

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 George

Father George Dokos, Proistamenos

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1 as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

Many of the hymns for the first day of the Church year state that the coming year is God's to give and God's to bless -- A YEAR OF THE LORD! These hymns take their theme from Psalm 65 (64 in the Greek Septuagint), a psalm of praise to the Creator Who is awesome as the Holy Lord but who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

"Bless, O Lord, the crown (that is, the beginning) of the year with Your goodness!"

The goodness of the Lord is His love, mercy and grace, The Church's prayer is that the coming year will be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. Each year can be a year of grace, a year blessed by God.

The prayers and hymns of the Orthodox Church not only recite the wonderful works of God in creation and history for our salvation but also frequently offer guidance about how to make each year a year of grace, a year of the Lord. For example, the very first hymn of the new liturgical year, chanted at Vespers in the joyful first tone, reminds us that prayerful daily dependence on God is the basic attitude of the Christian and Christian life:

"O faithful, having learned true prayer from the very words and divine teachings of Christ, let us cry out to the Creator each day: Our Father, who dwells in heaven, give us always daily bread, and forgive us our transgressions".

The main scriptural reading from the Divine Liturgy of September 1 is Luke 4:16-22, a passage which marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in St. Luke's Gospel. In this reading we see the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He reads from the Book of Isaiah in the synagogue and proclaims to the world that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him.

See how the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the beginning of the Church year converge! According to Orthodox liturgical tradition, Jesus came to Nazareth to preach the good news of His mission on September 1! This is of course not verifiable but it is spiritually significant that the Church in its worship has joined the first day of the liturgical year with the first day of Jesus' public preaching. In this fashion the Church has Jesus speaking to us today just as He did to His contemporaries in the synagogue at Nazareth. Will we reject Him or accept Him? Will we rebel against His word actively, will we ignore it,

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Our Life Together

Baptisms

Lincoln

Parents: Jack & Natalie Wahlers

July 24, 2021

Calliope

Parents: George Wilson &

Antigone Sander

July 24, 2021

Sascha Ignatius

Parents: Matthew & Merlyn Bowlby

July 25, 2021

Julian

Parents: Trevor Arnold &

Megan Caldbeck

August 1, 2021

Julian

Parents: Andrew & Megan Twito

August 7, 2021

Markos

Parents: Angelo & Jennifer

Demetriades

August 7, 2021

Magdalene (Madeline)

Parents: Andrew & Amy Gruber

August 14, 2021

Victor

Parents: Paul & Krisanthi

Sommerstad

August 20, 2021



Marriage

Trevor Arnold to Megan Caldbeck

July 31, 2021



Yiasou!

Kostas Papadakis will be at the State Fair again this year demonstrating his woodcarving skills. You can see him in the Creative Activities Building, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., September 1 and 2. This is Kostas' 52nd year at the Fair!

Memorial Prayers

Sunday, September 12

William and Georgia Gavaras

Saturday, September 25

Zoe Kakos (1 year)

(at the end of Vespers)

A reception in memory of Zoe will be held at the home of Mary Makres following Vespers. Mary's address is 3535 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Our Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Stephen Zis on the passing of his older sister, Maria Zis-Hawks, of Conway, South Carolina, on July 15.

Thank You

Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, and good wishes as I battle through another phase of the aging process.

Fondly,
Joanna Morgan

Share YourShelf

September's recipient of Share YourShelf contributions is Joyce Uptown Foodshelf.

Sunday, September 5

Canned fruits and vegetables

Sunday, September 12

Cereals (*hot and cold*)

Sunday, September 19

Canned meals
(*e.g. chili, pork & beans*)

Sunday, September 26

Hygiene items

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

—Isaiah 58:10

St. Mary's Church Staff

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Deacon Paul Kalina

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Education • Fellowship • Worship

Fellowship and Study Groups

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday, September 22
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men's Fellowship

Friday, September 10
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room and Zoom
Exodus Study

Friday, September 24
7:00 a.m., Zoom only
Psalms Study

Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday beginning
September 25
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Intercessory Prayer

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. —Matthew 18:20

Our Intercessory Prayer Group will resume meetings this fall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave Chapel (small altar at the rear of the nave). There is no prayer gathering on those days when a Divine Liturgy is scheduled. The first gathering is Wednesday, September 22. All are welcome to attend.



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

Wednesday, September 1

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year
Evening Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Nativity of the Theotokos
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

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

or will we respond to it positively?

