

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



*Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!*

Christ Is Risen! • Truly He Is Risen!

Our Life Together

Chrismation

Loren Brown
April 17, 2022

Deaths

Maria Atsidakos
March 15, 2022

Giannoula Bakritzes
March 31, 2022

Joyce Villas
April 12, 2022

May their memories be eternal.



Share YourShelf

May's recipient of Share YourShelf contributions is Joyce Uptown Food-shelf.

Instead of weekly suggestions for donations this month, Joyce is in great need of household items: diapers, wipes, tampons (not pads), toothbrushes, toothpaste, as well as ramen. These items may be brought any week during May.



Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day. —Sally Koch



Christos tensáh mután!

Bsavi hayl sultán!

—Ethiopian



Christos anesti!

Alithos anesti!

—Coptic



Khristos voskres!

Voistinu voskres!

—Ukrainian

Memorial Prayers

Sunday, May 8

Giannoula Bakritzes (40 days)

Judith Wehr (40 days)

mother of Steve Wehr

Angie Spell (1 year)

Harry Spell (2 years)

Patricia Pollnow (2 years)

Mary Maimares (15 years)

Sunday, May 22

James and Daphne Sioris

Paul and Pauline Peters

Bill Peters

Rose, John, and Peter Mercury



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **William Moe** who graduated from the U of M Carlson School of Management in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurial Management.

Congratulations to **Joan Spell** who celebrated her 104th birthday on March 25! May God grant her many years!



Thank You

Thank you to all who hosted and all who attended our weekly Wednesday Lenten dinners. Your generosity helped support the work of IOCC, relief efforts in Ukraine, Harvest Pack, House of Charity Food Center, and Veteran's support programs.

St. Mary's Church Staff

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Education • Fellowship • Worship

Fellowship and Study Groups

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays, May 11 and 25
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men's Fellowship

Fridays, May 6 and 20
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, May 11 and 25
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Koinonia

Edina Koinonia

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

Christos a inviat!

Adeverat a inviat!

—Romanian



Ua ala hou 'o kristo!

Ua ala 'i 'o no 'oia!

—Hawaiian



Jesu Kristi Ebiliwo!

Ezia o'biliwo!

—Nigerian



Le Christ est ressuscite!

En verite il est rrsuscite!

—French

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, May 18

Mid-Pentecost
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 21

Saints Constantine and Helen
Orthros – 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.



November 10-13, 2022
Antiochian Village • Bolivar, PA

The Ancient Faith Women's Retreat seeks to create a peaceful, loving, and reflective gathering of women who have come to learn, worship, make friends, and rest at the entrance into the holy Nativity season. The Most Holy Theotokos is our focus this year.

Speakers:

- Brandi Willis Schreiber
Cultivating Devotion to the Theotokos
- Cheryl Pituch
Looking at the Panagia through Iconography
- Elina Pelikan
Creating a Glass Icon of the Theotokos
- Kassiane
The Theotokos, Our First Missionary

To register for the retreat and for more information, visit: store.ancientfaith.com/2022-afwr/

Parish News & Events

Senior Citizens' May Gathering

Tuesday, May 10

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their monthly meeting and social on Tuesday, May 10, 12:00 noon, in the **Lecture Room**. Please note location change.

Following our lunch, we will be entertained by Magician Justin Alan. We will end our afternoon with a short business meeting and Bingo.

Christos Anesti! • Alithos Anesti!

—Greek

Orthodox Game League

Saturday, May 14

Orthodox Game League resumes the fun on Saturday, May 14, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. 956 Forest Street North, St. Paul. We'll meet in the Parish Center across the street from the church.

Please bring a munchie or dessert to share.

Game League is for adults ages 18 years and older to enjoy time with each other and play games.

Want to learn a new game? Want to play a classic? Want to teach a game? Then this is for you!

Contact Nikki Beauchamp, 612.910.2943, with questions or for more information.

Al-Masi-H Qam! • Hakan Qam!

—Arabic

The Greek Festival Returns!

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.

Be sure to save these dates:

~ Friday-Sunday, September 9-11 ~

AHEPA District 14 Convention

Greek Nite ~ Friday, June 3

The St. Mary's community is invited to join the fun at the AHEPA District 14 Convention's Greek Nite on Friday, June 3, at the Bloomington Hilton .

Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Dancing to Chris Kalogerson's Band – 8:30 p.m.

No speeches! Just great food, music, dancing, and fellowship. Also, don't miss the Daughter's of Penelope "brown bag" raffle!

Early Bird Price (by May 9) – \$50.00

Advance Price (after May 9) – \$55.00

At the door – \$60.00

Children under 10 (child's menu) – \$35.00

Make checks payable to **AHEPA** and mail to:

AHEPA

c/o St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55408

The Bloomington Hilton is located at 3900 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN (I-494 and France Avenue South)

Krishti U Ngjall! • Vertet U Ngjall!

—Albanian

Young Adult League (YAL) Events

Philoxenia House 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 YAL invites young adults to the 2022 Spring Retreat on 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 registration link is: forms.gle/FHfhxMLoKcKyYcFx8

Philoptochos



Philoptochos Meetings in the month of May:

Our spring Finale Dinner and Meeting is on Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. This is our last gathering until the fall and we'd love to see you there! Please RSVP at the Philoptochos Table during coffee hour. Watch the bulletin, e-mails, and web page for more information.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

FOCUS Minnesota Dinner

Sunday, May 1

Saint Mary's parish is providing dinner for FOCUS Minnesota on Sunday, May 1. The dinner we provide is a favorite of FOCUS patrons. We are told that word spreads on the street when the meatloaf dinner is on tap!

Volunteers will prepare food in their homes and deliver it to St. Mary's Church for transport to FOCUS in St. Paul.

Now, volunteers will be able to leave their prepared and cooked food in the kitchen on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, after Divine Liturgy. Space will be designated in the kitchen and large refrigerator for FOCUS food.

If you are able, watch for the Sign Up Genius and volunteer for one of the following jobs:

- Make three meatloafs
- Make a double batch of Cheesy Potatoes
- Make triple recipe of Green Bean Casserole
- Purchase 4 dozen rolls
- Volunteer to work at FOCUS (3:00-7:30 p.m.)

Recipes will be sent to all cooks about 10 days before May 1. This time, dessert is being provided by St. Mary's Festival bakers. Thank you for your willingness to feed the hungry.

Reimbursement is available. Please contact Carol Smith with any questions: 952.210.8618, smithzc1@gmail.com

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' night out is coming back. The event is Saturday, May 14, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Dena Tortorelis in Edina. It is open to all women of the parish (not only Philoptochos members). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and Philoptochos will provide the beverages.

Sacred Baking Workshop

Artoclasia (Blessing of Five Loaves) Workshop Saturday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. (or after Liturgy)-2:00 p.m.

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

Festival Baking 2022

The Taste of Greece is returning in September, and Philoptochos is managing the Bake Sale once again. Baking sessions are being planned, and everyone is welcome to come for part or some of the day to assemble, bake, and enjoy great fellowship. Volunteer at the Philoptochos table during social hour or watch for our online volunteer link.

Kourambiethes – Chair: Tina Menter

- Tuesday, May 17
Watch the bulletin, e-mails, and website for details.

Baklava – Chair: Elena Gabor

- Wednesday, June 15, 2:00-8:00 p.m.: Assembly
Come anytime for a couple hours to help.
- Monday, June 20, 2:00-8:00 p.m.: Assembly
Come anytime for a couple hours to help.
- Tuesday, June 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: cutting/syrup
- Wednesday, June 22, 9:00-12:00 noon syruiping/
packaging

Additional baking sessions will take place during the summer. Bake Sale chairs are Cathy Forchas and Paulette Hastings. Let them know your Bake Sale ideas.

Women's Book Club Discussion

The next book club discussion is scheduled for June 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m. The book we will discuss is *Philokalia* by Father Anthony Coniaris. The meeting place is to be determined, so watch for details. The book is available in the bookstore.

Thank You!

Thank you to Toni Bazakos and Tina Menter for hosting the Prosforo workshop, and thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lenten collection for the FOCUS fun and games drive in April, which was a great success.

Thank you to all who helped with the Tandem Baby Bottle collection...great job!

The efforts of all for the MEOCCA Lenten Vespers dinner on April 3 were so appreciated. It was amazing how many pitched in on more than one task. Thank you to all that setup, served, and cleaned up afterwards. Great job.

