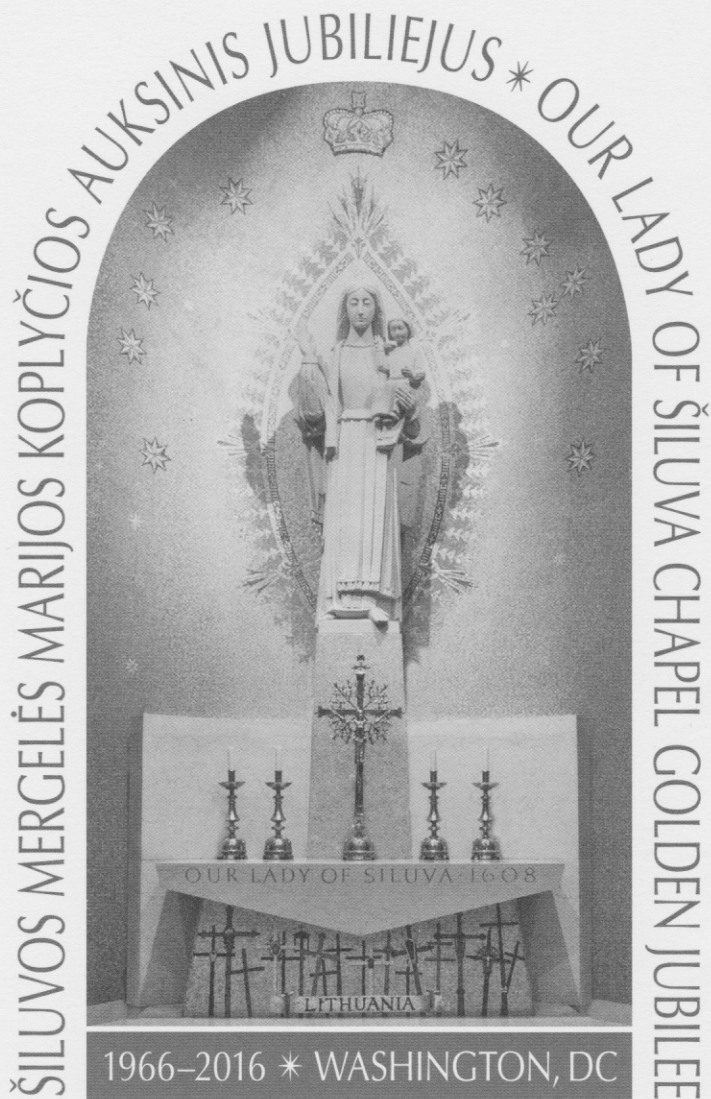




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PRELUDE

Magnificat

Leonidas Abaris

- I. Magnificat
- II. Quia respexit
- III. Fecit potentiam
- IV. Gloria Patri
- V. Dominus det nobis suam pacem

Prayer for Our Homeland

Jonas Dambrauskas

INTRODUCTORY RITES

All are invited to join the choir in singing where musical notation is provided.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sveika Marija (Hail Mary)

lenkų melodija

vertimas vysk. Antano Baranausko

1. Svei - ka Ma - ri - ja, Mo - ti - na Die - vo
2. Tu, ku - ri mir - ti, sū - naus re - gė - jai;
3. Mer - ge - le šven - ta, pil - na ma - lo - nės,
4. Dan - gaus mums duo - ta nau - jo - ji le - va.
5. A - ša - ras grau - džias po kry - žium lie - jai;
6. Vie - ny - bė pla - tink, su - tai - kink žmon - nes,
7. Tei - kis at - mint mus sa - vo šir - dy - je,
8. Per Tą - vo kan - čią ir ka - la - vi - ja,
9. Nai - kink rūš - ty - bė mū - sų šir - dy - je,
10. Melsk už mus Die - va, Svei - ka Ma - ri - ja.
11. Duok mums kan - try - bės, Svei - ka Ma - ri - ja.
12. Su - teik ra - my - bės, Svei - ka Ma - ri - ja.

