

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of October 17/18, 2020

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Commemoration: Hosea the Prophet; Holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian of Arabia; Andrew the Righteous Monk-martyr of Crete; Removal and Placing of the Sacred Relics of the Holy and Righteous Lazarus.

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 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.

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 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 of 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.

Epistle..... Romans 9:18-33

Brethren, God has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens the heart of whomever he wills. You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" But who are you, a man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me thus?" Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for beauty and another for menial use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the vessels of wrath made for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for the vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'my beloved.'" "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.'" And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved; for the Lord will execute his sentence upon the earth with rigor and dispatch." And as Isaiah predicted, "if the Lord of hosts had not left us children, we would have fared like Sodom and been made like Gomorrah." What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but that Israel who pursued the righteousness which is based on law did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it through faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall; and he who believes in him will not be put to shame."

Gospel Luke 6:1-10

At that time, Jesus was going through the grainfields on the sabbath, and his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath?" And Jesus answered, "Have you

not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?” And he said to them, “The Son of man is lord of the sabbath.” On another sabbath, when he entered the synagogue and taught, a man was there whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there. And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” And he looked around on them all, and said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored.

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.



Saint Luke the Evangelist
October 18

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Commemoration: Saint Luke the Evangelist; Marinos the Martyr

Morning Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Second

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 Saint Luke the Evangelist, Third Tone

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

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.

Epistle.....Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with

salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Gospel..... *Luke 10:16-21*

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

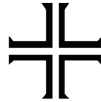
Communion Hymn

Their voice has gone out to the whole earth; and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia!

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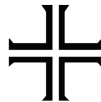
Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Athanasios (Tommy) Mihas (5 years)

Sacraments This Week

Marriage:

Austin Polson-McCannon to Katherine (Katie) Sperides

Saturday October 17, 2020



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; Armour family, Cora and family, Bo, Tom Grund, 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, Sunday, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Parish-Night

7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA and Adult Parish-Night

Thursday, October 22

7:00 p.m. – Junior GOYA Parish-Night

Friday, October 23: Saint Iakovos

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

Saturday, October 24

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

Registration requested.

12:00 noon – HOPE/JOY at Sever's in Shakopee

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, October 25: Sixth Sunday of Luke

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

Registration requested.

7:00 p.m. – Virtual General Assembly

* = services when advance registration is not asked.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Immediate needs include hygiene items such as:

toothpaste, face soap, razors, nail clippers

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

Monetary donations can be sent to the church, placed in the box on the Share YourShelf cart, mailed to Simpson, or made online through the following link: <https://gf.me/u/you8x96>

Parish-Night Week: October 20-22

The Church Facing the World



Our next Parish-Night Week is just a week away – October 20-22. Please register for the meeting at least two days prior to the Parish Night event on our church website. After you register, you will receive an email with the Zoom Meeting link. The youth meeting link will be emailed to the parents/guardians as the event draws closer.

HOPE/JOY - Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- “A Life of Offering: Offering Our Struggles”

Adult/Senior GOYA - Wednesday, October 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Fr. Jacob Zaki presents, “Islam, Between Then and Now: What Do I Need to Know?”

Junior GOYA - Thursday, October 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Weekly Small Group Curriculum from Y2AM

Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book “Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, New Martyr of the Communist Yoke” by Lubov Millar. To attend in person in the **Lecture Hall**, RSVP to Diakonissa Alexandria (952.913.7540 or ackalina@yahoo.com) to be added to the distribution list. The event is hybrid with both online and in-person opportunities.

Greek Olive Oil Sale

Our Greek Olive Oil Sale, supporting Philoxenia Charities in Rochester, begins Saturday, October 24. The oil was extracted from a parishioner’s farm in Messinia, Greece. The cost is \$25 for 750 ml bottles, and quantities are limited. Great for yourself or for gifts. Sales will be conducted from the south parking lot midway between the flagpole and the main door: October 24-25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., October 31/November 1, immediately after church, and November 7-8, if still available.

October Philoptochos Meeting ~ October 27

Attend the October Philoptochos Meeting live or from a distance on Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.! If you’re able to join us in person, please sign up here. (Maximum occupancy is 30 attendees.) For in-person and online attendance information and guidelines, please refer to the Philoptochos e-mail sent this past week.

Fall General Assembly ~ October 25

The Fall General Assembly will be held via Zoom on Sunday, October 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Information to join the meeting has been sent to our membership, or it may be requested from the church office prior to Friday, October 23.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of Spring General Assembly Minutes (attached)
- Big Greek Give Back Results
- Financial Update
- By-Laws Changes
- Parish Council Elections Update
- General Parish Update
- Clergy-Laity Report
- Elect Board of Auditors
- Elect Board of Elections

College Address Updates

Are you – or your child or grandchild – attending college? Be sure to keep us updated with your most current contact information so we can keep you connected and send you care packages! Please go to this link and update us: <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeContactSMGOC>

Saint Mary's Promotional Video

Help us share our wonderful community with others! Consider submitting a short video promoting St. Mary's to outsiders. Your video should be seven seconds or less and about why you love St. Mary's (refer to the e-mail sent this past week). The video is intended for non-Orthodox seekers who might be interested in our community. An upbeat and fast-paced statement is ideal. Contact Fr. Jason, frjason@stmarysgoc.org, for more information. You may send your short video to Fr. Jason via text, 612.401.0660 or email frjason@stmarysgoc.org. It only takes a minute of your time!

We Are Looking for a Few Good Candidates

Parish Council Elections Approach

Are you an active member of St. Mary's? Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to the work of the church? Would you like to more fully participate in the life of St. Mary's? Do you have time to commit to serving others? Do you have a special gift for working cooperatively and enhancing our parish?

WE NEED YOU!

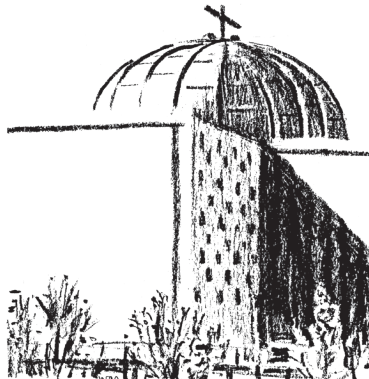
The four out-going members of our Parish Council are not eligible to run for re-election, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one-year, please prayerfully consider serving on the Council.

Members serve for a 3-year term, and meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

All candidates are required to attend a Parish Council webinar prior to the election.

Candidate applications are now available in the Church Office and due back by Friday, November 13 (note new date).

All interested parishioners are encouraged to speak with a current member of the Parish Council to ask questions and learn more about this important ministry of the church.



From the Fathers...on Humility

Let us hold fast, therefore, to prayer and humility, for together with watchfulness they act like a burning sword against the demons.

If we do this, we shall daily and hourly be able to celebrate a secret festival of joy within our hearts.

—*Saint Hesychios the Priest*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 19

Acts 2:14-21 • Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday, October 20

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday, October 21

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 9:44-50

Thursday, October 22

Philippians 3:1-8 • Luke 9:49-56

Friday, October 23: Saint Iakovos

Galatians 1:11-19 • Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, October 24

II Corinthians 1:8-11 • Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, October 25: Sixth Sunday of Luke

Galatians 1:11-19 • Luke 8:26-39

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