Thank you to all Philoptochos ladies for helping St. Mary's in getting ready for Pascha. Great job by everyone. God bless. — Christ is Risen, Truly He is Risen.



Prosforo workshop participants

Mission & Outreach

Hello Spring!

Yes, it is still the first half of the year 2022 and still many wonderful things that we can do. Coming quickly, May 22, is our next **Harvest Pack** packing event.



Look for emails, and bulletins having the link to sign up or use the QR code. Yes,



we can do it! With your help, we can pack 15,000 meals!

After stopping by Joyce Uptown Food Shelf (photos at right) and CES, there is still a real need for this balanced breakfast for individuals and families with food insecurity. These days with higher costs abounding in the lives of many, many individuals and families, being able to go to a food shelf for this healthy breakfast is very helpful.

Not only is Harvest Pack working with local schools and food shelves but is starting the process to assist with providing food to Ukraine, and nearby countries. Yes, St. Mary's can help!

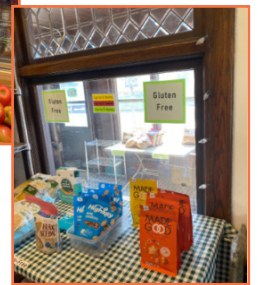
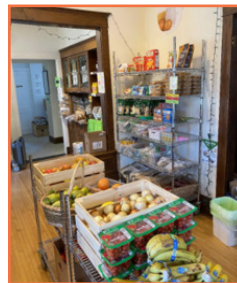
Harvest Pack sign up link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4daca2fa31-harvest or find it in the Weekly Update e-mail.

IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is preparing an update of recent work, especially in the storm-ravaged South. We plan to update you on our members that have traveled to some of those communities.

Stay tuned for details that may inspire you to ask for assignment to such a project.

Our visit to Joyce Uptown Food Shelf



Saint Mary's Foundation Supports Ukraine

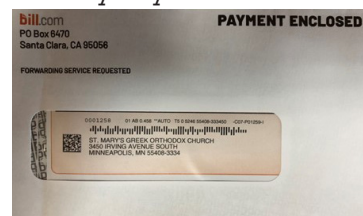
We are pleased to announce a \$25,000 donation was proposed by our St. Mary's Foundation Board and approved by the Parish Council at their April meeting. A check was sent to IOCC specifically designated to support the ongoing efforts for the crisis in Ukraine.

May our risen Lord grant strength to all those suffering the effects of this conflict.

Parishioner Reimbursement Review

Activity levels at St. Mary's are increasing and it is not uncommon for a parishioner to buy something for the church and then request a reimbursement. In keeping with our written policies, the church allows for reimbursement requests within 30 days of the purchase, and for items purchased at year-end, parishioners have until January 15 of the following year to submit any receipts.

We process all our expenses each week on Wednesday mornings. If you submit an expense after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, it will be held until the following week. Once all invoices are entered into the system, expenses are electronically approved and checks are generated and mailed directly to your home.



Reimbursement checks come directly from bill.com, so if you are waiting for a reimbursement, please be on the lookout for an envelope in the mail.

Stewardship

by Athena Mihas

Saint Mary's Stewardship Our Church, Our Spiritual Home

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Our Church, Our Spiritual Home is the theme for Stewardship this year. St. Mary's is a dynamic, warm, inviting, loving place, and hopefully people of all generations and ethnicities feel very much at home here.

What does it entail to have a "home?" Having a home is a huge responsibility. There are bills to pay, chores to do, and an ambiance to create. These things cannot be accomplished with a tentative approach, a wait-and-see attitude. They must be done with planning, scheduling, and a great sense of COMMITMENT.

In the same way, a Christian's relationship with the Church entails planning, scheduling and commitment regarding time, talent, and treasure. The relationship, if tentative and not intentional and well thought out, will fall apart at the first sign of difficulty. Commitment, while scary for some, is a necessary component with our relationship with Christ and His Church.

St. Mary's is blessed to have many people who donate of their time, talent, and treasure. Yet of our nearly 500 donors, less than half commit themselves to complete time, talent, and treasure forms, and declare their responsibility to their spiritual home.

