

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of October 24/25, 2020

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Commemoration: Arethas the Great Martyr and Synkletiki and her two daughters; Sebastiane the Martyr; Maglorious of Sark

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 for the Martyrs, First Tone

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, as the only One who loves humanity.

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 for the Martyrs, 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 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..... *II Corinthians 1:8-11*

Brethren, we do not want you to be ignorant of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Why, we felt that we had received the sentence of death; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead; he delivered us from so deadly a peril, and he will deliver us; on him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer to many prayers.

Gospel *Luke 7:1-10*

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a slave who was dear to him, who was sick and at the point of death. When he heard of Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his slave. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he built us our synagogue." And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this he marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that followed him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

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, October 25, 2020

Commemoration: Sixth Sunday of Luke; The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries; Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle; Chrysaphios (or Chrysaphos) the Martyr; Martyr Chrysanthe.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

Tone: Third

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world his great mercy.

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 for the Martyrs (Marcian and Martyrius), Fourth Tone.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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..... *Galatians 1:11-19*

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel..... *Luke 8:26-39*

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized

with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Patricia Pollnow (6 months); Christofili Chronakos (20 years)

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, Armour family, Cora and family, Bo, Tom Grund, Lynn, Deb, 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

Monday, October 26: Saint Demetrios

8:30 a.m. – Orthros *; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *
7:30 p.m. – Monday Night Online Bible Study

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 p.m. – Virtual Philoptochos Meeting

Saturday, October 31

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Registration requested.
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, November 1: Fifth Sunday of Luke

Saints Cosmas and Damianos

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

* = services when advance registration is not asked.

Time Change Next Weekend

We return to Standard Time next weekend.

Be sure to set you clocks *back* one hour before your retire
on Saturday night, October 31.

IOCC Annual Fundraiser

The annual IOCC Fundraiser held each November
at St. Mary's will be a virtual event this year,
held on November 12, 7:00 p.m.

To register for this event and to donate to IOCC, go to the website:
iocc.org/minneapolis

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Oatmeal and/or Cream of Wheat®

October's recipient has been Simpson Food Pantry.

November's recipient will be FOCUS Minnesota

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

Fall General Assembly ~ Sunday Evening

The Fall General Assembly will be held via Zoom on Sunday evening, October 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Registration prior to the meeting is required. Please reference the Weekly Update e-mail sent to our membership on Friday afternoon for the registration link.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of Spring General Assembly Minutes
- 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

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Monday Night On-line Bible Study continues tomorrow evening, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Classes are underway, but please join us even if you missed the first sessions.

The link for the sessions is: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp83l77>, or you may find it on our website's homepage.

Olive Oil Fundraiser for Philoxenia Charities

(formerly called Philoxenia House) in Rochester, MN

What: Sale of olive oil from the orchard of Toni and Mike Bazakos in Messenia, Greece. Cost is \$25 per 750 ml bottle, and quantities are limited.

When: October 24-25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., plus 30 minutes after church on October 31-November 1 and November 7-8 (or until sold out).

Where: Sales will be conducted at the classroom door that opens into St. Mary's south parking lot, between the flag pole and main door. We can accept cash, check, and credit card.

Order Oil Online and pick-up at church on dates noted. See Fr. George's email or the Philoptochos newsletter for the link.

Fresh Fillo Sale Returns!

Order from October 23-November 7 ~ \$4.00 per pound

Preorder: For everyone's safety, no orders will be taken in person at church. Order yours directly with chair *Andrea Tiggas*, 612.239.1522 or adtiggas@msn.com. Payment must be received by Saturday, November 7. Checks payable to Philoptochos with fillo in the memo line can be mailed to Andrea at 6128 Ryan Avenue, Edina, MN 55424.

Pick Up Your Fillo: Sunday, November 15, after church. Distribution will be from the classroom door that opens into the south parking lot, midway between the flag pole and main door.

Attend the Hybrid Philoptochos Meeting

October 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

• To attend in person in the Lecture Hall, you MUST let us know you're coming...

RSVP to *Annette* (call/text 952.239.5060 or email MplsPhilo@gmail.com)

• To attend via Zoom, use this link to connect, starting as early on 6:45 p.m. on the October 27:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82727026838> (Meeting ID: 827 2702 6838)

FOCUS Minnesota Dinner

Sign Up to Help Provide Dinner for FOCUS Minnesota on Sunday, November 15

Philoptochos will prepare dinner for 175 guests at FOCUS Minnesota. To maintain social distancing, we are asking volunteers to prepare small batches of food in their homes and deliver it to the north (small) parking lot of St. Mary's by 3:30 p.m. on November 15. From there, it will be transferred to vehicles of volunteers who will go to FOCUS to prepare to-go containers and hand out dinner at the door. If you are able to do one of the following jobs, please contact chair Carol Smith, 952.210.8618 or smithzcl@gmail.com, or volunteer online at link provided in Fr. George's email or the Philoptochos newsletter:

- Make 3 meatloaves (recipe will be provided)
- Make 10 pounds of mashed potatoes (recipe will be provided – instant is okay!)
- Make triple recipe of Green Bean Casserole (recipe will be provided)
- Purchase 4 dozen rolls
- Bring 4 dozen homemade cookies
- Volunteer to work at FOCUS (3:00-7:30 p.m.)

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!

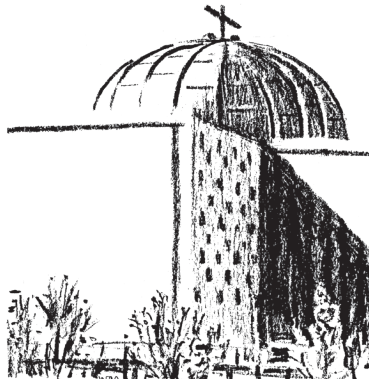
The four out-going members of our Parish Council are not eligible to run for re-election, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one-year, please prayerfully consider serving on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

Nothing in this world but God can fill our heart or fully satisfy our desires...The desires of the human heart cannot be satisfied with the goods of this world, because only the grace of God can quench the thirst of our desires.

—*Saint Innocent of Alaska*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 26: Saint Demetrios

II Timothy 2:1-10 • John 15:17 – 16:1

Tuesday, October 27

Colossians 1:1-3; 7-11 • Luke 11:1-10

Wednesday, October 28

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Thursday, October 29

Colossians 1:24 – 2:1 • Luke 11:14-23

Friday, October 30

Colossians 2:1-7 • Luke 11:23-26

Saturday, October 31

Romans 16:1-16 • Luke 8:16-21

Sunday, November 1: Fifth Sunday of Luke

I Corinthians 12:27 – 13:8 • Luke 16:19-31

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