

Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church



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Services' Schedule / Programul Slujbelor

Wednesday, December 1 - The National Day of Romania/ Ziua Nationala a Romaniei

Saturday, December 4th- 5:00 Spiritual Counseling and Confession by Apoinment/ Consultanta Spirituala si Spovedanie cu programare

Sunday, December 5th - +) *Ven. Sabbas the Sanctified; Martyr Athanasius* 27th Sunday after Pentecost. Epis. Ephesians 6:10-17. Gos. Luke 13:10-17 (Healing of the crippled woman on the Sabbath). Tone 7.

9:00 am - Matins/Utrenia

9:35 am - The Akatist of Saint Nicholas/Acatistul Sfantului Ierarh Nicolae.

10:00 am - Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Sunday, December 12th - +) Holy Hierarch Spyridon the Wonderworker, bishop of Tremithus; + Holy Hierarch Mardarije, first Serbian bishop in America and Canada. 28th Sunday after Pentecost (Forefathers of the Lord). Epis. Colossians 3:4-11. Gos. Luke 14:16-24 (Parable of the great banquet). Tone 8.

9:10 am - *Matins/Utrenia*

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

Saturday, December 18th - Martyrs of Alexandria: Thyrsus, Callinicus, Philemon, Appolonius & Arianus

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

5:00 pm - **Christmas tree decorating!!! Volunteers needed!**

Sunday, December 19th - Martyr Boniface; St. Aglae; Holy Hierarch Gregentios, bishop of Ethiopia

9:10 am - Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am - Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Saturday, December 25nd - (+) *Birth of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ*

9:10 am - *Matins/Utrenia*

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

11:30 am - *Concert de Craciun /Christmas Carols Concert*

Sunday, 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*

11:30 am - *Concert de Craciun /Christmas Carols Concert*

Saint Mary's Announcements:

1. St. Innocent Orphanage (Mexico) e- transfer the funds directly to the Church at stmary_calgary@yahoo.ca

2. Collecting non-perishable food items for those in need for Christmas hampers by December 19th. We are accepting gift certificates & cash donations. You can also e- transfer the funds directly to the Church at stmary_calgary@yahoo.ca

Please specify it is for Hamper donations. Unfortunately, due to Covid we will not be accepting food items at this time.

If purchasing Gift Certificates, please bring your receipts to the Church for a tax donation.

Please have your donations in by Sunday December 19th as we will be distributing the Hampers on that day.

3. The Mustard Seed is in need of help year round & especially during the Christmas and winter Seasons. In the past we have donated Sandwiches which

were delivered after Service on Sundays but due to the Pandemic they are unable to accept them at this time.

In the Spirit of giving and helping out the less fortunate and vulnerable we ask you to consider donating to this worthy cause.

There are several ways to donate, either with a cash donation which can be donated at any time during the year. Donating through our Church will enable you to receive a Tax deduction for your kind contribution.

The following are a list of urgently needed items.

You can bring these items to the Church & they will be distributed directly to the Mustard Seed.

URGENT NEEDED ITEMS:

Twin size Quilt blankets; Winter Coats;Gloves / Mitts;Winter Boots;Pants (jogging / Track);Backpacks;Deodorant (Men);Travel Size Shampoo;Travel size shaving cream;Disposable razors;Work Boots (Size 9-12);Construction Pants;Safety Glasses;Cash donations.

Please bring all receipts for purchased items to the Church for a Tax Donation Receipt and specify cash donations for the Mustard Seed

4. Church and Christmas tree decorating December 18th before Vespers. (An hour and a half before Vespers). Volunteers needed starting 5:00 pm

5. If you want to be a member for 2022 at Saint Mary's Church please make your payment by December 31. When you are a member at our church you get the opportunity to vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you have questions , concerns or need more details please contact me at 5879736777.

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

God Bless you all !

Fr. Lucian