

The Messenger

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St. Mary's

Mission Statement

To proclaim, celebrate, and share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ in accordance with the Orthodox Tradition.

The Five Tasks of Our Parish Vision

- Hear
- Pray
- Grow
- Serve
- Share



METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

A Message from Father Jason

Father Jason Houck, Associate Priest

The Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos



When I was a child, I loved science fiction stories that had "force fields" in them. *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, etc. Force fields were invisible energy fields that would protect spacecraft or people from enemy attack. Although "force fields" remain a figment of the imagination, there is something, somewhat akin to a "force field," which we commemorate in our Church. On October 1, along with all churches of the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America observes the feast of the Holy

Protection of the Theotokos.

This feast commemorates the miracle by Mary the Theotokos, whose prayers protected the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire (a.k.a. "Byzantine"), Constantinople, from barbarian (Avar) invasion in the year 626 A.D. Saints Epiphanius and Andrew had a vision of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the threatened Christians of Constantinople. In the vision, the Theotokos held aloft her veil, as depicted in the icon, over the people, signifying her protecting prayers. The people were miraculously saved from foreign invasion.

But that is not the only example of the history of the world being influenced by the Holy Theotokos' intercessions. During World War II, God worked many miracles through the Theotokos, protecting His people. During the Italian invasion of Greece in 1940-1941,



many Greek soldiers reported miracles of the Holy Theotokos. After World War II, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos became associated with thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Greek nation from the Italian invasion of 1940-41. In Greece, the national holiday known as "OXI Day" or "No Day," celebrates the response of the Greek government to Mussolini's ultimatum to allow the Axis forces to occupy Greece. Thus the Church of Greece moved the feast from October 1st to OXI day on October 28th, while churches of the Ecumenical Patriarchate—such as the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America—continue to celebrate the feast on the original date of observance, October 1st.

As Orthodox Christians the protecting prayers of the Holy Theotokos are not just a distant past. We assert the power of prayer today. We also assert

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Our Life Together

Baptisms

Adeline

Parents: William & Lisa Wahlers
August 27, 2021

Ekaterina

Parents: Parker & Annie Mullins
August 28, 2021

Rosalie Elizabeth

Parents: Joshua & Callie Grossman
September 5, 2021

Chrismation

Dina Elias

September 5, 2021

Marriage

Andrew Toaddy to Elaine Boosalis

August 28, 2021



Year-End Giving

As we approach the end of both our calendar and fiscal year, it is important that we correctly record all stewardship gifts. Every dollar we receive before **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28**, will be recorded and reflected on your year-end Contribution Statement, and matched against your yearly pledge, as stewardship income for 2020. Donations received after the deadline will be counted towards our budget for 2021.

Those planning to give through an investment program should arrange to do so now in order for the contribution to reach St. Mary's before year's end.

Memorial Prayers

Sunday, October 10

John Leckas (6 months)
George Geogleris (5 years)

Sunday, October 17

Kathryn Theros (20 years)
mother of Charlie Theros
John and Litsa Papagianis (15 years)
parents of Debbie Theros
Alex Papagianis (10 years)
brother of Debbie Theros
Tommy Mihos (5 years)

Sunday, October 24

Christos Bakritges (6 months)

Our Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Tiki Spell and family on the passing of her father, James S. Theros, of St. Paul on August 30, 2021. May his memory be eternal.

Share YourShelf

October's recipient of Share Your-Shelf contributions is Simpson Food Pantry.

Sunday, October 3

Canned meals – large cans
(e.g. chili, pork & beans)

Sunday, October 10

Potatoes – boxed, instant, or canned

Sunday, October 17

Pancake mix and syrup

Sunday, October 24

Hygiene items
(e.g. toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

Sunday, October 31

Pasta
(e.g. Creamettes, egg noodles, spaghetti)

"Today, I challenge you to pay it forward. You don't need to save a village—only one lost soul. Be the reflection of Christ and shine His light. The cost is little, but the reward is rich."

—Dana Arcuri, *Harvest of Hope: Living Victoriously Through Adversity*

St. Mary's Church Staff

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Fr. Jason Houck

Attached Priest

Fr. John Kostas

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Education • Fellowship • Worship

Fellowship and Study Groups

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays, October 13 & 27
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men's Fellowship

Friday, October 1
Exodus Study

Friday, October 17
Psalms Study

7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Due to lapsing Zoom licenses, all future meetings (at the beginning AND in the middle of the month) will be in-person at St. Mary's.

Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, October 13 & 27
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Twin Cities Marathon

Sunday, October 3

The Twin Cities Marathon will take place Sunday, October 3, starting at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Minneapolis. The route will run along the west side of Lake of the Isles and Bde Maka Ska to the William Berry Parkway and south along the east side of Lake Harriet to the Minnehaha Parkway. If your drive to church takes you along this Marathon route, you should consider an alternate route to Church.

Weekend Schedule

Saturday

Great Vespers – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday (live-streamed)

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Friday, October 1

Holy Protection of the Theotokos

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, October 18

Saint Luke

Evening Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23

Saint Iakovos

Orthros – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 26

Saint Demetrios

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 10

Blessing of the Animals

10:00 a.m. – South Parking Lot



—Fr. Jason's article, continued from page 1

that power of the Theotokos' protecting prayers. On October 1st we sing this hymn: "O Virgin, we extol your all-holy protection. In every time and place, you protect us and guard us, whom you have considered as your own people and chosen lot, in your goodness and in your maternal compassion. Lady, we entreat, in any coming disaster, you keep and preserve us all." This beautiful hymn sums up our assertion that the Theotokos continues to pray for our protection today.

By her prayers, may we all be delivered from spiritual and physical danger!

In Christ,

Fr. Jason Houck

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 10

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. —Genesis 1:25

Gather up the pets, grab the kids, and come to the church on Saturday, October 10, for the Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 a.m. in the south parking lot. We'll begin with a beautiful service of blessing, followed by treats and socializing. You won't want to miss it! All pets are welcome.

Parish News & Events

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 12:00 Noon in the Terrace Room. We will have a lunch followed by the business meeting and Bingo. This month we will feature David Jones' Historical Presentation on "Apollo: Why We Went to the Moon - a Non-Technical Look at Mankind's Greatest Technological Achievement." A program you won't want to miss!

Fall General Assembly

Sunday, October 24

The Fall General Assembly will be held Sunday morning, October 24, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. Agenda items include: approval of Spring 2021 General Assembly minutes and Special Assembly minutes, election of the Board of Auditors, election of the Board of Elections, Festival update, Financial update (through third quarter) Stewardship update, Clergy-Laity update, Parish Council update.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at the U

The University of Minnesota Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is a student-led organization that strives to build a community of Orthodox college students both on- and off-campus to support each other in their academic and spiritual endeavors. Over the past few years we have continued to grow in numbers, and we are expecting our biggest group yet this year! We will be returning to our in person meetings on campus every other Thursday. OCF is grateful for the generous support of families from our local parishes who provide donations and bring meals to our meetings throughout the school year. If you would be interested in providing a meal or want to learn more about our ministry and ways to support us, visit our website at ocfumn.com/donate to sign up. Please contact Anna Karos at ocf@umn.edu with any questions or concerns. We ask for your prayers as we head back to school, thank you!

On another note, if there are students you know of that are not connected with us, please forward our e-mail on to them and we will ensure that they find us!

Parish Council Needs YOU!

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 participate in the life of St. Mary's more fully? 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! Four positions are available each year, 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 three-year term, and meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

All candidates will attend a seminar conducted by Fr. George prior to the election where you learn about the Uniform Parish Regulations, work of the council, and the significance of the affirmation of office.

Candidate applications are now available in the Church Office and due by Thursday, November 4.

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.

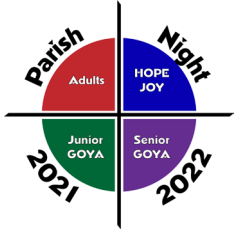
Family Camp 2021 ~ October 8-10!

"And He Shall Come Again"

Join us as Bishop Anthony Michaels of the Antiochian Archdiocese shares the good news about Christ's second coming. We are planning for a smaller Family Camp at Camp Courage, the same location of this year's Summer Camp. Registration is open now and will be first come, first served. There is plenty of room to spread out, spend time with your family, and safely visit with other Orthodox families from the Twin Cities. Need a break from the world? This is your chance! Check out the many informational articles on-line including Q & A, sample schedule, description of the weekend, packing list, etc., at www.stmaryscamp.com and select Family Camp. Registration will end September 28 at 4:30 p.m. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at camp@stmaryscamp.com.

Remember, you don't have to bring kids to Family Camp! All are welcome as part of our Twin Cities Orthodox Family!

