

# DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

## for the 2024 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
St. Mary's Orthodox Church 47 South Nicholas Street  P. O. Box 85  St. Clair, Pa. 17970	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Vjekoslav Jovicic (Administrator)	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Steering Committee	
<b>Since January 2023</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open house – tour of the church</li> <li>2. Icon Project – installation of 6 canvas icons</li> <li>3. Installation of outdoor icon shrine with pamphlets on our faith and church</li> <li>4. Iconostasis repainted</li> </ol>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities ( <i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i> )	
<p>1. Contributions to the local food pantry and Birthright. 2. Gas cards given to a needy single mother with a disabled child (Great Lent project). 3. Community game night 4. Live streaming services. 5. Parish Education during coffee hour. 6. Rented a local billboard for advertising our church. 7. Newspaper and TV coverage when iconostasis was repainted. 7. Divine Liturgies are served every Sunday now - with increased and more consistent attendance. Also, more inquirers coming to Sunday Liturgies. (Compared to when Liturgies were served only on Saturdays)</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	

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Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2024 to December 2024	
	As of October 1, 2023
<b>Active Members Count</b>	16
<b>Children (under 18)</b>	3
	January 1 thru December 1, 2023
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	16
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	12
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	4
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1
	January 1, thru December 1, 2023
<b>Baptisms</b>	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	0
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	7