

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

The Divine Liturgy

*Although optional, masks are strongly recommended
to be worn while indoors. Thank you for your understanding.*

Commemoration: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke; Stephen the New; Irenarchos and his Companion Martyrs at Sebaste; Auxentius, 16 Martyrs of Tiberiopolis.

Morning Gospel: First

Tone: Plagal 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, Plagal Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, 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 Stephen the New, Fourth Tone (You who were lifted.)

When you had trained ascetically on the mountain, wearing the armor of the Cross, blessed Father, you then destroyed the spiritual armies of the foe. Afterwards you manfully stripped yourself for the contest and you slew Copronymous with the sword of the true Faith. For both these victories you were crowned by God, monastic Martyr Saint Stephen, extolled by all.

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 Preparation for the Birth of Christ. Third Tone

Today the Virgin cometh, cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, Begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, Oh universe if thou should hear and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify him who by his will shall become a new-born babe and who is our God before all ages.

Epistle..... Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel..... Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ “ And he said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

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.

Prosforo: Yana Patridge

Memorial Prayers today are offered for: **Chris J. Boosalis** (1 year); **Anna Barakos** (40 days) mother of Nick Barakos; **Alexandra Kollias** (40 days) Godsister of Nikki Beauchamp; **Lorraine Copitas** (grandmother of Elisavet Stribling) 2 years; **James H.** (29 years) & **Fanny (Florence) Zubulake** (8 years); **Matina Zubulake Maduros** (10 years); **Hayden (Efrosini) Zubulake** (6 months).

40-day Churching: **George**, parents: Adam & Elisavet Stribling

Prayer List

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Charles Young; 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; 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; Bethany, Mark, Owen, 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, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, 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, 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, Elpis Fotini, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, 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.

Sacraments This Week

Chrismation—

Renee Vukelich (mother of Tom Hainlin), November 28, 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.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 28: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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

No Church School

Tuesday, November 30: Saint Andrew

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

11:00 a.m. – Philoptochos Bake Sale Preparations

6:00 p.m. – Open Gym, Great Hall

Wednesday, December 1

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

6:15 p.m. – Junior GOYA Christmas Party, Great Hall

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Friday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 4: Saint Barbara; Saint John of Damascus

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Lecture Room

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Greek Bake Sale and Boutique, Flagpole Entrance

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 5: Tenth Sunday of Luke

• ***“The Messenger” News Item Deadline ~ January 2022 Issue***

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

Saint Nicholas Procession during Liturgy

Church School

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Greek Bake Sale and Boutique, Flagpole Entrance

11:30 a.m. – Harvest Pack, Terrace Room

12:45 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Fr. George will be out of the office through December 4 due to his move to Chicago.

Saint Mary's Giving Report

~ 2021 Offering Income ~

2021 Year to Date Actual: \$868,317

Annual 2021 Offering Budget: \$1,069,625

Amount remaining to meet budget: \$201,308

Announcements

AN URGENT REQUEST!

From time to time we receive donations through investment companies and noted as an offering or stewardship contribution. All too often no donor information is provided. If you are making a donation through your investment company, PLEASE notify the church office of the transaction so we can be on the lookout and give you proper credit. This week alone we received two generous checks without a donor's name! *Thank you all for your generosity!*

~ 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.

Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake Sale

Did you miss the Daughters' bake sale last Sunday? Not to fear, there are still some pastries available for purchase today. Look for their table in the Great Hall after Liturgy this morning.

Summer Camp Staff Applications Due

By God's grace, Summer Camp 2022 will be held July 2-8, 2022, at Camp Wapo and we are now accepting applications for Camp staff! Please prayerfully consider this amazing ministry. Summer Camp staff applications are due November 30, 2021. Questions? Please contact Doria via e-mail or phone, 612.825.9595. To apply for the Summer Camp staff, go to <http://youth.stmarysgoc.org/> and follow the steps. If you need assistance, please contact Jon or Doria in the Church Office.

Our Church – Our Spiritual Home

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign is underway. Packets were mailed to our members' homes earlier this past week. Please prayerfully consider what you will share with St. Mary's in 2022. We thank you for your generosity.

Save the Dates

Sunday, December 12

Farewell Luncheon Honoring Fr. George

Please join the Parish Council and Church Staff as we honor Fr. George for his dedicated service to St. Mary's. Following Liturgy on Sunday, December 12, we encourage everyone to join us for a festal meal. In just over seven years, Fr. George has impacted each of our lives and been a loving and faithful presence. We will miss him and his family and wish them continued joy as he begins his service at Holy Apostles in Westchester, Illinois. To ensure we have enough room for everyone, please RSVP via Sign Up Genius (in e-mail communications) or contact the Church Office to let us know you plan to attend.