Parish Night 2021-2022



This year, we are returning to our usual Parish Night format! The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with a brief prayer service in the Nave, followed by dinner in the Terrace Room and break-out sessions for the adults and kids. Parish Night ends by 8:00 p.m.

Parish Night is a parish-wide event for Kindergarten-12th graders and adults that occur monthly on a Wednesday from September through May, taking a hiatus during Great Lent.

Parish Night Schedule

- October 20
- November 17
- December 15
- January 19
- February 16
- May 18

2021-2022 Themes

Adults: The Illness & Cure of the Soul

Senior GOYA (Grades 9-12): Tending the Garden of Our Hearts

Junior GOYA (Grades 6-8): Be a Bee

HOPE/JOY (K-5th Grade): Journey Through the Parables

MINNESOTA TOWN HALL

WITH METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL



Saturday, October 2, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's

Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55408



**Join us as we welcome His Eminence
Metropolitan Nathanael to Minnesota for a
discussion among the faithful.**

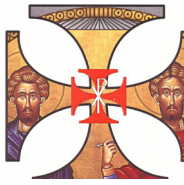
Live stream & in-person participation

save the date

Join us on Saturday evening, November 13, for the
annual Stewardship Appreciation Glendi



Philoptochos



Philoptochos Meeting for October:

- Tuesday, October, 19
Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Tuesday, October 26
General meeting, 7:00 p.m., Terrace Room.

Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin of upcoming event and sign up to attend.

Women's Book Club Discussion

Tuesday, October 19

The Women's Book Club discussion of "Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church," by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer), is Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 2. The book is available in the church bookstore and office. All women are welcome.

The December book club selection is "Toolkit for Spiritual Growth A Practical Guide to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving" by Father Evan Armatas. The date and time of the discussion will be announced later this fall. The book will be available in the bookstore.

Upcoming October Events

Below are events in our parish where we might be able to co-host or help out:

Saturday, October 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Nathanael's Town Hall Meeting, St. Mary's

Sunday, October 3

Bishop Neofitos visits St. Mary's. Missions and Outreach is hosting this event.

Sunday, October 24

General Assembly and Service Sunday

Sunday, October 31

Save the date to help out on Philoptochos Sunday.

Watch for a sign-up sheet for these events if they need our help. Thank you,

Metropolis Clergy-Laity/Philoptochos Assembly

October 7-10

This year's Clergy-Laity/Philoptochos Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, October 7-10. St. Mary's Philoptochos has three delegates attending: Annette Legeros, Lisa Gallmeyer, and Alexis Rouches. Please pray for a safe and successful trip to our delegates.

Save the Date

Days for Girls - Day of Service

November 23, 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Our Philoptochos General Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You...

Thank you (in advance) to our Social Committee for putting on our Fall Kick Off Meeting on September 28 and all the ladies that helped to make the evening a huge success!

Venmo Giving



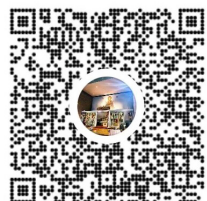
We are excited to announce that we now have a St. Mary's Venmo account that provides all of our parishioners the option of using this application to make mobile and online donations and payments for pledge income, special donations, and purchases. This is especially useful to our young adults and high schoolers who would like to pledge or make donations. Getting set up is easy.

Online Venmo Giving Instructions

Below is what you need to know to find our VENMO account.

1. **Download** the "Venmo" app to your mobile phone and create an account.
2. **Scan** the provided QR code or **find** our church account by searching **St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church** or **@st_marys_goc_mpls**.

Note: There are several St. Mary's churches so please make sure you select the correct account.



3. **Input** the dollar amount you wish to give.
4. **Include** your name, envelope number (if you have it), purpose of the gift (pledge or general donation, candle donation, meal, etc.) in the "What's it for?" section so that we can properly record your donation.

You may scan the QR code above with your phone to launch Venmo and get set up.

Thank you for your support!

Mission & Outreach

A New Church Year

Each year, we have many celebrations and feast days to inspire us. October can be one of the times we show gratitude as we pray and listen. One way we can show gratitude is by donating our time to a mission.

How to Give and Where

That is a kind of a choice that can be unfamiliar, even a mystery. So many of us wait to be asked. We think how easy it was to volunteer time at our St. Mary's Festival. It was always 'festive,' familiar, and needed to support St. Mary's.

