

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, August 15, 2021

The Dormition of the Theotokos

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

Morning Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56

Tone: Grave

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

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!

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!

Resurrection Hymn, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' 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 Dormition of the Theotokos, above.

Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Second Tone

She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.

Epistle..... *Philippians 2:5-11*

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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, First Tone

Verse: All generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos.

In you, O Virgin without spot, the bounds of nature are overcome. For child-birth remains virgin and death is betrothed to life. O Theotokos, Virgin after bearing child and alive after death, do you ever save your inheritance!

The Communion Prayers are found on page 4 of this leaflet.

Communion Hymn

I will lift up the cup, lift the cup of salvation, 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.

Prosforo: Yana Patridge

Artoclasia: Presbytera Christa Dokos

Sacraments This Week

Baptism: Magdalene (Madeline), parents: Andrew and Amy Gruber
August 14, 2021

Prayer List

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; Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Alex, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, Vasilios, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, Lamona, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Jeanette, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, 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, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, 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, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

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 my sins with spiritual fire, 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.

Calendar of the Week

*Until further notice, all services will be held in the Great Hall
while the Nave is undergoing renovations.*

Sunday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos

A Blessed Feast Day to All!

Monday, August 16

Church and Office closed in observance of the Dormition.

Wednesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

Thursday, August 19

10:00 a.m. – FAITH Group at Minnehaha Falls

6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

Friday, August 20

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, on Zoom only

Saturday, August 21

No Bible Study until September 25

Great Vespers is cancelled for this evening

Sunday, August 22: Ninth Sunday of Matthew

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

after Liturgy – Altar Servers’ Retreat

Saturday Bible Study

Our Saturday Morning Bible Study is being redesigned. Classes will resume on Saturday, September 25.

Saturday Great Vespers

Due to scheduling conflicts, Great Vespers on Saturday evenings, August 21 and 28, has been cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Announcements

Office Closure

The church and office will be closed tomorrow, August 16, in observance of the Dormition holiday.

Greece Fires Collection

At the request of the Archdiocese, we will be receiving a special offering to assist with the relief efforts of the fires in Greece. Offering baskets will be at the head of the serving tables at today's picnic. Those not prepared to make an offering today can mail it to the office this week. Please make note that it is for Greece fire relief.

“Even now as I speak to you, the fires are still ravaging Greece. And when this horror is over, thousands of our Greek brethren will be left without their homes and possessions. I am inviting whoever wishes to make a direct donation, to do so by visiting the website of our Archdiocese. May God, the Comforter, through the Holy Intercessions of the Virgin Mother of God, whose sacred Dormition we will celebrate in a few short days, send speedy relief to the people of Greece, and bring to an end this terrible inferno that continues to devastate our Ellada, την Ελλάδα μας.”

—His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Acolyte Retreat

Acolyte Retreat ~ Sunday, August 22

An acolyte retreat for continuing and new altar boys (entering 3rd grade and up) is planned for Sunday, August 22, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will meet in the nave after Liturgy for a short orientation/training session, jump on the 12:30 trolley from Bde Maka Ska to Lake Harriet, eat lunch (the church will pay!) at the Lake Harriet food pavilion (Bread and Pickle), and return to St. Mary's on the trolley. This event is free. **Please RSVP by tomorrow, August 16**, to Fr. Jason frjason@stmarysgoc.org or 612.401.0660.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Baby formula

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES).

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

New in the Bookstore

With perfect timing for the feast day of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Cora Pirvu has made many beautiful icon pendant necklaces of the Theotokos and generously given them to be sold in the bookstore. Cora attaches very small icon prints to tray bezels and then covers them with resin. With each necklace she includes a black leatherette cord. Cora has also made others with icon pendants of Christ and the Saints. These icon pendant necklaces make great gifts. Please come visit the bookstore and see!

FAITH Play Group

The FAITH Play Group (ages 0-5 and parents/grandparents) will get together on Thursday, August 19, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at the Minnehaha Falls Overlook for a gathering and mini hike. Please RSVP to Fr. Jason at frjason@stmarysgoc.org if you plan to attend.

Prosforo Bakers Needed

We have a few Sundays on our baking schedule to fill. Those Sundays are: September 19, 26, and October 17. Please contact David in the Church Office to sign up.

Rochester Greek Festival

Holy Anargyroi Church in Rochester will hold its Greek Festival on Friday, August 27-Sunday, August 29, on the church grounds. This year's event will be a full festival and drive-through. The hours for the festival are: Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 703 West Center Street, Rochester.

Mark Your Calendars...

First Day of Church School — Sunday, September 19
September Parish Night — Wednesday, September 22
Saturday Bible Study Begins — Saturday, September 25
HOPE/JOY Kick-off — Sunday, September 26, after Liturgy
Junior GOYA Kick-off — Wednesday, September 8
Senior GOYA Kick-off — Wednesday, September 15

From the Fathers...on the Theotokos

Let us run to the Panagia in every circumstance to ask her,
to have her as our aide.

—*Saint Anthimos of Chios*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 16

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Tuesday, August 17

I Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 18

Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 • Matthew 5:14-19

Thursday, August 19

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Matthew 21:43-46

Friday, August 20

II Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, August 21

Romans 15:30-33 • Matthew 17:24 – 18:4

Sunday, August 22

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 14:22-34

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