OPENING REMARKS

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector of the Basilica

GREETING

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

Lord Have Mercy
Mass in Honor of Saint Anthony

Leonidas Abaris

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest
Mass in Honor of Saint Anthony

Leonidas Abaris

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

II Kings 5:14-17

Naamanas nuėjo žemyn prie Jordano ir septynis kartus pasinėrė, kaip buvo jam liepęs Dievo žmogus Eliziejus. Tada jo kūnas pasveiko ir tapo kaip kūdikio kūnas: jis tapo švarus nuo raupsų.

Po to Naamanas su visa palyda sugrįžo pas Dievo žmogų ir, stojęs prieš jį, išpažino: „Dabar tai žinau, kad visam pasauly nėra kito Dievo, tiktai Izraeli. Priimk tad iš savo tarno padėkos dovaną!“

Eliziejus atsakė: „Kaip gyvas Viešpats, kuriam patarnauju, aš nieko neimsiu!“ Ir nors Naamanas labai jį maldavo, tasai atsisakė priimti.

Tuomet Naamanas prabilo: „Jei šito negali įvykti, tai leisk savo tarnui paimti tiek žemių, kiek gali panešti pora mulų; daugiau tavo tarnas jokiam kitam dievui nebeaukos deginamųjų ir skerdžiamųjų aukų, tiktai vienam Viešpačiui“.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

muz. Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės



P. Sa - vo iš - ga - ny - mą Vieš - pats ap - reiš - kė pa - go - nims.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Naują giesmę giedokite Viešpačiui:
nuostabius darbus jis daro!
Jo dešinė visagalė,
jo šventoji ranka pergalės skina. – P.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm. R.*

Savo išganymą Viešpats apreiškė,
jo teisingumas šviečia pagonims.
Atsimena savo gerumą, ištikimumą,
Izraelio šeimai žadėtą. – P.

*The Lord has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. R.*

Ir mato visas pasaulis
išganingąjį Dievo veikimą.
Žavėkitės Viešpačiu, šalys,
šūkaukit, džiūgaukit, grokit! – P.

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands:
break into song; sing praise. R.*

READING II

II Timothy 2:8-13

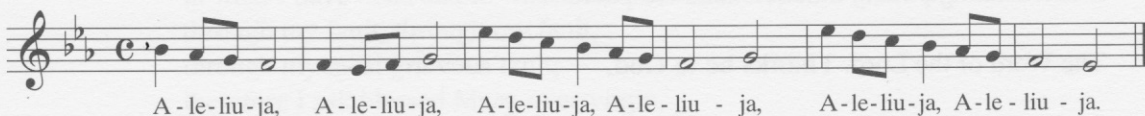
Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Tai Dievo žodis. **Dėkojame Dievui.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Thessalonians 5:18

muz. Leonido Abario



In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Keliaujant į Jeruzalę, teko Jėzui eiti tarp Samarijos ir Galilėjos.

Įeinant į vieną kaimą, jį pasitiko dešimt raupsuotų vyrų. Jie sustojo atstu ir garsiai šaukė: „Jėzau, Mokytojau, pasigailėk mūsų!“

Pažvelgęs į juos, Jėzus pasakė: „Eikite ir pasirodykite kunigams!“ Ir beeidami jie pasveikė.

Vienas iš jų, pamatęs, kad išgijo, sugrįžo atgal, balsu šlovindamas Dievą. Jis dėkodamas parpuolė ant žemės Jėzui po kojų. Tai buvo samarietis.

Jėzus paklausė: „Argi ne dešimtis pasveiko? Kur dar devyni? Niekas nepanorėjo sugrįžti ir atiduoti Dievui garbę, kaip tik šitas svetimtautis!“

Ir tarė jam „Kelkis, eik! Tavo tikėjimas išgydė tave“.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz
Archbishop of Louisville

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, fill us with your grace!
Viešpatie, pripildyk mus savo malonės!

We pray that all Christians may live with unwavering fidelity to the divine Word and to their faith.

Meldžiame, kad visi krikščionys gyventų nepalenkiama ištikimybe dieviškajam Žodžiui ir savo tikėjimo paveldui.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to change Christ's Community — (the Church) — into a more suitable teacher of our faith and a mother of mercy.

Meldžiame, kad Šventoji Dvasia darytų Kristaus Bendriją vis tinkamesne tikėjimo mokytoja ir gailestingumo motina.

