


**DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2023 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, Building Committee, Cemetery Committee Good Samaritan Committee, Fellowship Committee</p>	
Since January 2022	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Donation and installation of a new PA System. Parishioners can hear the service and even the silent prayers. Fellowship (coffee) hour after Sunday’s Divine Liturgy reinstated. Catechumen sessions</p>	
Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)	
<p>Starting catechumen classes with 7 Chrismation’s. Continuing sessions with additional families. Summer Picnic, Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day meals for fellowship time. Beginning (return) of Church School with several children attending after the Sunday Divine Liturgies. Plan for adult classes in January with a focus on Living with Grief. These classes were delayed due to health issues.</p>	

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Major Challenges Faced

Many parishioners have not returned to in person worship; missing out on community and family connections. Some fearing COVID, some lazy and some opt to worship on-line or TV. Some of these also do not contribute.

Necessary roof repairs continue into 2023.

Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2023 to December 2023

Summer Picnic

Thanksgiving and New Year's Day meals

As of October 1, 2022

Active Members Count

83 adults

Children (under 18)

10 children

January 1 thru December 31, 2022

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

25

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

10

Average Saturday Vigil Attendance

10

Number of Catechumens

11

January 1, thru December 1, 2022

Baptisms

1

Funerals

7

Marriages

0

Receptions into Orthodoxy

8

Church School/Number Enrolled

N/A

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Adult Education/Number Enrolled	6