

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of September 12/13, 2020

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Commemoration: Sunday Before the Holy Cross; The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre); Cornelius the Centurion and Martyr; Aristides the Philosopher; Hierotheos the Righteous of Iveron Monastery, Mount Athos.

Morning Gospel: Third

Tone: Plagal First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal First Tone

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Hymn of Entrance

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 Resurrection Hymn (above).

Hymn of the Life-Giving Cross, Second Tone

The life-giving Cross which in your goodness you have given us, though unworthy, we offer you in intercession. Save our rulers and your city, keeping them in peace through the Theotokos, loving Lord.

Hymn for the Consecration, Fourth Tone

You have made the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Your glory to be like the majesty of the firmament on high, O Lord. Make it strong forever and ever, and accept our supplications that we unceasingly bring to You there, at the intercession of the Theotokos. For You are the life and resurrection of all.

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 Feast, Fourth Tone (You appeared today)

Lord, Your Church appears to us to be like heaven full of light, and guides with light all who believe in You, O Christ. And we who stand in it cry to You: Savior, establish forever this holy house.

Epistle..... Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel..... John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

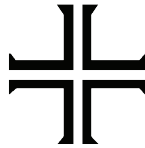
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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.

Memorial prayers today are offered for **Christina Houck** (40 days).



Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

The family of Ethel Thornburg; 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, Jeannie, 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

Sunday, September 13: Sunday before Holy Cross

4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Monday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

7:00 p.m. – Junior GOYA Kickoff, Church Courtyard

Thursday, September 17: Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy *

7:15 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 19

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

Registration requested.

12:00 noon – HOPE/JOY Kickoff, Church Courtyard

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, September 20: Sunday after Holy Cross

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

Registration requested.

First Day of Church School

* = services when advance registration is not asked.

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” by Lubov Millar. Details will be available soon. Contact the Church Office to be added to the distribution list and/or to purchase the book. Cost for the book is \$30.00

Annual Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program Gala

The 2020 MCP Gala will be 100% virtual. Bid on items in the on-line silent auction. Watch the live gala production on Sunday, September 20. For more information, visit MCP’s OneCause Event Site at <http://bidpal.net/mcpgala2020>. The Medical Crisis Program offers grants to qualifying applicants to help cover unpaid medical expenses.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Canned meals – large cans

September’s recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Join Fr. Jason and fellow parishioners for Bible study, live, on-line, on Monday nights (except the weeks we have Parish Night). The first book we will explore is First Peter. Our study will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting Monday, September 14. Zoom information was sent in an e-mail last Thursday - don't delete it! Add it to your Google or Outlook calendar. We will explore how the Bible applies to our own lives. We will also consider the theological, cultural, linguistic, historical, and social contexts of the Bible, in an easy-to-understand way. We will also look at how Church Fathers understood various passages. Please contact Fr. Jason with any questions:
frjason@stmarysgoc.org

Hope to see you on-line!
Fr. Jason

Monday Night Bible Study

September 14, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming classes, all at 7:30 p.m.:

September 14, 2020

September 21, 2020

October 5, 2020

October 12, 2020

October 26, 2020

November 2, 2020

November 9, 2020

November 23, 2020

November 30, 2020

December 7, 2020

December 21, 2020

THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO FAMILY SYNAXIS PRESENTS

PARENTING UNIVERSITY



A way to connect with Orthodox parents and hone your skills for the most important job of your life!

FRIDAY Sept. 18, 2020

New! Attend this event online!

Featuring:

THE PLAN 2020

7:00 - ZOOM presentation and Q&A

When our Home IS our Church

with Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago



* Find the link to register at www.gocfamilysynaxis.org or on our Facebook page

"...My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27)

Our homes have become our office, our school, our entertainment—even our church. We are “doing life” together with our families in ways we would never have imagined a year ago. We are also being inundated with information and suggestions from so many different sources on how to adapt, and how to navigate our new lives.

How do we order our home so we can keep our faith when we can't be in church? Let's go back to the timeless wisdom of St. John Chrysostom for what our souls need most right now.

“...for indeed the household is a little Church,” he says.

We need now more than ever, to lean-in to faith and make our home a little church, for the sake of our children and for ourselves!

Join His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and parents from around the Metropolis for a discussion about these important and challenging questions as our Family Synaxis community listens, learns, and asks questions – Friday, September 18 from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

No Family Camp This Year? No Worries!

Join us on Family Camp Saturday – October 10 – for a two-hour virtual retreat:

The Communion of Saints

Dr. Michael Lotti and Fr. Jonathon Proctor will explore the topic of Saints, both in Scriptures and in our liturgical tradition!

The retreat will run from 10:00 a.m.-noon and will have a special coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. where we can visit.

Everyone (teens-99 year olds) is invited to join us and it is free!

Register at <https://stmaryscamp.com/family-camp>.

Hope to see you there!

From the Fathers...on the Holy Cross

If they were cast out of paradise because of the tree
and the eating thereof, shall not believers now enter more easily
into paradise because of the tree of Jesus?

—Cyril of Jerusalem (*Catechetical Lectures*)

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

I Corinthians 1:18-24 • John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

Tuesday, September 15

Colossians 1:24 – 2:1 • Matthew 10:16-2

Wednesday, September 16

II Corinthians 6:1-10 • Luke 7:36-50

Thursday, September 17

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 6:30-45

Friday, September 18

Galatians 4:8-21 • Mark 6:45-53

Saturday, September 19

I Corinthians 1:26 – 2:5 • John 8:21-30

Sunday, September 20: Sunday after Holy Cross

Galatians 2:16-20 • Mark 8:34 – 9:1

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