We pray that nations, states and private citizens would desire to serve every person who seeks peace and justice.

Meldžiame kad tautos, valstybės ir atskiri piliečiai turėtų gyvą troškimą tarnauti kiekvienam žmogui siekiant taikos ir teisingumo.

We pray that Christian joy, which is brought forth from life and faith, would encourage families to welcome new life and to responsibly support the upbringing of children.

Meldžiame, kad krikščioniškas džiaugsmas, trykštantis iš gyvenimo ir tikėjimo, stiprintų šeimas priimti gimstančias gyvybes ir atsakingai rūpintis vaikų auklėjimu.

We pray that Christians who live in cultures that are often opposed to the Gospel be courageous and remain faithful to the Word of God.

Meldžiame, kad krikščionys, gyvenantys kultūrose, kurios dažnai priešinasi Evangelijai liktų drąsūs ir ištikimi Dievo Žodžiui.

We pray for all those who, fifty years ago, became inspired to dedicate, a Chapel for Our Lady, who revealed herself to Lithuania in the fields near the small town of Šiluva. May her lesson given to us, reach fulfillment — that we adore the Son of God.

Meldžiame už visus, kurie prieš penkiasdešimt metų priėmė įkvėpimą ir veikliai atsiliepė šioje bazilikoje kuriant koplyčią Dievo Motinai, apsireiškusiai Lietuvoje, Šiluvos miestelio laukuose. Tegul mumyse būna vaisinga jos palikta pamoka — kad būtų garbinamas Dievo Sūnus.

We pray for all who dedicated their lives to their homeland, even unto death, while defending independence, freedom and the common good, that the Lord may grant them the peace of the righteous.

Meldžiame už visus patarnavusius Tėvynei savo kraujo ir gyvybės kaina, už žuvusiuosius ginant krašto nepriklausomybę, žmonių laisvę ir bendrąjį gėrį, kad Viešpats juos priimtų į teisiųjų ramybę.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Family representatives of the artists A. Elskus, V. Jonynas, and V. Kašuba,
whose works grace the Šiluva Chapel, will bring up the offerings.*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Kristui Karaliui (To Christ the King)

John Govedas

PREFACE

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Šventas (Holy, Holy)

lietuvių liaudies melodija
pritaikyta Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės

7 Šven-tas, šven-tas, šven-tas Vieš-pats, ga - ly-bių - Die - vas, Pil - nas dan - gus ir že - mē,
13 pil-nas y - ra Jo gar-bės, O - sa - na, o - sa - na, o - sa - na aukš - ty - bė - se!
18 Gar-bė tam, ku - ris at - ei - na Vieš - pa - ties var - du,
23 O - sa - na, o - sa - na, o sa - na aukš - ty - bė - se! O - sa - na,
o - sa - na, o - sa - na aukš - ty - bė - se! O - sa - na, aukš - ty - bė - se!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN

Peter C. Lutkin

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

muz. Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės

6 Tė - ve mū-sų, ku - ris e - si dan - gu - je! Te - e - sie šven - tas ta - vo var - das, te - at - ei -
11 nie ta - vo ka - ra - lys - tė, te - e - sie ta - vo va - lia, kaip dan - gu - je, taip ir
16 že - mėj, že - mė - je. Kas - die - nės mū-sų duo - nos duok mums šian - die - ną ir at - leisk mums
20 mū - sų kal - tes, kaip ir mes at - lei - džia - me sa - vo kal - ti - nin - kams, Ir ne - leisk,
mū - sų gun - dy - ti, bet gel - bėk mus, gel - bėk mus nuo pik - to, mus nuo pik - to.

Kun.: Gelbėk mus, Viešpatie, nuo visokio blogio.
Suteik ramybę mūsų laikams.
Gailestingai padėk,
kad mes iš nuodėmių išvaduoti ir nuo neramumų apsaugoti,
su palaiminga viltimi lauktume
mūsų Išganytojo Jėzaus Kristaus atėjimo.

27 Ta - vo val - džia, ir ga - ly - bė, ir gar - bė, ir gar - bė per am - žius, gar - bė per am - žius.

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD

lietuvių liaudies melodija
pritaikyta Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės

5 1.2. Die-vo A - vi - nè - li, ku - ris nai - ki - ni pa -
sau - lio nuo - dè - mes, pa - si - gai - lè - ki mūs.

