

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of September 19/20, 2020

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Commemoration: Saturday after Holy Cross; Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon the Martyrs; Afterfeast of the Holy Cross; Plato the new Hieromartyr of Patmos; Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Holy Cross, First Tone

Save, O Lord, your people and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect your people through your Holy Cross, your Holy Cross.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of the Holy Cross, above.

Hymn for the Saints, Fourth Tone. (Come quickly.)

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 Holy Cross, Fourth Tone

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

Epistle.....I Corinthians 1:26 – 2:5

Brethren, consider your call, not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.” When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel.....John 8:21-30

The Lord said to the Jews who came to him, “I go away, and you will seek me and die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” Then said the Jews, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’? “ He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.” They said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Even what I have told you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge; but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” They did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father. So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority but speak thus as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.” As he spoke thus, many believed in him.

Communion Hymn, Psalm 64 and 101

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. 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.



Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Harry Karlos (20 years), Georgia Karlos (24 years), William Karlos (7 years), Tyler Karlos (5 years), Andrew Karlos, Ellen (Karlos) & Steven Krantz, Mary (Karlos) & George Kolias, Athena (Karlos) & Peter Samaras.

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Commemoration: Afterfeast of the Holy Cross; Eustathius the Great Martyr, his wife and two children; Our Righteous Father Eustathius, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Hilarion the New Martyr of Crete John the Foreigner.

Morning Gospel: Fourth

Tone: Plagal Second

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At the Second Antiphon

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At the Small Entrance

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Entrance Hymn

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Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Repeat the Hymn of the Holy Cross (above).

Hymn for the Saints (Eustathios), Fourth Tone (Come quickly)

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Epistle..... Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

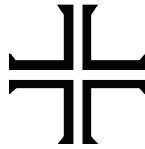
Gospel.....Mark 8:34 – 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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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; Armour family, Bo, 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

Monday, September 21

7:30 p.m. – Online Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6:45 p.m. – Senior GOYA Kickoff in the Courtyard

Saturday, September 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, September 27: First Sunday of Luke

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

Registration requested.

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

No Family Camp This Year?

No worries! Join us on Family Camp Saturday, October 10, for a two-hour virtual retreat: “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 am-noon and will have a special coffee hour at 9:30 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!

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 today. For more information, visit MCP’s OneCause Event Site at <http://bidpal.net/mcpga-la2020>. The Medical Crisis Program offers grants to qualifying applicants to help cover unpaid medical expenses.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

September’s recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Parish-Night Week: September 29-October 1 ***The Church Facing the World***

This year, we are turning our Parish Night into Parish-Night Week! It's a virtual event. An email will be sent with a link to register for the Adult/Senior GOYA session later this week. Please register for the meeting at least two days prior to the Parish Night event. 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.

Adult/Senior GOYA Schedule - Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- September 30: Metropolitan Nathanael presents on "The Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World"

HOPE/JOY Schedule - Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- September 29: "A Life of Offering: Offering our Prayer"

Junior GOYA Schedule - Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- October 1: 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" 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

The Big Greek Give Back



The Festival weekend and the Big Greek Give Back might be past, but the need for food donations continues. Through the remainder of September we will accept donations to be distributed to local food shelves to help those in need. A link to give is on our website.

We pray you will find it in your heart to donate to those in need during this time.

Winter Coat Drive

FOCUS House is collecting coats for the Onamia Indian Reservation. This collection is for women and children who live in the colder part of Minnesota. If you have extra not-needed-coats (new and *gently* used), please bring them to St. Mary's to help the Native American children. There will be a collection container located in the hallway at St. Mary's or you can bring to FOCUS House at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul. This coat drive ends October 11.

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From the Fathers...on the Cross

In every act we do, in every step we take,
let our hand trace the Lord's Cross.

—*Saint Athanasius*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 21

Galatians 4:28 – 5:10 • Luke 3:19-22

Tuesday, September 22

Galatians 5:11-21 • Luke 3:23 – 4:1

Wednesday, September 23

Galatians 4:22-27 • Luke 1:5-25

Thursday, September 24

II Timothy 3:10-15 • Luke 5:12-16

Friday, September 25

Ephesians 1:7-17 • Luke 4:22-30

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I John 4:12-19 • John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Sunday, September 20: First Sunday of Luke

II Corinthians 6:1-10 • Luke 5:1-11

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