

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Saint Mary of Egypt

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt; Terence and his Companions beheaded at Carthage; 150 and more Righteous Martyr Fathers of the Sacred Monastery of Pantocrator Daou Pentelis; Gregory V, the Holy Martyr and Patriarch of Constantinople; Holy Father Theonas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

Tone: First

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, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

Hymn of Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Repeat the Resurrection Hymn, above.

Hymn of Saint Mary of Egypt, Plagal Fourth Tone

In you, holy mother Mary, the image of God shone forth, for you took up your cross and followed the Lord. By word and example you taught us to live in the spirit while still in the flesh. Therefore your spirit rejoices with the angels forever.

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, Plagal Fourth Tone

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

Epistle..... Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel..... Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right

hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Megalynarion, instead of “It is truly meet”

In you, O woman full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the races of mankind. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virginal souls, from you our God was incarnate and became a child, he who is God from all ages. By making your womb his throne he made you more spacious than all heavens. In you, O woman full of grace. All creation, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

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

The Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. *Prostration*

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to your servant. *Prostration*

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed are you unto ages of ages. *Prostration*

Stewardship Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy, and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.

Behold, I approach for Divine Communion. O Maker, burn me not as I partake, for You are fire consuming the unworthy. But cleanse me from every stain.

Receive me today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper; for I will not betray Your mysteries to Your enemies, nor give You a kiss as did Judas, but as the thief I confess You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your kingdom.

Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood. It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: It deifies the spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up my sins with spiritual fire, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Approaching to receive, each makes a reverence and says:

✠ Behold I approach Christ, our immortal King and God.

Prosforo for today's Liturgy is provided by Presvytera Alexandra Houck.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Christos Bakritges** (1 year); **John Leckas** (1 year); **Fr. Evangelos Pappas** (1 year) father of Telly, Tasso, and Chris Pappas; **Neofitos, Dimitra**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by the family of Christos Bakritges in his memory.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; for the people of Ukraine; our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; for the victims of violence; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; Families Moving Forward; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Elena, Speranta, Maria, Dave Ruesink, Liz, Efstatia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Tom, Gigi, Zossima, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Dreux, Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Lamona, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., 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, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Ukraine Relief



Those wishing to contribute to the ongoing relief efforts in Ukraine may give through St. Mary's. You may write a check payable to St. Mary's, with Ukraine Relief in the memo line, and place it in the offering tray when passed. Additionally, you may give through our giving page on St. Mary's website.



Scan the QR code to give through Venmo.

When giving through Venmo, please provide both your first AND last name in order to receive proper credit for your contribution.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 10: Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
- 11:30 a.m. – Spring Parish Assembly, Great Hall
- 11:30 a.m. – HOPE/JOY, Youth Room
- 4:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Vespers
Holy Myrrh-bearers Orthodox Church
601 Seventh Avenue South, St. Cloud

Tuesday, April 12

- 12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, Terrace Room
- 6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall
- 6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, April 13

- 9:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, Great Hall and Terrace Room
- 10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Group, Nave
- 11:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 4:00 p.m. – Holy Confession, Nave
- 5:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts +
- after Liturgy– Church School Confession: Grade 2, Nave
- after Liturgy– Lenten Dinner hosted by American Legion, Terrace Room
- after Liturgy– Junior GOYA Mini Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Friday, April 15

No service this evening.

Saturday, April 16: Lazarus Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. – Matins; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- after Liturgy– Family Service Day
- 5:00 p.m. – Vespers

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy +; Church School
- 4:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Vespers (Bridegroom Matins)
Saint Herman Orthodox Church
5355 – 38th Avenue South, Minneapolis
- 6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins (St. Mary's)

+ = services which will be live-streamed.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

April's recipient is Community Emergency Service.

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

Spring Parish Assembly

~ *Today* ~

Saint Mary's Parish Council invites ALL parishioners to the Spring General All-Parish Assembly on Sunday, April 10, 2022. Participate in the important work of the church, learn about upcoming activities and priorities, and vote for our National Clergy Laity Assembly delegates.

Our meeting agenda is:

- Approval of the Fall General Assembly Minutes
- Approve 2022 Budget
- Stewardship Update
- Delegates for National Clergy Laity
- Election of Board of Electors
- 2022 Parish Council Priorities
- Buildings and Grounds Update
- Clergy Report



Holy Pascha Flowers

Contributions for flowers that will adorn our church during Holy Week and Pascha are now being accepted. Forms are at the display in the narthex. The deadline is Palm Sunday, April 17.

Spanakopita Sale

~ *Today* ~

The annual Daughters of Penelope Spanakopita Sale takes place this morning in the Great Hall following the Divine Liturgy. Come stock up on these delicious treats for the Easter holiday! Thank you for your support.