9 3. Die-vo A - vi - nè - li, ku - ris nai - ki - ni pa -
sau - lio nuo - dè - mes, su - teik mums ra - my - bę,
17 su - teik mums ra - my - bę, ra - my - bę mums.

muz. Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės
žodž. kun. Eugenijaus Troickio

žodž. kun. Eugenijaus Troickio

Leiski būti man arti (Let Me Be Close to You)

žodž. Jono Noreikos

Prigiesmis: žodž. Jono Noreikos

5 Leis - ki bū - ti man ar - ti, leisk su - šil - ti man Tà - vy, o Die - ve!

Leis - ki bū - ti man ar - ti, leisk su - šil - ti Tà - vo Mei - lès ug - ny!

9 Leisk su - šil - ti Tà - vo Mei - lès ug - ny.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING REMARKS

Most Reverend Lionginas Virbalas, SJ
Archbishop of Kaunas

Reverend Monsignor Rolandas Makrickas
*Counselor of the Apostolic Nunciature
Chaplain of the Lithuanian Catholic Mission of Washington, D.C.*

Mr. Victor Nakas
Chair, Šiluva Chapel in Washington 50 Year Jubilee Committee

PROCESSION 'TO THE CHAPEL Šventa Mergele – Šiluvos Marija (Holy Virgin, Mary of Šiluva)

muz. Ritos Čyvaitės-Kliorienės
žodž. Nijolės Puranaitės-Benotienės

1. Šven-ta Mer-ge-le, Ši-lu-vos Ma-ri-ja, A-tè-ju-si i že-mę pra-vir-
2. Šven-ta Mer-ge-le, Ši-lu-vos Ma-ri-ja, Su-kvie-tu-si i dva-si-nius na-
3. Šven-ta Mer-ge-le, Ši-lu-vos Ma-ri-ja, Pa-li-ku-si bu-dė-ti virš lauk-
5
kai. Glè-by lai-ky-da-ma dan-gaus ga-ly-bę, Ste-buk-lo
mus. Mūs šir-dis iš-puo-šei dan-gaus le-li-jom, Mal-da mes
8
kū. Ly-dėk i Vieš-pa-ties na-mus, Ma-ri-ja, Bran-giau-sia
pa-slap-tį vai-ke-liams pa-li-kai. Glè-by lai-ky-da-ma dan-gaus ga-
tie-sia-me i Ši-lu-vą ke-lius. Mūs šir-dis iš-puo-šei dan-gaus le-
Mo-ti-na ir Jė-zaus ir žmo-nių. Ly-dėk i Vieš-pa-ties na-mus, Ma-
11
ly-bę, Ste-buk-lo pa-slap-tį vai-ke-liams pa-li-kai.
li-jom, Mal-da mes tie-sia-me i Ši-lu-vą ke-lius.
ri-ja, Bran-giaus-sia Mo-ti-ną ir Jė-zaus ir žmo-nių.

MALDA MARIJAI, APSIREIŠKUSIAI ŠILUVOJE

Švenčiausioji Mergele Marija, kuri Šiluvos laukuose pasirodei piemenėliams, skausmo ašaromis laistei akmenį, išlikusį altoriaus vietoje, ir skundo balsu kalbėjai:

„Čia kitados buvo garbinamas mano Sūnus, o dabar ariama ir sėjama!“.

Duok, kad Tavo gailestingumo ašarų sugraudinti mes, kaip kitados mūsų protėviai, keltume Tavo Sūnaus garbę apleistoje mūsų širdžių dirvoje, atstatytume griūvančias mūsų širdžių šventoves, permaldautume Viešpatį už visos mūsų tautos apsileidimus ir nuodėmes.

O Dievo Motina, mes trokštame iškelti iš užmaršties griuvėsių Tavo apsireiškimo garbę, dar labiau pagerbti Tave, mūsų žemės Globėja, ir Tavo padedami išmelsti mūsų kraštui gyvo tikėjimo dvasią. Amen.