Christ's good news demands our faithful response of mind, heart, soul, and body. The unconditional love of God, shown by the most precious gift of His Son who shed His blood on the Cross for our salvation, requires a total response on our part. St. Symeon the Stylite, whose feast day is observed on the first day of the Church year, is an example of unwavering devotion. St. Symeon for many years lived on top of a pillar (stylos; therefore he is called the "stylite") in prayer, sustained by the power of God and little else. His ascetic witness was not only a radical denial of all earthly things but also a provocative pointer to the kingdom of God.

His vigil for Christ had a powerful impact upon generations of Christians in the Orthodox tradition who were moved to commit their lives to the Lord. A martyr dies once. St. Symeon was a martyr for Christ for a period of forty years until his death (d. 459 A.D.)!

One of the hymns for the feast day of St. Symeon compares the Saint with Christ Himself:

"O holy Father, imitating your own Lord, you ascended on a pillar as if on a cross by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wiped away the ancient sentence against us whereas you destroyed the rebellion of corruptive passions; He became as a lamb and you as a victim; He ascended a cross and you a pillar. Holy Symeon, intercede with Him for the salvation of our souls."

By putting before us St. Symeon's example of extreme asceticism at the beginning of the liturgical year, the church shows how seriously it takes the priority of Christ and how uncompromising our faith is about worldly values.

There is no merrymaking or party revelry on the eve of the beginning of the new Church year. It is an eve which does not call for wine and song but for contemplation, reflection, and prayer. It is a time to pause and refresh the spirit and meditate on the new year before us. It is also a suitable time for us as Orthodox Christians to recommit our lives to Christ our God.

I wish you all and our entire church family a healthy, spiritually fruitful, and prosperous Ecclesiastical New Year.

With love in Christ,

Fr. George

Parish News & Events

Music Ministry Programs Resume

As we begin the new liturgical year, with joy we announce the return of our full St. Mary's Music Ministry programs. The Senior Choir along with the Byzantine Matins Chanters will begin rehearsals on alternating Wednesdays starting with Byzantine Matins Chanters on Wednesday, September 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m., and Senior Choir singers on Wednesday, September 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Both groups will meet in the choir loft. The Liturgical Chant Group for middle and high school singers will meet in the music office Sundays from 11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. beginning September 26. We encourage all students who sing with school choirs to join this group. This is a wonderful way for each student to familiarize, connect, and own the beautiful hymnology of our Holy Orthodox Church. (*Parents: please encourage your singers!*)

To all singers in our parish who have been given the ability to match musical pitches, have a basic understanding of musical notation, love to sing but have never made a choir commitment, **we extend to you a special invitation** to join us in this most gratifying ministry of the Church. We'd love to add your voice to the Liturgy!

Contact Thespina Macres at ChoirDirector@comcast.net.

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 breakout sessions for the adults and kids, and wraps up by 8:00 p.m.

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

Parish Night Schedule:

September 22 • 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

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, September 21

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their September meeting one week later than usual this month. We'll meet on Tuesday, September 21, 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. As usual, we will enjoy a lunch, followed by the business meeting, a program, and Bingo.

After lunch, about nine mandolin players of the Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra will entertain us with Greek contemporary classical pieces as well as international selections of jigs, reels, polkas, etc. *Don't miss it!*



MINNESOTA TOWN HALL

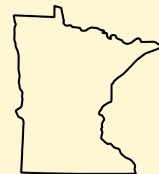
WITH METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL



Saturday, October 2, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

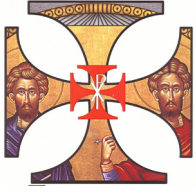
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discussion among the faithful.**

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Philoptochos



Philoptochos Meetings

Board meeting: Tuesday September 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

We are excited to meet in person for our annual September Kick-Off Dinner

and Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 5:30 p.m. Watch for details in the weekly bulletins.

Women's Book Club Discussion

The next book for our discussion is, "Acquiring Mind of Christ, Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church" by Archimandrite Sergius Bowyer, and is available in the bookstore.

The December book will be, "Toolkit for Spiritual Growth A Practical Guide to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving" by Father Evan Armatas.

The dates and times for both October and December discussions will be announced later. Watch for further details coming soon.

Festival Baking

Due to the cancellation of this year's festival, further baking has been put on hold. Watch for communications and possible dates of more baking in the future. We will look at selling our baked goods at a future time to be determined.

Thank You...

Dormition Vespers, August 14

Philoptochos served dinner after Vespers on Saturday, August 14. Thank you to our chairs Cathy Forchas and Connie Kouzes and all the ladies that helped to make the evening a huge success!

