


DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Mary’s Orthodox Church 217 1st Street Coaldale, PA 18218</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Very Reverend James Weremedic Very Reverend Paul Ropitsky</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Activities Committee, Adult Education, Building Committee, Cemetery Committee, Church School, Fellowship Committee, Good Samaritan Committee and Youth Group.</p>	
Since January 2023	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>January 1st, Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner (55 people served) February 12th, Super Bowl Sunday Spaghetti Dinner (86 people served) March 5th, Orthodoxy Sunday with Archbishop Mark (40 people served) March 26th, Sunday Mission Service (54 served) April 16th, Easter Luncheon (35 served) July 23rd, We blessed the icon of Saint Maxim Timofryevich Sandovich and placed his relic in St. Mary’s church for everyone to venerate. Thank you to Fr. John Perich for your generosity on the relic. August 12th, Orthodox Family Picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park November 23rd, Thanksgiving Meal (42 people served) December 10th, The Youth Group collected items and distributed these to our Shut-Ins while singing Christmas songs. December 24th, We held our first ‘Holy Supper’ in our church hall with the traditional fasting foods.</p>	

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Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (*Fundraisers are not Outreach*)

We have church school for our new children and an active youth group.

Our Adult Education (10 parishioners) finished our sessions, on Living with Grief, at the end of Great Lent. We will start up in February and anticipate a few more attendees.

Our activities committee held 3 fundraisers which mostly came from the local community. Tours were held.

Major Challenges Faced

Declining Donations

Necessary roof repairs, continue into 2024

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024

	As of October 1, 2023
Active Members Count	80
Children (under 18)	16
	January 1 thru December 1, 2023
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	10
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	12
Number of Catechumens	2

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	January 1, thru December 1, 2023
Baptisms	6
Funerals	8
Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	5
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	6