This year we are embarking on a campaign to encourage all St. Mary's parishioners to commit themselves to be responsible shareholders in our spiritual home by completing time, talent, and treasure forms. More than a commitment to St. Mary's, this act builds our own commitment to Christ, and recognizes that all we are and all we own belongs to Him. In making this step of commitment, we will fulfill Christ's command to "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Mt 5:16)

Stewardship Campaign 2022 Update

Thank you for your participation in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign and your on-going support of St. Mary's through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The goal this year is to cover all the Church ministries and operating costs through Stewardship contributions without relying on rental and festival income to cover the gap.

Offering Income Year-to-Date

As of April 4, 2022

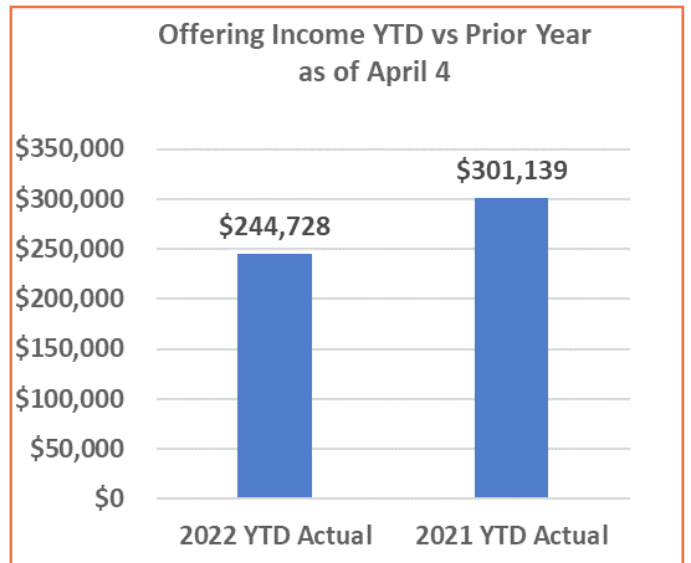
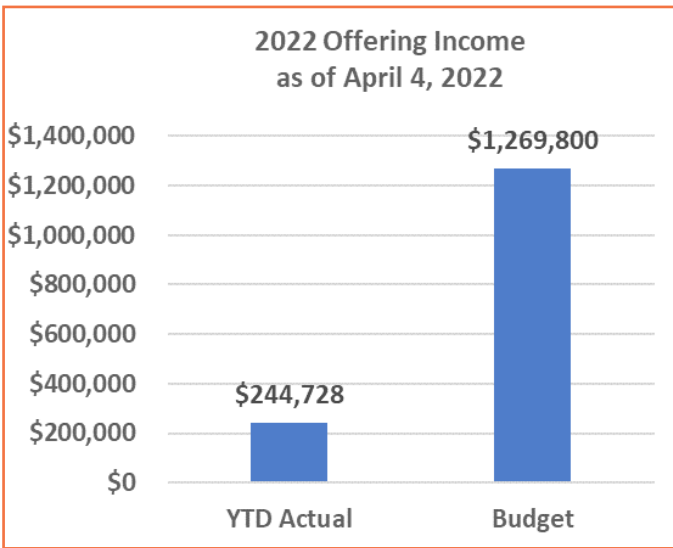
Offering Income as of April 4, 2022	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Annual Budget	Additional Needed by December 31
Payments Received	\$244,728	\$1,269,800	\$1,025,072

Offering Income as of April 4, 2022	2022 YTD Actual	2021 YTD Actual	Decrease vs. Prior Year
Payments Received	\$244,728	\$301,139	(\$56,410)
Average per Week	\$18,825	\$23,165	(\$4,339)
Average per Month	\$81,576	\$100,380	(\$18,803)

Stewardship Pledge Forms Completed 2020, 2021, and 2022

As stated above, although St. Mary's is blessed to have many people who donate their time, talent, and treasure, less than half commit themselves to complete time, talent and treasure forms each year.

