

# SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 31, 2021

*Fifth Sunday of Luke*

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## The Divine Liturgy

**Commemoration:** Fifth Sunday of Luke; Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus and Narcissus of the 70; Martyr Epimachus of Alexandria, Egypt; Nicholas the New Martyr of Chios; Saints Cosmas and Damianos (*observed*).

*Morning Gospel: Eighth*

*Tone: Second*

### ***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, Second Tone***

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

#### ***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!

*Repeat the Resurrection Hymn, above*

#### ***Hymn of Saints Cosmas and Damianos, Plagal Fourth Tone***

O Holy Wonder-workers who healed without payment, visit our weaknesses; freely you have received, freely give to us!

#### ***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 Theotokos, Second Tone***

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

***Epistle.....II Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9***

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

***Gospel.....Luke 16:19-31***

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and

cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to them, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

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

### **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.*

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Prosforo: Presvytera Christa Dokos

Artoclasia: Presvytera Alexandra Houck

Memorial Prayers today are offered for: **Judith Hibberd**, sister of Paul Hibberd, (1 year); **Peter Spell** (2 years); **George Spell, Theodore Spell, Mary Spell**.

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## **Sacraments This Week**

**Baptisms—**

**Katherine, parents: Andy & Kristi Gatchell, October 30, 2021**

**Alexis Sasha Nicolle, October 30, 2021**

# 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.

# Congratulations!

*to Fr. John Kostas*

*on 25 years in the Priesthood!*

*May God grant you many years!*



## Prayer List Update

*We encourage all to take a look at the prayer list below. If there are names that no longer need to be on it, please let the office know. Many names have been on for a considerable time. Thank you for helping to keep our prayer list current.*

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## 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; Kristina, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, Roy, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Helen, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Alex, Karrisra, Corina, Tom, Vasilios, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, 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, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Phil, Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Elpisi Fotini, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Brittany, Amy, Shinia, Chelsea, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

# Calendar of the Week

## Sunday, October 31: Fifth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School after Liturgy– 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Honoring Fr. John Kostas

## Monday, November 1: Saints Cosmas and Damianos

*No Divine Liturgy today.*

## Wednesday, November 3

9:30 a.m. – FAITH Play Group, Terrace Room

6:45 p.m. – Junior GOYA, Great Hall and Youth Room

## Thursday, November 4

*Parish Council Applications are due by 4:30 p.m.*

## Friday, November 5

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, Fireside Room

## Saturday, November 6

9:00 a.m. – Saturday Bible Study, Lecture Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## Sunday, November 7: Seventh Sunday of Luke

• *“The Messenger” news item deadline: December issue*

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School after Liturgy – Ministry/Stewardship Fair

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 a.m.  
Please remember to set your clocks *back* one hour on Saturday night.



*Scan the QR code to give through Venmo.*

# Philoptochos News

## Today St. Mary's Celebrates Philoptochos Sunday and Fr. John Kostas!

*Sts. Cosmas and Damian, patron saints of Philoptochos, are commemorated on November 1. For this reason, today we are celebrating Philoptochos and the good works it does as the giving arm of the church.*

Philoptochos was established nationally in 1931 – 90 years ago – and St. Mary's officially joined in 1945. Today, our chapter provides funds and services to local, national, and international organizations, Orthodox and others, and serves the parish in many ways, thanks to the generous contributions of our members and the congregation.

As you exit church today, a special collection will be received to continue our philanthropic work. Please give as you are able. Checks can be made payable to *St. Mary's Philoptochos*.

Here's what else is happening with Philoptochos:

### **1. Today! Luncheon Celebrating Fr. John's 25 Years in the Priesthood**

Join us for a no-cost lunch and program honoring the anniversary of Fr. John's ordination.

### **2. Participate!**

Stop by our table in the Great Hall to volunteer

- Bake Sale Packaging: November 8 and 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Bake Sale Staffing: November 13, Glendi  
December 4-5, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Provide Part of Meal to FOCUS MN: November 14  
*we've been told our meal is a favorite on the street!*
- Fresh Fillo Sales: Last day to order is today!

### **3. Coming Up!**

- Women's Book Club Discussion in December -- "Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church" by Archimandrite Sergius. Books are available for purchase in the church book store and in the office during the week.
- Tuesday, November 23, 12:00-7:00 p.m.: Hands-On Local Service Projects followed by 7:00 p.m. November Meeting

# Announcements

## Fresh Fillo Sale

It's time to order fresh fillo for your holiday delicacies. Stop by the Philoptochos table after Liturgy to place your prepaid order. The price is \$5.00 per one pound package. Today is the last day to place an order. The fillo will be available for pick up during coffee hour on Sunday, November 7.

## ~ 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 2021. Donations received after the deadline will be counted towards our budget for 2022.

## YAL Retreat

*November 6-7*

The Metropolis of Chicago is hosting a YAL retreat at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center the weekend of November 6-7. Please follow this link for information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yal-fall-retreat-2021-tickets-182825916237>.

The cost of the Retreat is \$60. Those with economic hardship or St. Mary's members who have contributed financially in the last twelve months are eligible for financial reimbursement. Please contact Fr. Jason for more information.

## Stewardship/Ministry Fair

Our annual Stewardship/Ministry Fair is Sunday, November 7. Invite a friend, neighbor, or, even better, a family member you haven't seen for a while, to join us for Liturgy then head to the Great Hall for fellowship. In the Great Hall you will see and learn first-hand about the many ministries of St. Mary's supported by our stewardship commitments.

