

Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church



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La Multi Ani Romania! / Many Years Romania ! (1918-2018)

Services' Schedule / Programul Slujbelor

Saturday, December 1st- The National Day of Romania- 100 years

5:00 pm - Vespers/ Vecernia , Spiritual Counseling and Confession/ Consultanta Spirituala si Spovedanie.

Sunday, December 2 —Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Myrope; Holy Hierarch Solomon, archbishop of Ephesus. 31st Sunday after Pentecost. Epis. 1 Timothy 1:15-17. Gos. Luke 18:35-43 (Healing of Blind Man in Jericho). Tone 2.

9:10 am — Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am — Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Thursday, December 6th —+) ***Holy Hierarch Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia***

6:00 pm - Akatist , Spiritual Counseling and Confession/ Acatist Consultanta Spirituala si Spovedanie.

Saturday, December 8th - *Ven. Patapius; Apostles Caesar, Tychicus and Onesiphorus*

5:00 pm - Vespers/ Vecernia ,Spiritual Counseling and Confession/
Consultanta Spirituala si Spovedanie.

Sunday, December 9th - Conception of the Birthgiver of God by St. Anna; Prophetess Anna (Hannah), mother of the Prophet Samuel. 27th Sunday after Pentecost. Epis. Ephesians 6:10-17. Gos. Luke 13:10-17 (Healing of the crippled woman on the Sabbath). Tone 3.

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

11.30 am — *Saint Nicholas Fundraising Lunch. St. Innocent Orphanage (Mexico)- Spaghetti fundraiser*

Saturday, December 15th+ Hieromartyr Eleutherius, bishop of Illyria, and his mother Martyr Anthia; Martyr Susanna

5:00 pm - Vespers/ Vecernia ,Spiritual Counseling and Confession/ Consultanta Spirituala si Spovedanie.

3:30pm - **Christmas tree decorating!!! Volunteers needed!**

Sunday, December 16th —Prophet Haggai (Aggaeus); Empress Theophania. 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Forefathers of the Lord). Epis.

57 Colossians 3:4-11. Gos. Luke 14:16-24 (Parable of the great banquet). Tone 4.

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

11.45 am - *Council Metting*

Friday, December 21 (5:00 pm), Saturday December 22 (9:00 am- 9:00 pm)

Christmas Carols for our parishioners . If you would like to receive the Christmas Carolers to your home please send an email to father Lucian Constantin : lc2018@hotmail.com or call at 587-973-6777 . Also if you like singing Christmas Carols please join our group at 4:00 pm at St. Saint Mary's Church.

Sunday , December 23rd - 10 Martyrs of Crete; Holy Hierarch Paul, archbishop of Neocaesarea. Sunday before the Birth of Christ (Ancestors of the Lord). Epis. Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40. Gos. Matthew 1:1-25 (Genealogy of the Savior). Tone 5.

9:10 am — *Matins/Utrenia*

10:00 am — *Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie*

11:45 am - *Christmas Pageant*

**Monday , December 24th - Christmas Celebration /Slujba de Craciun .
Matins at 10:00 pm and Divine Liturgy at 11:00 pm-12.30am./Utrenia si Sfanta
liturghie. Concert de Craciun /Christmas Carols Concert.**

**Wednesday, December 26th - (+) Synaxis of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God; +)
Ven. Nicodemus of Tismana; Hieromartyr Euthymius the Confessor, bishop of
Sardis.**

9:10 am — Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am — Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Sunday, December 30th - Virgin-martyr Anysia; Ven. Theodora; Ven. Leo

9:10 am — Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am — Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Monday, December 31st- Ven. Melania of Rome; Martyr Hermes;

St.Theophylactus

of Ochrid.

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Tedeum / Thanksgiving Service - Slujba de Multumire pentru
anul care a trecut.

7:00 pm to 2:00 am - New Years Eve Party in Church's basement.

Saint Mary's Announcement

1. St. Innocent Orphanage (Mexico)-Spaghetti fundraiser lunch December 9th.

**2. St. Nicholas Children's event with the treats put in the kid's shoes as a
surprise December 9th after Divine Liturgy.**

**3. Collecting non-perishable food items for those in need for Christmas hampers
by December 16th.**

**4. Donations for Christmas flowers and new candles (donations should be placed
in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers/candles").**

**5. Church and Christmas tree decorating December 15th before Vespers. (An
hour and a half before Vespers). Volunteers needed starting 3.30 pm**

**6. Christmas caroling December 21st, December 22nd and December 23rd!
If you would like to receive the Carolers please sign up your names, addresses
and phone numbers on the list at the entance of the church.**

7. Christmas Pageant - December 23rd after Liturgy

**8. I want to let you know that Saint Mary's Church(3511 3Ave SW Calgary) will
organize the New Year's Eve party. Please see a few details below. A maximun of**

100 tickets will be sold so buy your tickets early. Tickets will not be held unless paid for.

Date: December 31st, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Tedeum / Thanksgiving Service - Slujba de Multumire pentru anul care a trecut.

7:00 pm to 2:00 am- New Years Eve Party in Church's basement.

Tickets are \$25.00; Children 12 and under - Free ; Youth 12 to 18 - \$10.00 .

Please contact Father Lucian Constantin at 5879736777 or Anne Lipon at 4039334962. We will be having a Potluck Supper at 7:45 PM. So please feel free to bring food to share with everyone.so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone

Volunteers are needed in several areas. Being involved in your parish helps to build community and form new friendships! Please consider helping out. Call Father Lucian for more information about any of our volunteer roles.

- *Altar Servers
- *Flowers/Altar Decor
- *Lady Auxiliary Committee
- *Sunday School Teacher

Your church needs your financial support. Please consider donating regularly and charitably to support YOUR church. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The Mustard Seed is very happy to receive loaves of sandwiches. We will also be collecting toiletries (tooth brushes, soap, toothpaste,) granola bars, etc. Please be charitable for those less fortunate

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year together with your families and friends .

God Bless you all !

Fr. Lucian