

# St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

# The Sunday Bulletin

Sunday, February 9, 2020
The Publican and the Pharisee

~ 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:** Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple; Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch; Markellos, Philagrios, & Pankratios the Hieromartyrs; Teilo, Bishop of Llandaff.

Morning Gospel: 1st

# Tone: 1st

# 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

# At the Small Entrance

# **Hymn of Entrance**

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

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.

Repeat **Hymn of the Presentation of Christ** (page 1 of bulletin).

# 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!

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:** II Timothy 3:10-15. Page 1355, Pew Bible **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14. Page 1226, Pew Bible

Sermon Fr. Jason Houck

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 censing.

# Megalynarion, 3rd Tone

*Verse*: O Theotokos, the hope of all Christians, protect, watch over and guard all those who hope in you.

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us, the faithful, discern a figure: every male child that opens the womb, shall be sanctified to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word, and Son of the eternal Father, the firstborn child of a Mother, who has not known man!

**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*).

Greeters: Barbara & Costas Nichols

Prosforo: Ruta Kubits

Memorial Prayers today are offered for *Katherine D'Ambrogio* (40 days) sister of Cleo Zarifis, *George Zarifis, Kathy Pappas, Nick Pappas, Chris Pappas, Richard D'Ambrogio* 

40-day Churching: Elena Catharine, parents: Bryan & Katherine George

The coffee hour today is hosted by Cleo Zarifis and family in memory of Katherine D'Ambrogio.

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Georgia Kokinis; 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.

# **FOCUS House**

How could I reach out for help with food, occupation, and clothing needs if lived in St. Paul? FOCUS House on 550 Rice Street works to "share love for Christ and our neighbor." This is where help can be found for food, Sunday meals, clothing, occupation, and help for other urgent



needs. Volunteers are needed for twice a month food shelf distribution, help to pick up food, Friday Clothes Closet, or organize a team for weekly Sunday Dinner. Contact: <a href="mailto:focustwincities@gmail.com">focustwincities@gmail.com</a>, or 651.222.0712.

# Calendar of the Week

# **Today**

Basketball Tournament concludes today.

11:30 a.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Meeting Room 1 *No Questions over Coffee today.* 

# Monday, February 10: Saint Haralambos

8:30 a.m. - Orthros; 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

# Tuesday, February 11

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Valentine Party, Terrace Room

6:00 p.m. - Open Gym, Great Hall

6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

# Wednesday, February 12

6:15 p.m. - Senior GOYA, Youth Room

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, Nave

# Saturday, February 15

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

11:30 a.m. - HOPE/JOY Event at Feed My Starving Children

5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers

# Sunday, February 16: The Prodigal Son

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

after Liturgy- Philoptochos Meeting, Terrace Room

11:45 a.m. - Questions over Coffee, Lecture Room

11:45 a.m. - Mission and Outreach, Fireside Room

5:00 p.m. – Western Koinonia, Gus & Cristina Nicklow's home