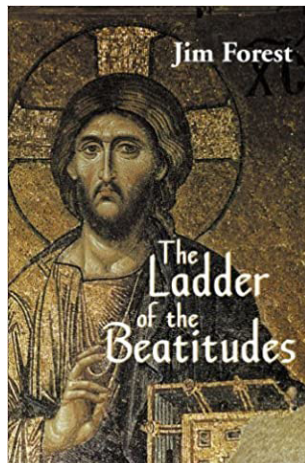
On the next page are two bar charts showing total number of Stewardship financial commitment forms completed in 2020 and 2021 compared to the total completed in 2022 year-to-date as well as the total dollar amounts pledged for each year. The number of financial commitment forms completed as well as the dollar amount of financial commitments decreased from 2020 to 2021. The year-to-date total for 2022 is less than 2020 and 2021 but it is still early in the year. We encourage all parishioners to complete a financial commitment form this year.



In the Bookstore

by Rebecca Myerly

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Following in the footsteps of Saint John Climacus and his book *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, Jim Forest (1941-2022—memory eternal!) wrote *The Ladder of the Beatitudes*. To help understand, appreciate, and live the Beatitudes, Forest uses the metaphor of a ladder to describe the connection between each beatitude—much like St. John’s

metaphor of a ladder for the virtues that is climbed step by step:

There are eight beatitudes, if we recognize the last two verses as one, as both describe the suffering often imposed upon those who live the gospel: eight facets of discipleship. Yet in another sense, there is only one beatitude, because all are aspects of life in communion with God. Each of the eight describes aspects of being in the Kingdom of God.

They are like rungs on a ladder, which Christ has arranged in an exact order. There is a pattern to his arrangement. Each step builds on the foundation of the previous step, each leads to the next, and each is indispensable. We can’t divide them up, retaining those we find appealing and leaving those we don’t care for to others, as if one could specialize: “I’ll take peacemaking, you can have purity of heart.” (1-2)

After providing introductory information on the Beatitudes, including a chapter on the history and meaning of the word “blessed,” Forest proceeds with two chapters for each beatitude, one for the first half beginning “Blessed are...” and the second for the part of the beatitude beginning “for...”. For each beatitude he gives the history and definition of key words, followed by an in-depth explanation and invitation into the beatitude.

For anyone who has wanted to spend more time exploring the connections between the Beatitudes in an accessible, applicable manner, this book is a clear companion. Forest makes a point to show examples of how the beatitude can be lived and expressed in daily life:

Poverty of spirit is inseparable from mourning. Without poverty of spirit, I am always on guard to keep what I have for myself, and to keep me for myself. An immediate consequence of poverty of spirit is becoming sensitive to the pain and losses of people around me, not only those I happen to know and care for, but also people I don’t know and don’t want to know. To the extent that I open my heart to others, I will do whatever I can to help—pray, share what I have, even share myself. (38)

Step by step, beatitude by beatitude, Forest guides the reader, walking with them as a companion pointing the way into the love of God and living in His grace. He explains:

Each of the beatitudes has to do with dying to self...

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness requires dying to self in the daily struggle to overcome in oneself and in society all those things that keep us apart from God and from each other, everything that destroys communion and community.

Being merciful is a surrender to God, another dying to self. It is not my own personal mercy I have to offer, only God’s mercy passing through my life—if only I will get out of the way.

A pure heart is unobtainable except through death to self. The only thing that makes a heart pure is God’s presence in the heart.

Peacemaking is also a death to self. There is no peace without risk to the self in trying to safeguard the legitimate needs of others, whether friends or enemies....

Accepting persecution as a blessing is the final act of death to self—a poverty of spirit that allows us to cope with condemnation and rejection without bitterness and hatred.

It is all these surrenderings of self to God, most often in very tiny actions invisible to others, that make up the ladder of the beatitudes. (146, 148)

In closing, Forest’s final words of encouragement in *The Ladder of the Beatitudes* sum up the great blessing of a closer study of the Beatitudes:

Those who climb the ladder of the beatitudes are in the best of company: the prophets, the martyrs, and the saints—the great cloud of witnesses. (158)

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.

Parish Night

Wednesday, May 18

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, Jr. GOYA, Sr. GOYA, and Adults), and wrap up from 7:45-8:00.

All are welcome to attend!

FAITH Group

0-5 Year Olds and Parents

▶ FAITH Playgroup

Wednesday, May 11

Thursday, May 26

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Playtime in the Great Hall; a lesson and treat in the Terrace Room

HOPE and JOY

Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5

▶ Saturday, May 14; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bowling at TBD

More details to come, so watch your e-mails for updates from Jon.