Days for Girls - Day of Service, July 13

A huge thank you to Sofia Johnson for organizing the wonderful event again. Thank you also to everyone who helped make this year another amazing success: Jamie Amacci, Maureen Borell, Jennifer Coin, Cathy Forchas, Deb Franson, Elena Gabor, Susie Glens, Jenny Hibberd, Erik Johnson, Diane Kalnuze, Jayne Klatt, Connie Kouzes, Annette Legeros, Donnarae Louricas, Tia Muchulas, Cora Pirvu, Nektaria Pirvu, Photine Saar, Samira Saleh, Cathy Selin, Dena Tortorelis, Chris Trombley, and Mary Kay Twito.

Mission & Outreach

From a simple observation: "You have lovely red sandals!" Much to our surprise, that little compliment brought a big happiness smile to the person. It brightened her day and she had a wonderful happiness conversation with us that truly brightened our day. As a single person, she said seeing us talking while having coffee gave her hope.


As we may need to dust off or purchase more masks, and make other COVID variant changes in our lives, it is good to continue reaching out and say "Hello" to those you pass by when walking, or at the grocery store. Think about who you have not seen at St. Mary's in the past weeks since being able to attend, once again, to just pick up the phone give that person a call.

Your call can really make a difference. Your call could bring a big happiness smile.

We need fervent prayer as we once again are asked to wear masks at grocery stores, Starbucks, or even while walking outside.

take♥heart Please remember to pray for the persecuted Christians especially in Nigeria, Syria, Egypt, and Iraq. As **Take Heart** partners with local churches and organizations, your fervent prayers for protection, education, and being able to once again work are fervently needed.



 From **Community Emergency Services**—a short story on their website relating how important food has become suddenly for Shirley: "I am so grateful for Community Emergency Service! I don't know what I would do without your food shelf!" About three months before, her daughter was killed in a tragic accident and her three granddaughters came to live with her. The children's father is from another country, and they are trying to get him to America. Life changed dramatically! On a fixed income, Shirley now had three more to feed.



Although it seems like an impossible situation, Shirley said, "We are doing well. Because of CES, I can feed the children. I come here once a month for the food shelf and every Friday for produce and bread distribution. However, the most important thing I look forward to is the prayer I receive and the Daily Bread devotional.

"Thank You" for reaching out and bringing a **big happiness smile**.

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FOCUS Minnesota Fundraiser 2021

Thursday, September 30

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.

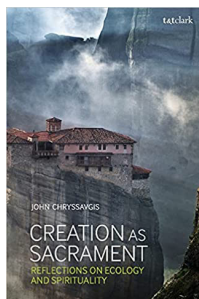
Small plates and refreshments

Free-will offering — all are welcome!

In the Bookstore

by Rebecca Myerly

bookstore@stmarysgoc.org



September first, the first day of the ecclesiastical new year, is a day of prayer for all Orthodox Christians "to offer prayers for the protection and preservation of the natural creation of God." (188)

Creation as Sacrament: Reflections on Ecology and Spirituality was written by Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis. Eminently and

uniquely qualified to write about the environment from his many years as Archdeacon to Patriarch Bartholomew (aka the green patriarch), Fr. Chryssavgis has written an invitation and clarion call to see God's creation as the gift it is and to live with respect and compassion for all creation. He begins by explaining that caring for creation is fundamental and foundational in the Orthodox faith, and is rooted in the history and beliefs of the Church.

On creation as sacrament, Fr. Chryssavgis writes:

The divine mystery revealed in Christ is the foundation and substance of all sacraments, which unveil something greater and deeper than whatever we see in the world....The word [sacrament] (is) equivalent to the Greek term "mystery" (mysterion) that denotes a reality hidden while at the same time revealed through initiation....In this sense, since everything is a reflection of the divine, the actual number of Christian sacraments—or mysteries, as they are known in the Orthodox Church—can never be limited to the seven conventional rites of baptism, chrismation, the Eucharist, marriage, confession, unction, and ordination...

In all its transcendence, a sacrament always remains an historical event, demanding material expression in which God becomes manifest in time and space. For instance, the Eucharist is God's manifestation in bread and wine, where the world becomes the historical and material sacrament of God's presence, transcending the ontological gap between created and uncreated. The world articulates and relates in very tangible terms this co-inherence and cooperation between divine and human in history, denoting the presence of God "incarnate among us" (John 1:14). In this way, the sacramental principle becomes the way that we perceive the world around us as sacred, a tangible mystery revealing and reflecting the invisible divine: the spiritual in matter and the eternal in time. (87)

A sanctioned—or sacramental—way of appreciating and approaching the world lies in the distinct symbols and values of the Orthodox Church, which include:

icons (the way we view and perceive creation), liturgy (the way we celebrate and respond to creation), and asceticism (the way we respect and treat creation). Orthodox icons, liturgy, and spirituality offer a fresh way of seeing and imagining the world as intended by God from "the beginning." (113)

