

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of November 21/22, 2020

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Commemoration: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.

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 Entry of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

Entrance Hymn

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 Entry of the Theotokos, above.

Kontakion of the Entry of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle.....*Hebrews 9:1-7*

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

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, Fourth Tone

When they saw the Entry of the Virgin Maiden, the Angels were astonished, at how she entered with glory into the Holy of Holies.

Now let no uninitiated hand approach the living Ark of God to touch it. Rather let believers' lips sing out in exultation the Angel's salutation unceasingly to the Theotokos and cry out: You, O pure and virgin Maiden, are truly superior to all.

Communion Prayers are found on page 4 of this leaflet.

Communion Hymn

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
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.



THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.

Behold, I approach for Divine Communion. O Maker, burn me not as I partake, for You are fire consuming the unworthy. But cleanse me from every stain.

Receive me today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper; for I will not betray Your mysteries to Your enemies, nor give You a kiss as did Judas, but as the thief I confess You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your kingdom.

Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood. It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: It deifies the spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Approaching to receive, each makes a reverence and says:

✠ Behold I approach Christ, our immortal King and God.

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Commemoration: Ninth Sunday of Luke; Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle and his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul; Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her; Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple; Kallistos Xanthopoulos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Anthimos, President of Crete.

Morning Gospel: Second

Tone: Grave

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Entrance Hymn

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Resurrection Hymn, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your great mercy.

Repeat the Hymn of the Entry of the Theotokos, above.

Hymn of St. Iakovos of Evia, Third Tone (Your confession)

The Isle of Evia today rejoices, * for it has you as its new protector. * And the holy monastery of St. David is glad, * for it possesses your tomb, O Iakovos, * our holy father. And filled with grace of God, * like a channel of the Spirit that is unstoppable, * you pour out gifts of grace every day for us.

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 Entry of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

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Epistle..... Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel..... Luke 12:16-21

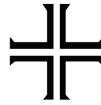
The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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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; Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, Bo, Tom Grund, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Jeanette, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, 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, 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

Monday, November 23

7:30 p.m. – Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Meeting on Zoom (Fellowship at 6:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 25: Saint Katherine

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

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

Church and Office Closed

Friday, November 27

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Saturday, November 28

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, November 29: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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

* = *services when advance registration is not asked.*

Parish Christmas Card and Decorations

Share Christmas greetings with all at St. Mary's through our annual Christmas card! Forms were in both the November and December issues of "The Messenger," which are also posted on our website for easy access. You can make a Christmas card donation on-line through our on-line giving area, either by logging in to your account or by using the Quick Give field. Be sure to enter your name as you'd like it in the card in the Special Instructions field. You may also mail your form to the Church, or bring it with you to Liturgy.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Peanut butter and jelly

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Monday Night On-line Bible Study continues tomorrow evening, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The link for the sessions is: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp83l77>, or you may find it on our website's homepage.

Philoptochos Meeting Via Zoom Only

Tuesday, November 24

The November Philoptochos Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join as early as 6:45 p.m. for fellowship.

The link to join is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85335353632>

Two Collections for Two Projects

Bring donations to the main south door at church

1. Winter Coats, Hats and Mittens

As part of *Operation Classroom*, we reached out to Jefferson Community School to see how we can help, and winter gear was their request. The school has pre-K through 8th grade students with 92% eligible for free or reduced lunches. Please bring new or clean, gently used coats (sizes 3T-appropriate adult), hats and waterproof mittens. Ends December 15.

2. Colorful Girls Underwear (size 10-16), Dark Washcloths and Ziploc Gallon Freezer Bags

This is part of the Days for Girls service project. *Due to the current rate of coronavirus infection in the state, in-person activities on Tuesday, November 24 have been canceled.* If you want to do some work at home, contact Sofia Johnson, 952.500.2991 or SofiaCheronisJohnson@gmail.com. Collection ends November 24.

Angel Tree Program



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the purchasing and delivery of individual gifts has been suspended this year. Each of us who wish to support a child this Christmas is asked to send \$22.00 to St. Mary's (marked "Angel Tree" in the memo line). The child will receive from Angel Tree a gift card with a message from the incarcerated parent. The child will also get a coupon for a complimentary Bible which they can obtain online. Please send your donation early in order for it to arrive at St. Mary's by December 1. Questions may be directed to *Bob Kennedy*, 952.941.5311.

Women's Book Club

Tuesday, December 8

Copies of “The Life of Saint Macrina” are available in the church office. Discussion date is Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. with hopes of both an in-person and Zoom option.

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Course

Our MEOCCA sponsored, 12-week, Winter 2021 cooperative catechism course, “Introduction to Orthodox Christianity” will begin Monday, January 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The class is open to all; people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians we welcome! 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/mrMdtTKJcSkPjfrw8> or www.meocca.org. Feel free to join for an individual session as well!



Saint Nicholas' Day Harvest Pack

We are celebrating St. Nicholas' Day (December 6) following the example of the beloved Saint! Join us on Sunday, December 6, for our second 2020 Missions and Outreach Harvest Pack event, an inter-generational hands-on expression of our love and charity for one another. St. Mary's is privileged to have resources to share with the hungry. We are among many Greek Orthodox churches that support the fight against hunger! A safe process has been set up for this “Share the Harvest” event.

Join us in the Great Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, where we will receive a short training and guidance to prepare 15,000 meals in two hours. We'll pack food that is nut-free, gluten-free, vegan, and made with U.S.-sourced ingredients that are full of carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, and are easily digestible to meet the needs of people with different needs and food restrictions. Let's again work together to fight the #1 health risk: hunger and food insecurity. Online registration is now open:



www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca4ac2da5fa7-share



Summer Camp

The
2021 Summer Camp Staff Application Site
Awaits YOU!

**Please apply now,
even if you are unsure of your status next summer!**

By God's Grace, Summer Camp 2021 will be held July 3-9, 2021.
Please prayerfully consider this amazing ministry.

Summer Camp Staff Applications
are due November 30, 2020

Questions? Contact Doria at 612.825.9595 or
doria@stmarysgoc.org.

To apply...

Go to <http://youth.stmarysgoc.org/> or www.stmaryscamp.com
(St. Mary's Camp website's home page) and click on the link at
the bottom of the page.

There are 3 steps:

1. If new to this site, please create a NEW account using a NEW password. If returning, please sign in with your username and password. Please remember that the "forgot your password" link will send your password to the same e-mail that you initially used when you set up your account. The retrieved password frequently ends up in spam or junk mail. If you still don't receive your password within a couple of hours either Jon Klein or Doria Saros can reset it for you.
2. Create/Update a Profile.
3. Register for Summer Camp 2021

From the Fathers...on Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God continually. For, it is outrageous that when we enjoy His benefaction to us in deed every single day, we do not acknowledge the favor with so much as a word; and this, when the acknowledgment confers great benefit on us. He does not need anything of ours, but we stand in need of all things from Him.

—*Saint John Chrysostom*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 23

II Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday, November 24

Philippians 3:20 – 4:3 • Luke 17:26-37; 18:8

Wednesday, November 25

Saint Katherine

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 5:24-34

Thursday, November 26

II Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5 • Luke 18:31

Friday, November 27

II Thessalonians 3:6-18 • Luke 19:12-28

Saturday, November 28

Galatians 1:3-10

Luke 10:19-21

Sunday, November 29

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 4:1-7 • Luke 18:18-27

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