SAINT MARY'S Greek Orthodox Church

✤ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✤

The Weekend of June 20/21, 2020

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Commemoration: Methodios the Martyr, Bishop of Olympus; Kallistos I, Patriarch of Constantinople; Nicholas Cabasilas.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy At the Small Entrance

Hymn for the Day, Second Tone

O Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics and the Righteous, you finished the race and kept the faith. You speak freely to the Savior. We pray you entreat Him on our behalf, to save our souls, since He is good.

Hymn of Entrance

Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous among Your saints, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat Hymn for the Day (above).

Another Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good, and forgive them for all their sins in life; for no one is without sin except for You who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First 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 for the Martyrs, Plagal Fourth Tone

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Brethren, we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human being will be justified in his sight by works of the law, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

The Lord said, "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn to attack you. Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Communion Hymn

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. Alleluia.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy, and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen.

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Commemoration: The Second Sunday of Matthew; Julian the Martyr of Tarsus; Terentios, Bishop of Iconium; Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros.

Morning Gospel: Second

Tone: First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Resurrection Hymn, above.

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First 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 Theotokos, Fourth Tone

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Stewardship Prayer

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Happy Father's Day!

Calendar of the Week

Tuesday, June 23

4:00 p.m. - HOPE/JOY Storytime on Zoom

Wednesday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. - Orthros; 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy *No registration needed.*7:00 p.m. - Senior GOYA on Zoom

Thursday, June 25

4:00 p.m. - Junior GOYA on Zoom

Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *Registration requested*.

5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers (no registration needed.)

Sunday, June 28: Third Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *Registration requested.*

12:30 p.m. – Harvest Pack, Great Hall *Registration required*.

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; 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; Deb, Peter, Sarah, Maia, Judith, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, Christine and baby, Kassie, Tahnlee, 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, 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, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

An Urgent Need for Our Partner Simpson Food Pantry

Simpson Food Pantry, this month's Share YourShelf recipient, is in desperate need of our help. Their neighborhood, including local grocery stores, has been destroyed by fires. Many of the people they serve would normally walk to the grocery stores since they do not have cars. Now they cannot, the nearest store that is open is on the other side of town, so they have no way to get needed goods.

Simpson needs large canned meals (e.g., chili, pork and beans), dish soap, laundry soap, and all of the other daily necessities that people are not able to pick up at this time. Our church is intent on helping them and our neighborhood, so please support this effort. You may bring your goods to the church.

To give a monetary donation, please visit their Go Fund Me page (<u>https://gf.me/u/x3r8qp</u>) that was established, which is the only way right now to donate money to them online.

We will be notifying you of more opportunities for us to assist the rebuilding of our city and community as they arise.

Let us also continue to offer up our prayers for all affected and devastated by the horrific events of late.

Share the Harvest Celebration!

St. Mary's Missions and Outreach is coordinating a "Share the Harvest" event next Sunday, June 28, 12:30 p.m., in the Great Hall, with adjusted procedures for the new safety model for safe food packing.

We need you with us in order to pack 30,000 meals. We met our goal during each of our 2019 meal packs and with your help, we can do it again this time.

The need for food is greater than ever with COVID-19. 50% of food shelf clients are now unemployed. With the troubles in our inner city, it not easy to get to a grocery store. Even more sad, the grocery store may longer exist or needs rebuilding.

Sealed meals are especially important during a pandemic. Oatmeal is preferred by clients of food shelves. For example, Community Emergency Service (CES) has need of 300+ oatmeal meals a day (a box a day). That means that CES can rely on our contribution for three months.

Volunteers must be older than 16, free of Covid symptoms, and living independently.

Please go to our website for the sign up link, stmarysgoc.org

From the Fathers...on Disciples of Christ

Our sole care will be to continue in the word of Christ, to become his disciples and cease to be servants of sin. —Elder Sophrony Sakharov