With this awareness, one realizes that "every act of exploitation, pollution, or destruction of the natural environment is an offense against God." (165) Patriarch Bartholomew, "whose focus is on creation as the body of Christ...considers both the planet and all people as the incarnate body of the Creator, an inseparable and interconnected part of the living God." (180) He states:

To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin. For humans to cause species to become extinct and to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation...for humans to degrade the integrity of Earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping it of its forests, or by destroying its wetlands... for humans to injure other humans with disease and contaminate Earth's waters, land and air with poisonous substances...these are sins. (163-164)

Fr. Chryssavgis writes that we are called to "a cosmic liturgy" which is a worldview in which "everything bears a sacramental seal and everything enjoys a sacred significance." (175)

We should ruminate and meditate on the way we are living, on what we are doing. If we are going to effect a shift in our attitude and change our lifestyle in order to regulate or reverse the environmental crisis, we must first of all perceive our world and ourselves; we must change our worldview, our image or "icon" of the world. This calls for a change of mindset, a conversion of heart that is the essence of repentance and its Greek concomitant metanoia." (176)

Key to this struggle is the "ascetic imperative" that implies more than simply living or living simply. It issues into compassionate concern for all people, to the least of our brothers and sisters, as well as to all creation, to the last speck of dust. Compassion is what Christians are called to be and supposed to be about—a compassion extended to every living being and every natural landscape. ...Christian compassion should be expanded to the reverence for and sustenance of every living creature. (180)

Creation as Sacrament is informative and edifying, with clear guidance on creation care.

For more information on creation care, please see the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical, and Inter-faith Relations on the GOARCH website. There you will find the document *For the Life of the World: Toward a Social*

Ethos of the Orthodox Church (also available in hard copy in the bookstore) and a great—and growing—resource titled “Toolkit for Creation Care.”



How Magnified Are Thy Works!

This icon is from Uncut Mountain Supply and is available in the bookstore.

Wanted: Camp Staff

Family Camp

We are currently looking for up to eleven staff members for Family Camp, October 8-10, 2021!

If interested, please contact Doria in the Church Office.

Our theme this year is “And He Shall Come Again!”

Summer Camp

The 2022 Summer Camp Staff Application Site is up! Former Staff and 2021 Senior Campers please apply now, even if you are unsure of your status next summer and before you get bogged down with work and school! See below to apply!

By God’s grace, Summer Camp 2022 will be held July 2-8.

Please prayerfully consider this amazing ministry!

Summer Camp applications are due no later than November 30, 2021

Questions? Please contact Doria at 612.825.9595.

To apply for Summer Camp,

Please go to <http://youth.stmarysgoc.org/>

There are 3 steps:

1. If new to the site, please create a NEW account using a NEW password. If returning, sign in with your username and password. Please remember that the “forgot your password” link will send your password to the same email that you initially used. The retrieved password frequently ends up in spam or junk mail. If you still don’t receive your password within 30 minutes either Jon Klein Jon@stmarysgoc.org or (reply to this email) can reset it for you.
2. Create/Update a Profile.
3. Register for Summer Camp 2022

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.

HOPE and JOY

Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5

- ▶ Wednesday, September 22, 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."

- ▶ Sunday, September 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

HOPE and JOY Kickoff in the Terrace Room!

Watch for updates from jon@stmarysgoc.org

Junior GOYA

Grades 6-8

- ▶ Wednesday, September 8, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Junior GOYA Kickoff in the Great Hall!

Watch for updates from jon@stmarysgoc.org

- ▶ Wednesday, September 22, 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, September 15, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Senior GOYA Kickoff in the Great Hall!

Watch for updates from jon@stmarysgoc.org

- ▶ Wednesday, September 22, 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 Activities Registration Form

Nursery - Twelfth Graders



We are beginning the 2021-2022 school year this month and would like everyone who is participating in any youth activity, including Sunday Church School, to complete this all-inclusive registration form. Please note that we will use this one form for nursery through 12th grade. It is for all youth activities sponsored by St. Mary's, such as Church School, HOPE, JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, etc. Please complete this form ASAP. **To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit this link:** <https://forms.gle/edh6b4EJ21QUfs3AA>

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](https://www.instagram.com/St_Marys_GOYA)

**Church School begins
Sunday, September 19!**

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Sunday Bulletin—

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5 Eleventh Sunday of Matthew "The Messenger" Deadline 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	6 Labor Day Church and Office closed	7	8 Nativity of the Theotokos 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 6:15pm-Junior GOYA Kickoff	9	10 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	11 5:00pm-Great Vespers
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