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. We will have a lunch followed by the business meeting and Bingo. Our program will feature Father Tim presenting a talk on his return to St. Mary's. Also we will be collecting the 2022 membership dues.

Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day

Saturday, April 16

Everyone is invited to take part in our Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day on Saturday, April 16, following Liturgy.

Matins – 9:00 a.m. • Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

The Service Day projects will follow a time of fellowship after Liturgy and will include cleaning and preparing the church for Holy Week and plaiting palm crosses. It's a joy-filled day!

- At midday, we will join together for a **potluck lunch**. Please bring a Lenten dish to share. We'll provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids. A sign up link is in this week's Weekly Update e-mail.

Holy Friday Royal Hours Readings

We are welcoming **youth and adults** to participate in the service of Royal Hours (9:00-10:30 a.m.) on Holy Friday by reading a lesson! There will be a poster in the exo-narthex on Palm Sunday where you can sign-up for your reading. Please sign-up for one until all have had a chance to sign-up. Doria will be assisting the readers during the Royal Hours as well as answering questions about the readings. Please address questions to: Doria@stmarysgoc.org

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos Collections Run through Palm Sunday

Please help us help those in need this Lent by contributing to our collections!

1. **Tandem Baby Bottle Banks** – Pick up a bottle at our table and fill it with coins, dollars and checks! Your gift will support women and children in crisis.
2. **FOCUS Fun and Games Drive** – Bring in new or gently used books and backpacks for adults and puzzles and games for all ages! Place them in the box at the Philoptochos table in the Great Hall.

Holy Week Help Needed

From decorating to serving, Philoptochos is coordinating several parish activities during Holy Week. Stop by our table to volunteer.

We're Serving up Supper on May 1

We're serving up our popular meatloaf dinner for FOCUS Minnesota clients on Sunday, May 1, and need your help to make it happen. Volunteers are needed to prepare food at home and bring it to church, to warm the food, cut baklava, and pack the cars on Sunday afternoon, and to dish up food at FOCUS that evening. For more information and to volunteer via Sign Up Genius, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a8a722aaf85-focus>

Save the Date! Ladies Night Out

~ Saturday, May 14 ~

All women of the parish (not only Philoptochos members) are invited to the home of Dena Tortorelis in Edina at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and fun – no agenda! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and Philoptochos will provide the beverages.

Final Sacred Baking Workshop

Artoclasia (Blessing of Five Loaves)

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. (or after Liturgy)-2:00 p.m.

Register at the Philoptochos Table in the Social Hall or contact Toni Bazakos, 612.554.7861. There is no cost to attend. All parishioners are welcome to come and learn.

Walk with Christ to the Cross

St. Mary's Holy Friday Retreat

Friday, April 22, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Vespers of the Descent from the Cross at 1:30 p.m.

Pre-K (4 year old) through 12th Grade

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2022>

Please join us for an engaging day at Church in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time (to help get the wiggles out - even the big kids).

The Retreat ends at 1:20 p.m. so please be here at that time to check out your child(ren) and accompany them to the Descent from the Cross Vespers.

Please register early so we can plan accordingly for helpers and supplies.

Adults: we could use additional help with set up/clean up and food preparation.

To volunteer or with questions, contact Dena Tortorelis:
churchschool@stmarysgoc.org



Summer Camp at Camp Wapogasset

July 2-8, 2022

Summer Camp registration is approaching fast and will begin on Bright Tuesday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m., C.D.T.!

Registration Fee Schedule

- Early Bird Discount: \$485.00, from April 26 through May 10
- Standard Registration Fee: \$505.00, from May 11 through May 26

Follow us on our website: stmaryscamp.com

and Facebook: facebook.com/campstmarys/

Summer Camp Scholarship Essay Contest

The 2022 Summer Camp Scholarship Essay Contest is open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community entering grades 6-12. Two Camp scholarship rebate coupons will be awarded in memory of Presvytera Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners following Summer Camp.

Scholarship information is on the Camp website.

From the Fathers...on Confession

Confess what you have done in word or deed, by night or day.

Confess in an acceptable time,
and in the day of salvation receive the heavenly treasure.

—*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 11

Isaiah 48:17 – 49:4 • Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday, April 12

Isaiah 49:6-10 • Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21

Wednesday, April 13

Isaiah 58:1-11 • Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16
Proverbs 21:23 – 22:4

Thursday, April 14

Isaiah 65:8-16 • Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15 – 24:5

Friday, April 15

Isaiah 66:10-24 • Genesis 49:33 – 50:26
Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday, April 16

Lazarus Saturday

Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8 • John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9 • John 12:1-18

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