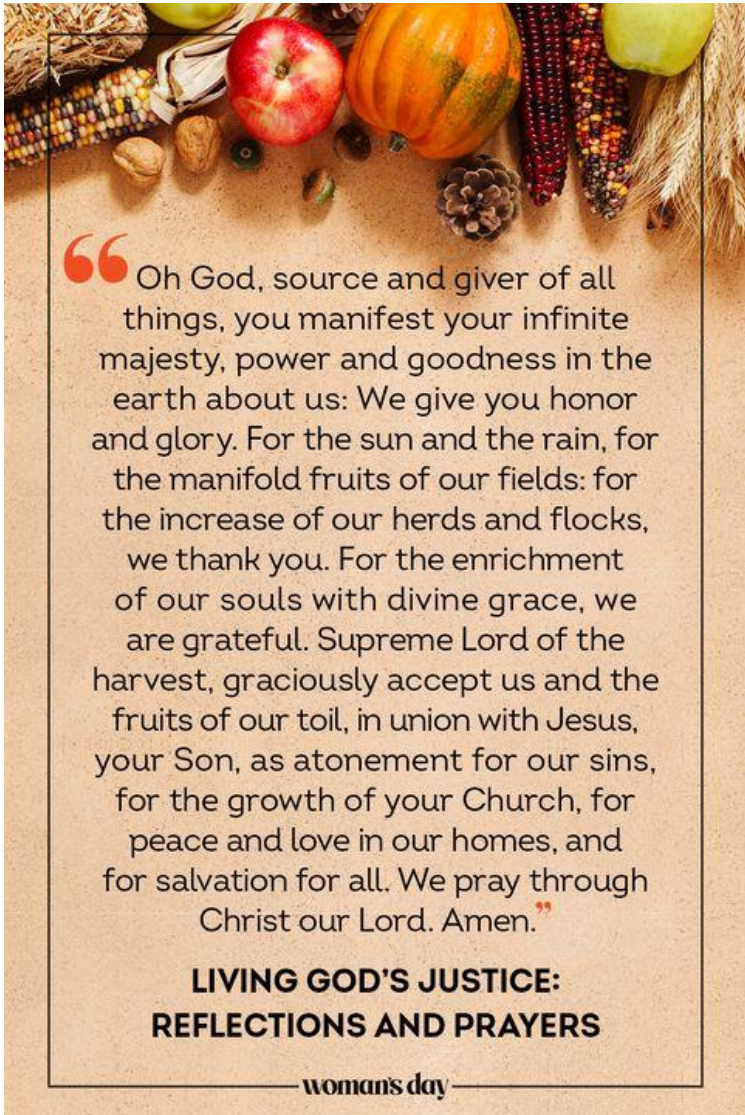
CROWNED IN LOVE: Are you planning to marry in 2025? Then, you need to enroll in the one-day Pre-Cana program sponsored by the New Jersey Byzantine Catholic parishes. The event will be hosted by St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost per

couple is \$75.00. See Father Ed for information and registration, or contact Fr. James Badeaux at pastor@stmaryhillsboroughnj.org. The deadline to register is January 26, 2024.



Holy Supper
Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM
St. Mary's Social Hall
Please Sign-up on the sheet
on the bulletin board or at the
entrance of the church.





“ Oh God, source and giver of all things, you manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness in the earth about us: We give you honor and glory. For the sun and the rain, for the manifold fruits of our fields: for the increase of our herds and flocks, we thank you. For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace, we are grateful. Supreme Lord of the harvest, graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil, in union with Jesus, your Son, as atonement for our sins, for the growth of your Church, for peace and love in our homes, and for salvation for all. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**LIVING GOD'S JUSTICE:
REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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Byzantine Catholic Prayer Before Meals

May the poor eat and be satisfied
May those who seek the face of the Lord rejoice and
may their hearts find life. Christ God, Bless the food
and drink of your servants, those who prepare it,
and those who receive it. For you are Holy our God
and we give glory to you Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit now and ever and forever. Amen.



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Presents

Carols From Ukraine

Sunday, December 22nd
2:00pm



St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir

Free-will offering to benefit children in Ukraine