PRAYER TO MARY, WHO APPEARED IN ŠILUVA

Most Holy Mother Mary, who appeared to the shepherds in the fields near Šiluva; you shed your tears on the rock that was the remainder of a church altar and spoke these words:

“There was a time when my beloved Son was worshipped by my people in this very place. But now it has become a place to plow and to sow.”

May we be moved by your sorrowful tears to worship Your Son, as our forefathers did. Let Your Son's glory shine into the empty areas of our hearts so that, with our spiritual renewal, we may pray to Our Lord for all the omissions and sins of our nation.

O Mother of God, we seek to bring Your Apparition out of oblivion; to further honor You, the protector of our nation; and with your intercession, to instill in our land the living spirit of faith. Amen.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Marija, Marija (Mary, Mary)

muz. Č. Sasnausko

žodž. Maironio

Marija, Marija, skaisčiausia lelija,

Tu švieti aukštai danguje.

Palengvink vergiją, pagelbėk žmonijai,

Išgelbėk nuo priešo baisaus. 2k.

Mes, klystantys žmonės, maldaujam malonės;

Marija, maldų neatmesk.

Tarp verkiančių marių, šių žemiškų karių

Nupuolančius stiprink ir vesk. 2k.

Marija, Marija, skaisčiausia lelija,

Dangaus Karaliene šviesi!

Užstok prieš Aukščiausią Tu žmogų menkiausią,

Nes viską pas Dievą gali. 2k.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF LITHUANIA

Vinco KUDIRKOS muzika ir žodžiai

Iškilmingai ♩ = 88 - 96

S A

T B

f

Lie - tu - va, tè - vy - ne mū - sū, Tu did - vy - rių že - me, Iš pra - ei - ties

f

Ta - vo sū - nūs te stip - ry - bę se - mia. Te - gul Ta - vo vai - kai ei - na

f

vien ta - kais do - ry - bės, te - gul dir - ba Ta - vo nau - dai ir žmo - nių gė - ry - bei.

p *mf* *f*

Te - gul sau - lė Lie - tu - voj tam - su - mas pra - ša - li - na. Ir švie - sa
Te - gul mei - lė Lie - tu - vos de - ga mū - sū šir - dy - se. Var - dan tos

p *mf* *f*

mf *ff*

ir tie - sa mūs žings - nius te - ly - di. — vie - ny - bė te - žy - di.
Lie - tu - vos

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Pergalės Kristui III (To Christ Victor III)

muz. Liudvigo van Bethoveno

žodž. Nijolės Kersnauskaitės

1. Kris tau, Vieš - pa - tie Ka - ra - liau, tu Auš - ra vi - sų tau - tų,
 2. Tà - vo kry - žiaus gar - bė spin - di, len - kias jai tam - sa nak - tų.

Že - mė Kry - žių ir Smūt - ke - lių vesk ti - kė - ji - mo ke - liu.
 Gie - da Tà - vo mei - lės him - ną tūks - tan - čiai lais - vų šir - džių.

Lais - vę da - vęs Tė - vų Že - mei, duok ir mums nau - jų jė - gų,
 Gir - dim, Kris - tau, Tà - vo žo - dį virš gy - ve - ni - mo au - drų,

Pro - tė - vių dva - sia gy - ven - ti, ne - pa - lūž - ti nuo šal - nų.
 Į ry - to - jų žen - gam drą - siai Tà - vo ir Tėu - tos ke - liu.



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The center is located northeast of the Basilica,
a five-minute walk from the National Shrine.
Please refer to the map on the following page.*

DIRECTIONS TO THE RECEPTION



CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA

The central devotion of this chapel traces back to 1608. An apparition of Mary in the village of Šiluva in western Lithuania led to the discovery of a deed to a church, buried many decades earlier when anti-Catholic forces had confiscated the building.

At the center of the chapel is a heroic-size statue of *Our Lady of Šiluva*, surrounded by a mosaic of flaming gold and shades of blue, by Vytautas Kašuba (1915 – 1997). Šiluva is located in what once was a pine forest or “šilas,” hence its name and the mosaic border of pine boughs and pine cones. The altar frontal portrays *The Hill of Crosses* (*Kryžių kalnas*), a centuries-old pilgrimage site that is a memorial to the Christian devotion, resolve, and national identity of the Lithuanians, having survived many attempts at destruction by the former Soviet government. Pope (Saint) John Paul II visited *The Hill of Crosses* on 7 September 1993; Eucharistic celebrations and devotions at this holy site resumed in 1997.

