

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of August 15/16, 2020

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Commemoration: The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

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

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, 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!

Hymn of Entrance

Come let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous among your saints, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of the Great Feast (above).

Kontakion of the Great Feast, Second Tone

She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever-virgin womb.

Epistle..... *Philippians 2:5-11*

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality

with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel.....*Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28*

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Megalynarion, First Tone

Verse: All generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos.

In you, O Virgin without spot, the bounds of nature are overcome. For child-birth remains virgin and death is betrothed to life. O Theotokos, Virgin after bearing child and alive after death, do you ever save your inheritance!

Communion Hymn

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

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, August 16, 2020

Commemoration: Tenth Sunday of Matthew; Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary; Translation of the Image of Our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Diomedes the Physician & Martyr of Tarsus; Timothy of Euripus, founder of the Monastery of Pentele; Nicodemus the New Martyr of Meteora; Gerasimus of Cephalonia; Holy Monk Penteles; The Six Martyrs Dorotheos, Sarantis, Jacob, Seraphim, Demetrios and Basil who contested in Megara; Manuel and John the New Martyrs; Stamatios the Martyr; Apostolos the New-Martyr.

Morning Gospel: Tenth

Tone: First

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Hymn of Entrance

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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.

Hymn of the Holy Napkin, Second Tone

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Repeat the Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos (above).

Kontakion of the Great Feast, Second Tone

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Epistle..... I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel..... Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

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Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Lillian Gilson; 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; Lynn, Deb, Peter, Sarah, Maia, Judith, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Mary Muzetras, Dave, Pam Katie, Bri, Gilbert, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Kristina, Phil, Marnie and family; Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, 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, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Calendar of the Week

Today

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

4:00 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Storytime

Thursday, August 20

6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

Saturday, August 22

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, August 23: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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

Registration requested.

* = services when advance registration is not asked.

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Course

Our MEOCCA-sponsored, 12 week, Fall 2020 cooperative catechism course on the basics of Eastern Orthodox Christianity will begin on Tuesday, September 15, from 7-9 p.m. The class is open to all; people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians we well! The course is an excellent opportunity to deepen the knowledge of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Classes will be held virtually via Zoom to begin the semester. Register online at <https://forms.gle/JuYZfmJGMWEUPpfE6> or www.meocca.org Feel free to join for an individual session (or two) as well!

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1046815549107188>

More information and syllabus will be in the September issue of "The Messenger."

In observance of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Church and Office will be closed on Monday, August 17.

Father George will be out of the office this week, August 17-21. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jason Houck, 612.401.0660.

In the Bookstore...

- Father George's new book *Made for Union: The Sacramental Spirituality of St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain* has arrived! Because the bookstore is closed indefinitely due to the pandemic, copies are available in the church office.
- The next book for the Philoptochos Book Club, *Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, New Martyr of the Communist Yoke*, is now available in the church office. The cost is \$30.00.

Charge card payments are accepted.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service.

Current highly sought after items:

#1 - sugar; #2 - laundry detergent

Also needed are: dish soap, grape or strawberry jelly, pork and beans, chicken stock/broth, cornmeal, juice, garlic and garlic powder, tea, tortillas

Volunteer opportunities are available. Please visit the CES website:
<https://www.cesmn.org/help/volunteer>

From the Fathers...on the Theotokos

Let us all run to the Panagia in every circumstance to ask her,
to have her as our aide.

—*Saint Anthimos of Chios*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 17

II Corinthians 2:3-15 • Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 18

II Corinthians 2:14 – 3:3 • Matthew 23:23-28

Wednesday, August 19

II Corinthians 3:4-11 • Matthew 23:29-3

Thursday, August 20

II Corinthians 4:1-12 • Matthew 24:13-28

Friday, August 21

II Corinthians 4:13-18 • Mark 3:13-21

Saturday, August 22

I Corinthians 1:3-9 • Matthew 19:3-12

Sunday, August 23: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 9:2-12 • Matthew 18:23-35

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