Well, here we are in October and you may be saying "I still want to be of help"

Where can I offer my help? Pray, talk with your spiritual advisor, and ask others who volunteer. How about saying you want to help and ask for some details about opportunities? That way you will be notified that you are needed. St. Mary's always has information for those who want to help. We even hear from volunteers that some employers offer paid time off to employees who are giving their time to eligible assistance programs. We also hear, "I would like to be a volunteer, but I have no idea where to begin." One of the ways to start learning is to talk with Missions and Outreach.

Missions Luncheon

Sunday, October 3



Missions and Outreach is sponsoring a luncheon with Bishop Neofitos (via Zoom) on Sunday, October 3, after Liturgy, to learn about mission work in Kenya. Please RSVP for the lunch by using the link on our website, or just come in for learning, and have a nice lunch. What a blessed feeling to listen and help.

Harvest Pack



Sunday, December 5

Yes, you can help! Your help in packaging Harvest Pack's oatmeal provides a quick healthy balanced breakfast and is easy to pack in large quantities. Let's do it!

In just a couple hours, many breakfast meals can be ready for the food shelves. The meals are very helpful for those with food insecurity who turn to FOCUS, Joyce, and Community Emergency Service (CES) for assistance. AND do look for a SignUp Genius for St. Mary's Harvest Pack event on December 5. (A light lunch will be provided.)



See you on Sunday, stop by Missions and Outreach Welcome Table to say "hello!"

FOCUS

✦ MINNESOTA

Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding and Shelter

FOCUS Minnesota Fundraiser 2021

Thursday, October 21 (Note date change)

6:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Join us "in real life" for a celebration of our work
and a reflection of the blessings the past year has brought to us.

Small plates and refreshments

Free-will offering — all are welcome!

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has been busy helping to organize events after a year with no events or indoor congregating. Our parish feast day "Panagyri" was on August 15, and thanks to our young adult coordinators and help from parishioners, it was a HUGE success. Well over 200 parishioners were treated to a wonderful lunch feast and fellowship.

Our annual Glendi will be held on Saturday, November 13 – stay tuned for more information and an invite. It is free and once again promises to be a wonderful evening of excellent food, fellowship, and dancing. So, brush off your dancing shoes, pull out your festive clothes and get ready to have fun!

As we continue to come together more regularly, we are so excited to see everyone connecting once again for worship, educational events, fellowship, as well as volunteer opportunities. St. Mary's has been a great source of support virtually and in person throughout this pandemic, and our parishioners have been a great source of support through giving of their time, talent, and treasure. As we continue grow in our love for Christ and for one another, we remain so thankful for our St. Mary's family!

Stewardship Campaign 2021 Update

"...The Greatest of These Is Love."

—I Corinthians 13:13

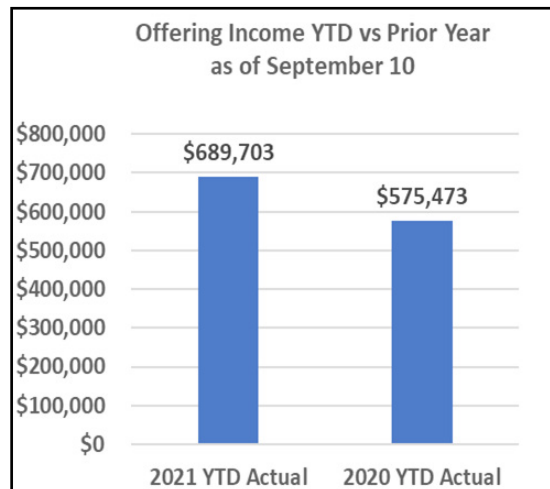
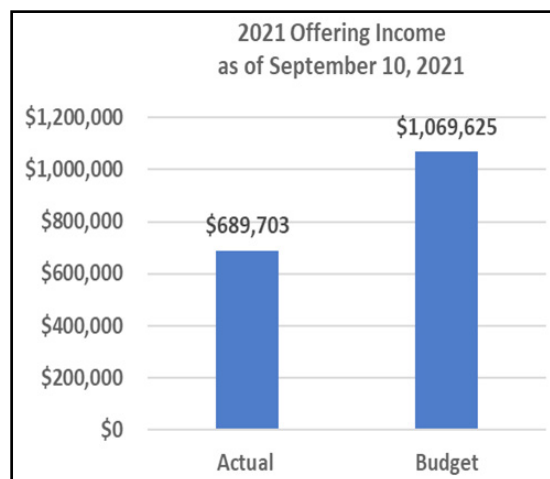
Thank you for your participation in our 2021 Stewardship Campaign and your on-going support of St. Mary's through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Your contributions make it possible for St. Mary's to continue providing all its ministries and to cover operating costs of the church, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so blessed to have your generous support! See below for an update on progress to date.

