

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Palm Sunday

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Palm Sunday; Symeon the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Persepolis, and those with him; Makarios, Bishop of Corinth; Agapetos of Rome; Hadrian the New-Martyr; Donnan, Abbot of Eigg, and the Monk-Martyrs with him.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Hymn after the Doxology, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey, to you we sing: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, First Tone

Before your passion you confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and we cry to you, the victor over death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hymn of Entrance

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey; to you we sing: Alleluia!

Another Hymn of the Great Feast, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of the Feast, Plagal Second Tone

In heaven upon your throne, while on earth riding the colt of a donkey, O Christ our God, you accepted the angels' praise with the songs of the children who cried out to you: Blessed is he who comes for the restoration of Adam.

Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel..... John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Megalynarion, instead of “It is truly meet”

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

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

Communion Hymn

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*Psalm 117:26*)

The Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, instead of “We have seen the light,” we chant the first hymn of the Great Feast on page 1 of the bulletin, “Before your passion...”

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.

Today

40-day Churching: *Maria June*, daughter of Justin & Kyrsten Theodotou.

Chrismation: Loren Brown

Prosforo: Ruta Kubits

The coffee hour today is hosted by Presvytera Christa Dokos and Presvytera Alexandra Houck.

Thank you to those who responded to our plea for hosts today!

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.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Joyce Villas; 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, 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.



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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins +

Monday, April 18: Holy Monday

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 19: Holy Tuesday

No Liturgy this morning

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins +

Wednesday, April 20: Holy Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

4:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Unction

6:00 p.m. – Matins of the Mystical Supper with Holy Unction

Thursday, April 21: Holy Thursday

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper +

6:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Passion +

Friday, April 22: Great and Holy Friday

Church Office closed

9:00 a.m. – Royal Hours

Church School Retreat continues until 1:30 p.m.

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

6:00 p.m. – Service of Lamentations +

Saturday, April 23: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. – First Resurrection Divine Liturgy +

11:30 p.m. – Midnight Office, Resurrection Service, Matins,

Divine Liturgy +

Paschal Celebration follows Liturgy

Sunday, April 24: Great and Holy PASCHA

12:00 noon – Agape Vespers +

Easter Egg Hunt follows Vespers

Monday, April 25: Bright Monday; Saint George (observed)

Join us at St. George Greek Orthodox Church

to celebrate their Feast Day!

Saint Mary’s Church Office closed

8:00 a.m. – Matins; 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

+ = *Live-streamed*

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Baby formula

April's recipient is Community Emergency Service.

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

Holy Pascha Flowers

Today is the deadline for contributions for flowers that will adorn our church during Holy Week and Pascha. Forms are at the display in the narthex.

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! There will be a poster in the exo-narthex today 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

In the Bookstore

Please visit the bookstore for your Pascha gift giving. You will find a large selection of books for people of all ages and stages in their faith. In addition there are icons in sizes from extra large to micro. Mother Macrina's mini icons are especially popular and there are many from which to choose. New in the bookstore are mugs with Father Thomas Hopko's 55 Maxims of the Christian Life. Come and see!

Greek Festival 2022

The Greek Festival is returning this year! After a two year hiatus, we're back! The Festival Committee is looking for some new members to expand the ranks. If you have some good ideas, or just want to lend a hand, contact *Greg Maimares*, gmaimares@gmail.com, to offer your services.

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos Collections End Today

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

1. Tandem Baby Bottle Banks – Return your filled baby bottles or make a donation today at the Philoptochos table! 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.

Decorate on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday

Beautify the church and glorify God by helping decorate the church and *kouvouklion* (tomb of Christ). Please stop by the Philoptochos and Holy Week Volunteering table to volunteer on Holy Friday morning or evening or Holy Saturday morning (after Liturgy). Thank you!

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.

Festival Baking Begins with Kourambiethes in May!

~ Tuesday, May 17 ~

We're starting the Festival baking season in May with a day of baking kourambiethes, the powdery, buttery mound of deliciousness, then continuing in June with baklava assembly and baking! You're welcome for part or all of the day, and no experience is necessary. Volunteer at the Philoptochos table, or watch for the online Sign-up Genius link.

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.



Harvest Pack Event ~ May 22

St. Mary's Missions and Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a meal pack event on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

We can use your help. Here's what's on:

- 8:00 a.m. - We need a few strong folks to help us unload the truck and set up the packing lines.
 - 9:30 a.m. - Liturgy
 - 11:15 a.m. (after Liturgy) - Pizza
 - 11:30 a.m. - In the Terrace Room: Instructions on how to pack, then we begin to pack the meals! We expect to wrap up about 1:30 p.m.
- Sign up today! tinyurl.com/yc28k9b6

Young Adult League

YAL Service Day

The Rochester Young Adult League invites young adults to Rochester on Sunday, May 1, for the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy at Saint Kosmas and Damian Church, coffee hour, and then a service day painting the Philoxenia House. Please contact *Alexandra Kroll*, 847.997.4582, with any questions and to RSVP by April Wednesday, 27.

YAL Spring Retreat

The Twin Cities Y.A.L. invites young adults to the 2022 Spring Retreat May 20-22! Our theme is "Balance." Steve Wehr is our speaker and will lead us in some great discussions! Please contact twincitiesyal@gmail.com with questions. The link to registration is: <https://forms.gle/FHfhxMLoKcKyYcFx8>.

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



Superheroes – Super Saints

~ VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL ~

Save the Dates! June 13-17 • 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

This year we will explore Superheroes — Super Saints

Children 4 years old (and potty trained) through those entering grade 6 in the fall. Also needed are helpers/crew in grades 7-12 grades and adult.

Registration link: tinyurl.com/stmarysVCS2022



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 Christ

The Cross is the crown of victory. It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole mankind. Do not, then, be ashamed of the cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. For it was not a mere man who died for us, but the Son of God, God made man. —*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 18: Holy Monday

Matthew 21:18-43 • Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday, April 19: Holy Tuesday

Matthew 22:15 – 23:39 • Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1 – 26:2

Wednesday, April 20: Holy Wednesday

John 12:17-50 • Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday, April 21: Holy Thursday

Luke 22:1-39 • I Corinthians 11:23-32
Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17 • Matthew 26:21-39
Luke 22:43-44 • Matthew 26:40 – 27:2

Friday, April 22: GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY

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

Saturday, April 23: Holy Saturday

Matthew 27:62-66 • Romans 6:3-11 • Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, April 24: GREAT and HOLY PASCHA

Acts 1:1-8 • John 1:1-17

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