On the arch above the altar, an inscription reminds the pilgrim of the sorrows experienced in Lithuania, “Mary console the children of a land sprinkled with blood and tears.”

Fabric art, a very distinctive medium of Lithuanian folk art, is to be found in the designs surrounding the chapel dome. The mosaic pendentives and outer ring incorporate designs used in folk costumes and weaving. *Our Lady of Šiluva* is also attired in Lithuanian folk dress.

The two side mosaic panels designed by Vytautas K. Jonynas (1907-1997) and manufactured by Venetian Mosaic, Inc., continue “weaving” the fabric component. The “patchwork” background is both a visual experience as well as a tactile one. Touching the mosaic one has a sense of “home spun.”

The mosaic on the left depicts the sufferings of Lithuania in the person of the *Rūpintojėlis*, the “one who worries” or the “Pensive Christ,” seated under the all-seeing eye of God the Father. The mosaic tells of the persecution through the depiction of the parish church of Šiluva, the wayside crosses, the scene of a mother teaching her daughter her catechism in the “forbidden” alphabet, and the scene on the lower right of Lithuanian exiles celebrating Mass in the Vorkuta Gulag in Siberia. In the lower left is the “Siberian prayer book,” composed and hand-written by a young girl while in exile.

Saint Casimir (1458–1484), the only canonized Lithuanian saint and the patron of Lithuania (March 4), features prominently in the mosaic panel on the right. This mosaic contains scenes of two miracles attributed to his intercession: the healing of a sick person and the appearance of mysterious horseman who led an army to victory. The city of Vilnius, where Casimir spent much of his life, is also shown. The scene next to Casimir is the baptism of King Mindaugas (1253–1263), the unifier and first king of Lithuania. He brought the nation to the Roman Catholic Church.

The glass dome mosaic is luxuriant with gold and silver tesserae. The faceted glass centerpiece by Durhan Studios of New York depicts the sun, a symbol repeated in the bronze wayside crosses near the altar. The dome features four significant Marian shrines of Lithuania: *Our Lady of Trakai*, *Our Lady of Vilnius*, *Aušros Vartai (the Eastern Gate)*, *Our Lady of Pažaislis*, and *Žemaičių Kalvarija (Our Mother of Sorrows)*. Albinas Elskus (1926 - 2007), designed the window, the apse mosaic, the bronze crosses, and the mosaic above the entrance.

The chapel was the gift of the Lithuanian Catholics of America under the guidance of Bishop Vincent Brizgys (1903 - 1992), exiled Auxiliary of Kaunas, who consecrated the altar on 3 September 1966 and placed relics of the early martyrs, Saints Justorius and Victorina, in the mensa of the altar. The chapel was dedicated on 4 September 1966 by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington and Chairman of the National Shrine Board of Trustees.

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A SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

During this **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**, Pope Francis *concedes a plenary indulgence*, with the customary conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer in keeping with his prayer intentions) to all members of the faithful starting on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II, until 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Jubilee Indulgence can also be obtained for the deceased.

To obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy and pass through it.

or

Fulfill one of the other conditions under which Pope Francis grants the Indulgence:

- Those that perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- The sick and elderly who offer their suffering.
- The imprisoned, who visit the prison chapel, and direct their thought and prayer to the Father of Mercy each time they cross the threshold of their cell, signifying for them passage through the Holy Door.

To fulfill the final actions, the faithful should first and foremost, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. These celebrations are to be accompanied by the profession of faith (Creed) and prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions. The latter should be at least an "Our Father." Taking into consideration the spirit of this Holy Year, it is suggested that pilgrims recite the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis. The period of prayer should conclude with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus, for example, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You."

Pope Francis
Letter of Indulgence, 1 September 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Luke: Gospel of Tenderness and Mercy

Reverend Thomas Rosica, CSB
CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation
Celebrant and Presenter

October 18, 2016 - Crypt Church
5:15 p.m. Mass, Lecture to follow



For more information on these events, please visit:
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