

February 16, 2020



Welcome

Whether you have been worshipping with us for years or this is your first time, welcome. You bless us with your presence here today. If you have any questions about our ministry at St. Mary's Church or about the church in general, please stop by the Welcome and Information Table in the Great Hall. If you are visiting and have time to wait until everyone is dismissed, Fr. George or any of our clergy would be honored to take a few minutes to greet you personally. Greeting you at the table this morning is Linda Stanton.

Collection for Australia's Orthodox

At the request of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, Philoptochos chapters throughout the Metropolis will take a collection to help our fellow Orthodox in Australia who have lost everything in the devastating wildfires. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Philoptochos members will be at the nave doors as you exit to accept your cash or checks (payable to *Philoptochos*). Thank you for your generosity.

Philoptochos Membership Drive Continues

Where can you support charities, make friends, learn new skills, and have a voice? In Philoptochos! Stop by our table to learn how and to join. Women and men, either Orthodox or married to Orthodox people can be members or associates. Drive ends March 22.

Philoptochos Meeting Today in the Terrace Room, 11:30 a.m.

Our Lenten Season is just around the corner, a time of reflection, fasting and doing with less. To help us get in this mindset, we have asked Nikki Beauchamp to give her presentation on her ministry/work called H.E.L.P.: Home Organization, Errands, Liaison, People, and Pets. We are calling it, "**Spring Clean to Redeem.**" Nikki's a recovering pack rat. Once a collector of useless things, a visit to an orphanage in Guatemala made her realize she had too much stuff and set on the path to a top-to-bottom decluttering of her own home. She was bitten by the "de-bedlam" bug. Coming to recognize the catharsis that takes place, she wanted to help others, and so began her H.E.L.P. business, which she has been doing since 2011.

House Blessings

Throughout February, Fr. George and Fr. Jason will be dedicating time each week for house blessings. They look forward to seeing as many parishioners as will allow them to visit! To schedule a blessing, please send an e-mail request to: stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org or call the Office, 612.825.9595.

Orthodox Game League ~ February 22

Adults (age 18yr+) here's your chance to enjoy time with each other and play games. Do you want to learn a new game? Play a classic? Teach a game? Then this is for you! Our next game night is Saturday, February 22, 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Bring a munchie or desert to share. Any questions, call Nikki Beauchamp, 612.910.2943. *Please enter the building at the south door of the south parking lot by the flagpole.*

Winter General Assembly ~ Sunday, February 23

The Winter General Assembly, Budget Approval, will take place on Sunday, February 23, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. The agenda items are as follows: Approval of the 2019 Fall General Assembly Minutes; 2020 Parish Council Priorities; Stewardship Update/Review 2019 Financial Results; Metropolis' update/Servant Leadership; 2020 Office update; 2020 Ministry Support Presentation and Approval by Parish; Adjournment and Closing Prayer. Copies of the budget will be available soon.

Women's Book Club ~ Tuesday, February 25

Pick up a copy of "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis in the church bookstore, and plan to attend the evening discussion on February 25. We will meet at the home of Diakonissa Alexandria Kalina, 6413 Cherokee Trail, Edina.

Lifetouch Directory Update

If you did not receive your complimentary 8x10 photo at home, please stop by the table in the Great Hall today to pick it up. You can also sign up to have your picture taken if you missed the previous dates. The upcoming dates are: Friday, March 20, 1:00-8:50 p.m., and Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.-3:50 p.m.

2020 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

It's time for our youth to use their voices (and their pens and paint brushes)! Our 2020 Oratorical Festival will be held Sunday, March 15, and we hope to have great participation from our parish youth in one of a number of categories. The topics are available on the Metropolis of Chicago website at Chicago.www.goarch.org/oratorical-festival and Diakonissa Alexandria Kalina will be handing out the speaking topics in Church School.

Koinonia Gatherings This Week

Western Koinonia ~ Sunday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.

Gus & Cristina Nicklow's home - 952.476.7624

Lake Calhoun Koinonia ~ Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m.

Fr. George & Presbyteria Christa's home - 612.825.1067

Summer Camp 2020

The 2020 Summer Camp dates are July 4-10. Summer Camp registration will begin in April. Please watch www.stmaryscamp.com for updates. We will host a **Summer Camp Q & A** on Sunday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room at St Mary's. Please come with your Camp questions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Doria at church to set up a time to meet privately.

Winter "Parea" Potluck Dinners

In the spirit of continued in-reach, the Winter "Parea" Potlucks are taking place in February. The purpose of the potluck gatherings is simply fun and fellowship. This is a continuation of the Stewardship Committee's goal of creating more opportunities for connection among members. If you are interested in attending one of the potluck dinners, a sign-up table is in the Great Hall today following the Liturgy, or contact the Church Office during the week (david@stmarysgoc.org). The following is a list of potluck sites, dates, and times:

Burnsville: Tuesday, February 18, 5:45 p.m.

Eden Prairie: Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Edina: Saturday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.

Minneapolis (Kenwood): Saturday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.

Edina: Thursday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

Inver Grove Heights: Thursday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

Just added – East Metro: Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.