▶ Wednesday, May 18; 6:15-8:00 p.m.

HOPE and JOY at Parish Night

See above for Parish Night details.

The theme for the HOPE and JOY group is "Journey through the Parables: Harrowing of Hades."

Junior GOYA

Grades 6-8

▶ Wednesday, May 4; 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Junior GOYA in the Great Hall and Youth Room

▶ Wednesday, May 18; 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Junior GOYA at Parish Night

See above for Parish Night details.

The theme for the Junior GOYAns is "Be a Bee."

Senior GOYA

Grades 9-12

▶ Wednesday, May 11; 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Senior GOYA in the Great Hall and Youth Room

▶ Wednesday, May 18; 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Senior GOYA at Parish Night

See above for Parish Night details.

The theme for the Senior GOYAns is "Tending the Garden of Our Hearts." Mr. Paul Karos will lead the discussion.

▶ Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30

Junior Olympics in Chicago

Please refer to Jon's e-mails for more information.



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.

Registration Fee Schedule:

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

Follow us on our website: www.stmaryscamp.com and Facebook: www.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. Please click this link for all the information:

stmaryscamp.com/2022-summer-camp-scholarship-essay-contest/



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 News

The last day of Church School is Sunday, May 15.

We will also honor our high school seniors after Liturgy on May 15.

Also on May 15, the FUN JAM returns! Watch the Sunday bulletin and Weekly Update for details about the fun stuff that's being planned.



SUPER HEROES SUPER SAINTS **ST. MARY'S VCS**

June 13-17, 2022 • 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

4 years old (potty trained)
through those entering grade 6 in the fall.

7-12 graders...

We need YOU for helpers (please register)!

Register — tinyurl.com/stmarysVCS2022

Throughout history there have been stories of heroes. They brought hope, solved problems, fought evil, and they showed us what actions were good and honorable and how we should live. Some are made up but many are real and their stories and superpowers are more interesting and awesome than the things we see in movies.

Christus resurrexit!

Vere resurrexit!

—Latin

Kristus ir augsham sales!

**Teyasham ir augsham
sales vinsch!**

—Latvian



Cristo e' Risorto!

Verito e' Risorto!

—Italian

Ha-Mashiah qom!

Be-emet qom!

—Hebrew



Fanari Retreat leaders and attendees

Saint Mary's hosted one of the 2022 Lenten Fanari Retreats sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago. The retreat is a day in the life of camp, and included worship, Orthodox Life, games, Song Night, and much more. The retreat is regional, and has seven satellite locations throughout the Metropolis and 5th-12th graders attended.



Fanari Retreat leaders

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*This is the day
which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

—Psalm 118:24



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First Sunday of each month.

Sunday Bulletin—
Preceding Thursday,
12:00 Noon

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Thomas Sunday "The Messenger" Deadline 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:45am-Missions/Outreach	2	3	4 6:15pm-Junior GOYA	5	6 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	7 9:00am-Bible Study <i>No Vespers the evening</i>
8 The Myrrh-Bearing Women Mother's Day 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	9	10 12:00noon-Senior Citizens 6:15pm-Parish Council	11 9:30am-FAITH Play Group 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study 6:15pm-Senior GOYA	12	13	14 9:00am-Bible Study 1:00pm-HOPE/JOY Bowling 5:00pm-Great Vespers 7:00pm-Game League
15 The Paralytic 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy <i>Fun Jam</i>	16	17	18 Mid-Pentecost 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 9:00am-"The Messenger" Mailing 6:15pm-Parish Night	19	20 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	21 Saints Constantine & Helen 9:00am-Bible Study 9:00am-Orthros 10:00am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Prosforo Workshop 5:00pm-Great Vespers
22 The Samaritan Woman 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Harvest Pack	23	24	25 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study	26 9:30am-FAITH Play Group 7:00pm-Edina Koinonia 7:00pm-Stewardship Com.	27 <i>Junior Olympics</i>	28 9:00am-Bible Study 5:00pm-Great Vespers <i>Junior Olympics</i>
29 The Blind Man 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 12:00noon-Memorial Service <i>Junior Olympics</i>	30 Memorial Day <i>Church and Office Closed</i> <i>Junior Olympics</i>	31				