Offering Income As of September 10, 2021

- As of September 10, 2021, we have received \$689,703 in offering income for 2021.
- Additional needed by the end of the year to meet our budgeted goal is \$379,922.
- We are ahead of last year at this time by \$114,229 in offering income.

Offering Income as of Sept. 10, 2021	2021 YTD Actual	2021 Annual Budget	Additional Needed by December 31
Payments Received	\$689,703	\$1,069,625	\$379,922

Offering Income as of Sept. 10, 2021	2021 YTD Actual	2020 YTD Actual	Increase or (Decrease) vs. Prior Year
Payments Received	\$689,703	\$575,473	\$114,229
Average per Week	\$19,158	\$15,985	\$3,173
Average per Month	\$73,923	\$61,680	\$12,243



For more information, contact:

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Stewardship 2021 Calendar of Events

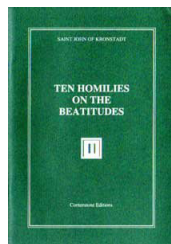
Stewardship Testimonial Speaker: Sunday, October 24
 Stewardship Testimonial Speaker: Sunday, October 31,
 Stewardship Testimonial Speaker: Sunday, November 7
 Stewardship Sunday: Sunday, November 7
 Ministry Fair: Sunday, November 7
 Stewardship Appreciation Glendi (party):

Saturday, November 13

In the Bookstore

by Rebecca Myerly

bookstore@stmarysgoc.org



Ten Homilies on the Beatitudes contains little known sermons by St. John of Kronstadt (1828-1909), one of the best known modern Russian saints. St. John's personal chronicle *My Life in Christ* has been broadly known since it was first translated into English

at the beginning of the twentieth century, but it is only recently that his *Ten Homilies on the Beatitudes* has been translated into English.

Professor Nadieszda Kizenko-Frugier, the translator of these homilies, wrote an informative introduction that includes a brief history of St. John of Kronstadt, the religious and political environment he lived in, his social consciousness, how the *Homilies* came to be, and the priorities St. John addressed in and through them. She writes:

At first, Father John's reputation was local. Then, in 1883, Russia's largest newspaper, *New Time*, ran an open letter from grateful recipients testifying to their healing at his hands. This brought him national fame and established Kronstadt as one of the leading pilgrimage sites in Russia. People came by the ship-load; those who could not inundated the post office with their pleas. He became the first modern Russian religious celebrity, with his image on souvenir scarves, mugs, placards, and postcards. His sermons were printed in virtually every newspaper and journal. In effect, all of Russia was his parish. (6)...People from every social class and religion in the Russian Empire, including Muslims, Buddhists, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Jews, wrote and flocked to him, and the emperor Alexander III himself acknowledged that St. John was "the most popular person in Russia." (10)... In 1894, when he was asked to minister to the dying emperor Alexander III, his fame became international, attracting correspondents from Europe and the United States. (6)

St. John's social consciousness was great and focused through the lens of the Beatitudes. In these homilies, which date "from St. John's early period, when he was

known primarily in Kronstadt and its environs...(we see him) as a local parish priest, intimately concerned with the life and behavior of his immediate flock." (7)

Professor Kizenko-Frugier emphasizes that "above all, the *Homilies* are an invitation to the Liturgy....By concentrating on a simple and basic text (the Beatitudes) which he notes are "read or chanted" every day, (St. John) illuminates the entire Divine service" (12) and the direct words of Christ.

In these homilies St. John lays the groundwork and framework from—and in—which he speaks of the Beatitudes, defining and delineating each Beatitude and revealing the vitality in each. In a very real way, *Ten Homilies on the Beatitudes* is a catechism given by a loving shepherd to his flock—those listening in his parish when he gave the homilies and listening readers of all times and in all places. St. John reveals how living the Beatitudes is truly life giving.

Children & Youth

Our Children and Youth Mission Statement

To cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for kids by nurturing healthy relationships within the church family. We will teach the youth by building a strong foundation of knowledge, and together, we will experience the Orthodox tradition by following the four circles of youth ministry: **Liturgia** (Worship), **Diakonia** (Service), **Martyria** (Witness), and **Koinonia** (Fellowship), leading our youth to develop, by their own free will, a personal relationship with God and to pursue union with Him.