Apple Valley: Saturday, February 29, 6:30 p.m.

Start times may vary, your host will confirm with you the time, location, and dish to share.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

This month's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

Immediate Needs at FOCUS House

Men's socks, winter toddler clothes, and shampoo

You may bring your donations directly to FOCUS (550 Rice Street, St. Paul) or to the Mission and Outreach table at Church on Sundays.

From the Fathers...on Repentance

Cry out, O sinner, with all your might, and spare not your throat;
for your Lord is merciful and loves those who repent.
As soon as you return, your Father will come out beforehand to meet you.
He will slaughter the fatted calf, clothe you in a fine robe,
and rejoice in you.

–Saint Ephraim the Syrian

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, February 17

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 20:46 – 21:4

Tuesday, February 18

I John 3:9-22 • Mark 14:10-42

Wednesday, February 19

I John 3:21 – 4:11 • Mark 14:43-72 – 15:1

Thursday, February 20

I John 4:20 – 5:21 • Mark 15:1-15

Friday, February 21

II John 1:1-13 • Mark 15:20, 22, 25, 33-41

Saturday, February 22: First Saturday of Souls

I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

Sunday, February 23: Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

I Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2 • Matthew 25:31-46

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— Youth & Young Adult Programs —

Bible Studies for Young Adults in Their 20-30s

Bible studies for young adults meet twice a year: a 6-week session in the fall and a 6-week session in the spring. The next study for women begins Tuesday, March 10, ending Tuesday, May 19. The topic of study is the biblical basis of the twelve articles of the Nicene Creed. Our sources are primarily Holy Scripture and the book, “Orthodoxy: A Creed for Today” by Anthony M. Coniaris. One article is covered each session. We meet every other Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. and conclude by 8:45 at the Christopulos home: 5312 Highwood Drive West, Edina 55436. If you are interested in joining, please contact Patty Christopulos at patty@light-n-life.com or 952.200.9566. The same study for young men is also held within similar dates at the Christopulos home. The men meet on a different evening, typically Thursday evenings. Young men interested in learning more and/or attending, please contact Dan Christopulos at dchristopulos@iocc.org or 612.308.5407.

Discover OCF

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! The college students at the University of Minnesota want to meet YOU and share all about the Orthodox opportunities in college! High school students are invited to join the OCF folks at The U on Friday, February 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Bruininks Hall on East Bank Campus. Dinner will be provided. RSVP to z.umn.edu/discover-ocf

Priest Q & A

Begin the holy season of Lent by joining with young adults from Orthodox parishes across the region at the second annual Priest Q & A at St. Mary’s OCA Cathedral. The Q & A is on Sunday, March 8 (Sunday of Orthodoxy), and runs from 2:00-4:00 p.m., then we’ll move to the church for the 4:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers, followed by a reception. St. Mary’s Cathedral is located at 1701 Fifth Street NE, Minneapolis.

Facebook: Twin Cities YAL • Instagram: twincitiesyal

*Twin Cities YAL is for Orthodox Young Adults,
married or single, ages 18-35*

Parish Night

Our monthly Parish Nights resume
Wednesday, February 19, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Join us as we continue to explore
“Finding Joy in Daily Life.”

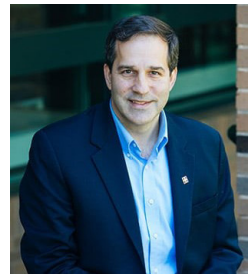
Everyone is welcome to attend.



Our schedule is:
Prayer Service at 6:15, followed
by dinner and a breakout
sessions for the adults and kids
and a wrap up to share what
each group learned.

The evening will conclude by 8:00.

Dr. Philip Mamalakis will be our guest speaker each Parish Night for roughly 15-20 minutes and Fr. George will lead a discussion with the adults following the presentation. The youth will be included Dr. Mamalakis' talk this month, then will break up with their age group to discuss.



February's theme is: **“Forgiveness as a Way of Life”**

Be sure to save the date for our final Parish Night:
May 20: **“The Peace of God”** will be the theme.

Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra: *The Life and Spiritual Teachings of a Modern Elder*

Saint Mary's Lenten Retreat

Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, 2020

The Very Reverend Archimandrite Dr. Maximos Conostas
Guest Speaker

Friday, March 6

6:00 p.m. - Salutations to the Theotokos

Father Conostas will deliver the sermon.

Dinner will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7: Third Saturday of Souls

8:00 a.m. - Orthros; 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Breakfast and presentations follow Liturgy



Elder Aimilianos

Lunch will be served at noon, please RSVP to the Church Office

The retreat will conclude by 2:30 p.m.



Father Maximos Conostas is Dean at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Mass. He holds a Ph.D. in Patristics and Historical Theology from the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

For many years he was a professor of theology at Harvard Divinity School, after which he became a monk at the Holy Monastery of Simonopetra (Mt. Athos, Greece).

His work focuses on the patristic and Byzantine theological tradition, the patristic interpretation of Scripture, the Philokalia and Orthodox spirituality, and the theological study of Byzantine art, icons and iconography.



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