## Senior Citizens' Meeting

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens' Club will gather on Tuesday, November 9, 12:00 noon, in the Great Hall. In addition to lunch and our business meeting, we will enjoy a performance by dancers from the Metropolitan Ballet. Dancers' biographies are in the current issue of "The Messenger."



## Parish Outing to Timberwolves Game

Join us when the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Phoenix Suns at the Target Center on Monday, November 15. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. Visit the link below and enter the promo code **StMarys** to purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$25.00 per person. After the game, we will go down to the court and shoot a free-throw! Make sure you select the Post-Game Free Throw when checking out!

<https://tinyurl.com/StMarysWolvesOuting>

## O.C.F. College Conference Midwest for Ages 18-25

*Please register for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center December 27-30. Spots are filling up fast—register soon!*

For more about the Midwest OCF College Conference, to register, and to apply for scholarships, go to <https://www.ocf.net/college-conference/#register>. Bishop Paul is the speaker this year.

In addition to the needs-based scholarships from the National OCF, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church will partially reimburse members of the parish and active attendees of this parish. Please first apply to the National OCF scholarship before requesting reimbursement from St. Mary's. The partial reimbursement amount will depend on the number of registrants from our parish. Only St. Mary's members or active attendees are eligible for partial reimbursement.

In order to receive this reimbursement, you must email your registration to Fr. Jason by December 14 at [frjason@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:frjason@stmarysgoc.org). Partial reimbursements will be issued at the end of December. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jason 612.401.0660.

## Bookstore News

If you have one of Mother Macrina's hand written quotes on granite, you know how beautiful her creations are. We are excited to announce that Mother Macrina has generously offered to create pieces featuring short quotes from Father Anthony Coniaris such as those Sandra Anderson collected from parishioners and compiled in the booklet titled "It's All Him." Copies of "It's All Him" are available for your perusal in the bookstore. Please stop in the bookstore or email [bookstore@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:bookstore@stmarysgoc.org) if you would like to place an order. We will relay your request to Mother Macrina. The cost of each piece will be around \$20, depending on the size of the stone and the length of the quote.



# *Wine & Cheese Reception*

## TO BENEFIT IOCC

Thursday, November 11, 2021 | 6:30pm Vespers | 7:00pm Reception

Come enjoy wine, cheese, and light hors d'oeuvres and learn about IOCC's recent global humanitarian work.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church | 3450 Irving Avenue S | Minneapolis, MN 55408

Questions? Contact Angelea Hoeft at [angelea.hoeft@gmail.com](mailto:angelea.hoeft@gmail.com)



To RSVP or make a donation, go to: <https://iocc.org/events> and scroll down to the Minneapolis Wine and Cheese Reception.

In appreciation of your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, St. Mary's Parish Council and Stewardship Committee invite you to a complimentary

## APPRECIATION GLENDI

Saturday, November 13, 2021

6:00-11:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Great Hall

Dinner, Dancing, and Great Company!

This is our fifth year and each year gets better! Please join us!



RSVP (space is limited!): <https://sugeni.us/WvZV>

We can use some helpers at the Glendi,  
sign up here if you can lend a hand: <https://sugeni.us/WvZe>

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# You Can Help!

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## Harvest Pack Is Back!

*Sunday, December 5*

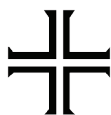


Let's join together in the Terrace Room on Sunday, December 5, after Liturgy, to pack 21,000 nutritious meals for those suffering from food insecurity.

Harvest Pack estimates that 1 in 9 people now experiences food insecurity, with a 60% increase in clients served at food shelves in 2021. Also, the meals will be gone within a month, and, at times, gone within the week that they are packed.

St. Mary's has packed 89,360 meals during our previous four packing events in 2019 and 2020. What a blessing to those with food insecurity! With your help, we will have packed more than 100,000 meals after our December event.

You will make a big difference and get a great feeling by helping pack meals this December 5, after Liturgy. Pizza will be provided for lunch so that no one has to go off-site to eat before packing the meals. See your photo in the Harvest Pack video on St. Mary's Facebook page, and while you're there, click on "SignUp" (or go to this site: <https://sugeni.us/WuXC>) and register. *We look forward to seeing you this December 5!*



## Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

*Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat®*

*October's recipient has been Simpson Food Pantry.*

*November's recipient will be FOCUS Minnesota.*

## From the Fathers...on Repentance

While we are here, we have good hopes;  
when we depart to that place, we have no longer the option of repentance,  
nor of washing away our misdeeds. For this reason we must  
continually make ourselves ready for our departure from here.

—*Saint John Chrysostom*

### Daily Bible Readings

*Monday, November 1*

*Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia,  
and their mother Theodota*

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

*Tuesday, November 2*

Philippians 2:16-23 • Luke 11:34-41

*Wednesday, November 3*

*The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas*

Philippians 2:24-30 • Luke 11:42-46

*Thursday, November 4*

Philippians 3:1-8 • Luke 11:47 – 12:1

*Friday, November 5*

Philippians 3:8-19 • Luke 12:2-12

*Saturday, November 6*

Hebrews 8:1-6 • Luke 12:8-12

*Sunday, November 7*

*Seventh Sunday of Luke*

Galatians 1:11-19 • Luke 8:41-56

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