Faith Play Group

0-5 Year Olds and Parents

- ▶ Wednesday, October 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Terrace Room
Playtime, snack, and a lesson
- ▶ Thursday, October 21, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Terrace Room
Playtime, snack, and a lesson

Contact Fr. Jason (frjason@stmarysgoc.org) for more information.

HOPE and JOY

Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5

- ▶ Wednesday, October 20, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
HOPE and JOY at Parish Night
We start with prayer in the Nave from 6:15-6:30, eat dinner from 6:30-7:00; lesson from 7:00-7:45 (break out into different groups: HOPE/JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, and Adults), and wrap up from 7:45-8:00. All are welcome to attend! The HOPE/JOY group's theme is "Journey through the Parables: The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares."
- ▶ Sunday, October 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
HOPE and JOY at Sever's Fall Festival
RSVP to jon@stmarysgoc.org by Sunday, October 17!

Junior GOYA

Grades 6-8

- ▶ Wednesday, October 6, 7:00-8:45 p.m.
Junior GOYA at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Chanhassen.
RSVP to jon@stmarysgoc.org by Friday, October 1!
- ▶ Wednesday, October 20, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
Junior GOYA at Parish Night
We start with prayer in the Nave from 6:15-6:30, eat dinner from 6:30-7:00; lesson from 7:00-7:45 (break out into different groups: HOPE/JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, and Adults), and wrap up from 7:45-8:00. All are welcome to attend! The Junior GOYA's theme is "Be a Bee."

Senior GOYA

Grades 9-12

- ▶ Wednesday, October 13, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
Senior GOYA in the Youth Room!
Watch for updates from jon@stmarysgoc.org.
- ▶ Wednesday, October 20, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
Senior GOYA at Parish Night
We start with prayer in the Nave from 6:15-6:30, eat dinner from 6:30-7:00; lesson from 7:00-7:45 (break out into different groups: HOPE/JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, and Adults), and wrap up from 7:45-8:00. All are welcome to attend!
The Senior GOYA's theme is "Tending the Garden of Our Hearts."

Youth Feedback

If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding our youth program(s) please let us know. To access our formal feedback process, go to our St. Mary's home page-Click on "Youth," then "Youth Program Feedback." Your comments will be forwarded to a member of the Parish Council and will be reviewed for follow up.



Follow the GOYAnS on Instagram: **St_Marys_GOYA**

Kids 0-5 years of age and parents

Wednesdays and Thursdays...
9:30-11:00 a.m.

September 16

October 6 & 21

November 3 & 18

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March 9 & 24

April 13

Sunday, April 24 - Easter Egg Hunt!

May 11 & 26

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*The grass withers,
the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

- Isaiah 40:8



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Holy Protection of the Theotokos 7:00am-Men's Fellowship 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	2 9:00am-Bible Study 1:00pm-Town Hall with Metropolitan Nathanael 5:00pm-Great Vespers
3 Second Sunday of Luke "The Messenger" Deadline 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Missions Lunch	4	5	6 9:30am-FAITH Play Group 7:00pm-Jr. GOYA at FMSC	7	8 Family Camp	9 Family Camp 9:00am-Bible Study 5:00pm-Great Vespers
Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly						
10 Third Sunday of Luke Family Camp 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	11	12 12:00noon-Senior Citizens 6:15pm-Parish Council	13 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study 6:15pm-Senior GOYA	14	15 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	16 9:00am-Bible Study 5:00pm-Great Vespers
17 Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Missions/Outreach 11:45am-Church School Teachers' Meeting	18 Saint Luke 6:00pm-Evening Divine Liturgy	19 6:30pm-Philoptochos Board 7:00pm-Women's Book Club	20 9:00am-"The Messenger" Mailing 6:15pm-Parish Night	21 9:30am-FAITH Play Group	22	23 Saint Iakovos 9:00am-Bible Study 9:00am-Orthros 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 5:00pm-Great Vespers
24 Sixth Sunday of Luke 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Fall General Assembly 1:30pm-HOPE/JOY Outing	25	26 Saint Demetrios 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 7:00pm-Philoptochos Mtg.	27 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study	28 7:00pm-Stewardship Com.	29	30 9:00am-Bible Study 10:00am-Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm-Great Vespers
31 Fifth Sunday of Luke 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy <i>Fr. John's Anniversary Lunch</i>						