Tuesday, December 14

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Kick-off the Christmas season with the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 14, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room. We'll begin with a social time complete with appetizers, punch, and wine. Our lunch menu will be salad, garithes with manestra (shrimp with manestra in a special tomato sauce), a special Christmas dessert, and coffee. We will be entertained by our own Elena Biessener. She will perform holiday favorites and other delights. Our afternoon will conclude with Bingo, complete with prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 for Senior Citizens' Club members and \$35.00 for non-members and available today during coffee hour. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, December 12.

February 4-6, 2022

Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis!

Mark your calendars! The Western Region Family Basketball Tournament will be hosted by St. Mary's the weekend of February 4-6, 2022! Be on the lookout for communications from our parish for volunteer opportunities for the weekend.

For more information, visit: www.greekbball.com.

Our co-chairs are Georgia Andron, Lou Pappas, and Jon Klein.

Philoptochos News

Bake Sale and Boutique

Packaging for the Bake Sale is Tuesday, November 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Stop by the Philoptochos table to volunteer to help prepare or work at the December bake sale, or sign up through Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a8a722aaf85-bake>

You can also preorder pastries and other items for pick-up at the Greek Bake Sale and Boutique on December 4 and 5, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The sale will be held at the south entrance near the flag pole. Products include:

- Baklava and Chocolate Baklava: 4-packs for \$8 and 8-packs for \$15
- Kourambiethes: 4-packs for \$4 and 8-packs for \$8
- Come Sit at Our Table Cookbook: \$20 (proceeds benefit FOCUS MN)
- 750 ml bottles of extra virgin olive oil – early harvest, cold extraction, <.3% acidity -- from Messinia, Greece. Cost is \$25/bottle. Pre-orders must be paid in advance. Cash, checks, and Venmo will be accepted.

Decorate the Church Christmas Trees!

Please join us on Saturday, December 4, after Liturgy to trim four trees on the church campus! Come for an hour or the whole day. Meet us in the Great Hall or Terrace Room.

Women’s Book Club Discussion

~ Tuesday, December 7 ~

The Women’s Book Club Discussion will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., in the **Lecture Room** (this is a change in the location). The book “Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church” by Archimandrite Sergius can be purchased in the church book store or office. A light dinner will be served.



Scan the QR code at the left to give your offering through Venmo.

You Can Help!

FOCUS Minnesota Needs

Winter is fast approaching and the need for warm clothing is increasing!

FOCUS Minnesota is in need of a number of items for their clients.

Those items that are most needed are:

- Mittens and gloves for men, women, and children
- Kids clothing, especially sizes 2T-5
- Men's underwear – all kinds though it seems that clients prefer boxers or boxer briefs.
- Men's clothing and shoes including large sizes like XX and XXX

Donations may be placed at the display in the hallway leading to the Church Office.

Harvest Pack Is Back ~ Sunday, December 5



In keeping with the generous spirit of St. Nicholas whose feast we commemorate on December 6, we invite everyone to give of some time to help feed the hungry. On Sunday, December 5, we are hosting another Harvest Pack event after Liturgy.

Also, with the still-high covid numbers (and recent hospital trends), Harvest Pack is still operating with CDC guidelines which recommends masking for everyone in our area, and distancing as possible. We recognize masks and distancing aren't perfect tools, but we're hopeful that with at least these basic mitigation measures in place, that we can reduce the risk for everyone participating. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

On-going needs are: applesauce or fruit cups (much needed for lunch bags); pouch of mashed potatoes mix; granola bars; canned fruit; oat-meal in small pouches; saltine crackers; small bags of sugar or flour.

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

From the Fathers...on the Thanksgiving

For if God does not for a moment tire of giving us good things,
how can we tire of thanking Him for these good things?"

—*St. Nikolaj Velimirovic*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 29

I Thessalonians 2:20 – 3:8 • Luke 19:37-44

Tuesday, November 30

Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:35-51

Wednesday, December 1

I Thessalonians 4:1-12 • Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, December 2

I Thessalonians 4:18 – 5:10 • Luke 20:9-18

Friday, December 3

I Thessalonians 5:9-13; 5:24-28 • Luke 20:19-26

Saturday, December 4

Saint Barbara; Saint John of Damascus

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 5:24-34

Sunday, December 5

Tenth Sunday of Luke

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Luke 13:10-17

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