

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, June 27, 2021

All Saints

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: The Sunday of All Saints; Samson the Hospitable; Joanna the Myrrhbearer; Anektos the Martyr; Luke the Hermit.

Morning Gospel: First

Tone: Plagal Fourth

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

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 the Resurrection Hymn, above.

Hymn of All Saints, Fourth Tone

Throughout the world Your Church is adorned with the blood of the martyrs as with royal purple and fine linen. Through them she cries out to You, Christ our God: Grant your lasting peace to all the world and bestow on our souls Your great mercy.

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 All Saints, Plagal Fourth Tone

To You, O Lord, Creator of the universe, the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of creation. Through their prayers, and through those of the Theotokos, keep Your Church in perfect peace, O Savior rich in mercy.

Epistle..... Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel..... Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

Communion Hymn

Exalt, you just, in the Lord. Exalt, you just, in the Lord; from the upright praise is fitting. 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.

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.

Prosforo for today's Liturgy is provided by Barbara Nichols.

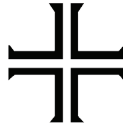
Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Don Johnson** (6 months).

40-Day Churchings Today

Katerina, daughter of Parker & Anastacia Mullins

Alayna Patricia, daughter of Jason & Vasiliki Willis

Coffee will be served in the Great Hall following the Liturgy.



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; Abby, 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, Carole, 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.

Calendar of the Week

Today

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach, Fireside Room

Monday, June 28: Apostles' Fast Begins

Tuesday, June 29: Apostles Peter and Paul; Apostles' Fast Ends

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

Wednesday, June 30: Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

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

Friday, July 2

Men's Fellowship will meet next Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 3

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 4: Second Sunday of Matthew

- *"The Messenger" news item deadline - August issue*

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

Fr. George and family are on vacation through June 28.

Announcements

Saint Mary's at the Twins Game

Sunday, July 25

Grab your glove and come on out to see the Twins play the Angels on Sunday, July 25, at 1:10 p.m.! St. Mary's will provide a bus to and from Target Field, departing from St. Mary's at 12:00 noon. The tickets are \$20, which includes a hot dog and a soda. We will purchase the tickets so we all can sit near each other, but you are responsible to reimburse us for the ticket(s). This event is open to all parishioners! To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Jon Klein (jon@stmarysgoc.org) by **Sunday, June 27!**

"The Music Man" at The Chanhassen

~ Reservations accepted today in the Great Hall ~

The Hellenic Post American Legion is inviting members of Saint Mary's Senior Citizen Club on an outing to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater on Wednesday, August 18, to see "The Music Man." This is a matinee with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the show at 1:00 p.m. The cost for Senior Citizens Club members is \$33.50 and \$67.00 for non-members. Reservations are needed no later than Wednesday, July 21. Ticket are on sale today. Payment must be made when reserving your spot.



MUSIC MAN

Volunteer Opportunity

Metro Hope Ministries is looking for a volunteer to help improve the Metro Hope website. The website was built using the WIX development platform. If you are willing to help Metro Hope please call Louis Tiggas, Metro Hope Board of Directors, 612.220.8379

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat®

June's recipient was Simpson Food Pantry.

July's recipient will be FOCUS Minnesota

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

Twin Cities YAL Barbecue

YAL Members: Join us for a summer barbecue hosted by YAL on Thursday, July 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in the Terrace Room and Outdoor Terrace. Dinner, drinks, and games will be provided. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to: twincitiesyal@gmail.com

Senior Citizens' Meeting

The July Senior Citizens' meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, 12:00 noon, in the Great Hall. As usual, we will socialize, have lunch and a business meeting, followed by a program. This month it will feature St. Mary's very own Elena Biessener, singing some of her greatest hits!

Festival Bake Sale Preparations Continue

The entire community is invited to join Philoptochos as we prepare for the 2021 Taste of Greece Bake Sale! You are welcome for part or all of any session. Please contact the Cookie Captain directly to offer your services at the August baking sessions.

Koulouria

Tuesday, August 3: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Debbie Theros, 952.935.3358, debbie@therosgroup.com

Melomakarona

Monday, August 8: 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

Paulette Hastings, 952.564.8388, pmg@sisyphuscafe.com

Renovation Updates

We experienced much progress on our summer renovations this past week. Look to your right in the sanctuary and see the sparkling brick and clean windows. What a transformation! They have completed much of the roof work around the dome and you can see the black edges of our new liner if you look up to the dome when leaving church. Thus far the noise has not been too disruptive for our weekday services. Our newly refurbished pews should be back in late August, so we will be providing some chairs throughout the summer for those that prefer to sit during the services.

Please look for more updates as together we stand “in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your households together, rejoicing in all the undertakings in which the Lord your God has blessed you.”

—Deuteronomy 12:7

Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin

September 17-19

We are excited to be back with our St. Mary's Men's Retreat this year on the weekend of September 17-19. It will be held at the Karos cabin as in past years and is for all men of St. Mary's over the age of 18. Fr. John Kostas will be our retreat leader.

Given the tight quarters and the Covid environment, this retreat will be for those who feel comfortable in such an environment. For those of you who would like to wait, God-willing we will be back in 2022 as well. We will not be enforcing mask wearing or asking vaccination status. Having said this, we are all familiar with Covid symptoms, so we ask all to be extra vigilant for any symptoms prior to coming up for the retreat.

Your check to the office for \$70 made out to St. Mary's with Men's Retreat in the memo line will be your reservation. It is always a nice idea to call David in the office to let him know your check is coming.

Just Announced!

Family Camp 2021

October 8-10 • Camp Courage

Our speaker will be Bishop Anthony Michaels
*Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

Our topic will be "And He Shall Come Again"

We'll reflect, with Bishop Anthony, on the good news
of "the end times" in the Bible
and our Orthodox Tradition.

*Registration information and other details
will be made available later this summer.*

From the Fathers...on Saints

Blessed be God, who selects those in each generation who are pleasing to Him and makes known the vessels of His election, and uses them for the ministry of the saints.

—*Saint Basil the Great*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 28

Romans 2:28 – 3:18 • Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

Tuesday, June 29

Apostles Peter and Paul

II Corinthians 11:21 – 12:9 • Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday, June 30

Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

Thursday, July 1

I Corinthians 12:27 – 13:8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Friday, July 2

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 1:39-49, 56

Saturday, July 3

Romans 3:19-24 • Matthew 7:1-8

Sunday, July 4

Second Sunday of Matthew

Romans 2:10-16 • Matthew 4:18-23

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