



St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
The Sunday Bulletin

Sunday, February 2, 2020

The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

~ In preparation for worship, please silence all phones and pagers. ~

Holy Communion is the culmination or climax of the Divine Liturgy. The time at which we come forward to receive the most sacred body and blood of our Lord is one that must be held in utmost reverence and solemnity. We kindly ask that everyone remain in the church and refrain from greeting and visiting with friends and family. Please spend this time in prayer, meditating upon the great mystery that is taking place, and save the fellowship for the coffee hour that immediately follows the Liturgy.

Commemoration: The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple; Gabriel the New Martyr of Constantinople; Jordan the New Martyr; Agathodoros the Martyr of Cappadocia.

Morning Gospel: Luke 2:25-32

Tone: Plagal 4th

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of the righteous Symeon; we sing to you, Alleluia!

Third Antiphon

Hymn of the Presentation of Christ, 1st Tone..... Hymnal, page 212/213

Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection.

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Entrance

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness before all the nations (*Psalms 97:2*). Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal 4th Tone..... Hymnal, page 126/127

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

Repeat Hymn of the Presentation of Christ (above).

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, 1st Tone

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity, O Theotokos; in falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You passed over into life, O Mother of Life; and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ, 1st Tone..... Hymnal, page 250/251

For our salvation you took flesh and you sanctified the Virgin’s womb; you blessed the aged Simeon as you lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17. Page 1362, Pew Bible

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40. Page 1203, Pew Bible

SermonFr. George Dokos

At the Great Entrance Hymnal, page 44/45

As the choir sings the Cherubic Hymn, the congregation may silently pray Psalm 51 (pew Bible, page 512). This is what the clergy are silently praying while censuring.

The Creed..... Hymnal, page 58/59

Megalynarion, 3rd Tone

Verse: Theotokos, as the hope of all Christians and their strength, guard, give shelter, and protect all who put their hope in you.

In the shadow and letter of the Law, faithful believers, to us is revealed: that by opening the womb is every male child holy to God. The firstborn Son and Word of the Father without beginning or end, the firstborn Son of a mother who has known no man, Him do we magnify.

Communion Prayers Hymnal, page 80/81

About Holy Communion: In the Orthodox Church, only those members baptized or chrismated in the Orthodox faith are permitted to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Christians from other traditions along with those of other faiths are welcome to come forward at the end of Liturgy to receive the Antidoron (a piece of blessed bread).

Communion Hymn

I will lift the cup, lift the cup of salvation, I will lift the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! (*Psalm 115:4*).

The Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy..... Hymnal, page 86/87

Stewardship PrayerHymnal, page 362

Greeters: Sam, Georgia, and Sophia Rouman, and Ken Schwark

Prosforo: Angelea Hoef, Margery Makredes

Baptism: *Quinn*, daughter of Karen (Boosalis) and Ross McHugh, February 1, 2020.

Today is “Sweet Sunday” and the coffee hour today is hosted by St. Mary’s Philoptochos.

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Sula Peppas; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Families Moving Forward; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Maia, Judith, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, Christine and baby, Kassie, Tahnlee, Georgia, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Quinn, Annie, Baby Elliot, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Mary Muzetras, Dave, Pam Katie, Bri, Gilbert, Gus Wiltse, Christina, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, Les Everhart, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Kristina, Phil, Marnie and family; Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Jessica Norring, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Elpis Fotini, Peter, Dina, Landon, Luke, Aemiliane, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Brittany, Amy, Shinia, Chelsea, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Zoe Kakos, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Henry, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, John, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Christina, Joseph, Yukie, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Koula, Fr. Anthony Coniaris, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Interfaith Outreach Community

InterFaith Outreach provides immediate needs with food, family support, transportation, help navigating barriers, child care, and opportunities to find work. Located in Plymouth, Interfaith Outreach serves families in need in eight West Hennepin communities. They engage the community to respond to emergency needs and create opportunities for families to get back on their feet. Created 40 years ago, InterFaith Outreach is a place where everyone counts, where all children are cherished and protected, and family life is valued and supported by all.

St. Mary's Focus on
Missions

Website: www.iocp.org/about-community-outreach/

Calendar of the Week

Today

- ***Godparent Sunday***
- ***Philoptochos Sweet Sunday***
- ***“The Messenger” news item deadline***

after Liturgy– Sweet Sunday hosted by Philoptochos, Great Hall

11:15 a.m. – Chant Group Rehearsal, Music Office

11:45 a.m. – Middle School Chant Group Rehearsal, Music Office

12:45 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Boys’ GOYA Basketball, Great Hall

Monday, February 3

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall and Terrace Room

Tuesday, February 4

6:00 p.m. – Open Gym, Great Hall

Wednesday, February 5

9:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, Great Hall and Terrace Room

10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave Chapel

11:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room

6:00 p.m. – Small Blessing of Water, Nave

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, February 6: Saint Photios

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 7

Basketball Tournament in St. Paul

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, Fireside Room

Saturday, February 8

Basketball Tournament in St. Paul

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 9: The Publican and the Pharisee; Triodion Begins

Basketball Tournament in St. Paul

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School

11:45 a.m. – Coffee Talk with Fr. John, Lecture Room



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