

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

By the Grace of God
and through the Laying on of Hands by
His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael,
the Servant of God
Luke Randy Twito
will be ordained into the Holy Diaconate
on
Saturday, June 18, during the
10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
at
Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
Minneapolis

All parishioners are invited
and encouraged to attend this historic service and
great blessing for our parish.

Many years of ministry to Luke Twito!



*O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke,
make intercession to our merciful God,
that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.*

Our Life Together

Birth

Theodore Christopher
Parents: Ross & Karen McHugh
April 12, 2022

Baptisms

Zoe
Parents: Anthony & Kelly Kempf
April 30, 2022

Alayna
Parents: Jason & Vicki Willis
April 30, 2022

Marriages

Jason Shaw to Alexandra Slater
May 1, 2022

Bradley Massopust to Erika Young
May 14, 2022

Deaths

Lamona Legeros
April 24, 2022

Elaine Smith
May 15, 2022

May their memories be eternal.

Share YourShelf

June's recipient of Share YourShelf contributions is Simpson Food Pantry.

Sunday, June 5

Canned meals – large cans
(e.g. chili, pork and beans)

Sunday, June 12

Potatoes – boxed, instant, or canned

Sunday, June 19

Cereal – hot or cold

Sunday, June 26

Hygiene items
(e.g. toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. —Luke 12:33-34

Memorial Prayers

Sunday, June 5
Lamona Legeros (40 days)

Sunday, June 19
Barbara Apostolou (6 months)

Thank You

Thank you to all who made the Fun Jam a great success!

Crew: Dick Andron, Melina Dillon, Don Forchas, Sean Gabor, Jimmy Geogleris, Demetra Kordopitoulas, Briana Maimares, and Dena Tortorelis, as well as the office gang: Bob, David, Jon, Julie, and a special thank you to Terry Leckas (Queen of Cakes) for baking the cupcakes. I hope that everyone had "Fun"!

Georgia Andron

Congratulations, High School Graduates!

Congratulations to our parishioners who are graduating from high school this spring:

Christian Bakritges
Malena Bakritges
Danielle Brown
Dana Bruer
Sophie Bruning
Katelyn Daravingas
Marina DiGiovanni
Sophia Doukas
Daniel Dufresne
Ellie Hainlin
Tiana Kastanos
John Clifford Kluznik
Kaitlyn Lang
Thomas Lindholm
Alec Newhouse
Peter Nicklow
Zach Santrizos
Theodora Sas
Anna Swenson
RJ Worrall

We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors!

St. Mary's Church Staff

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Attached Priest
Fr. John Kostas

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Deacon Paul Kalina

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Andrew Twito

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Cristina Nicklow
Jeannie Possis
Dean Psychogios
Andrew Twito

Education • Fellowship • Worship

Fellowship and Study Groups

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays, June 8 and 22
10:30 a.m., Nave

Men's Fellowship

Friday, June 3 (*Numbers*)
Friday, June 17 (*Psalms*)
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday
(No class session on June 18)
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, June 8 and 22
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Koinonia

Edina Koinonia

Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.
Location to be announced.
952.929.5428, Tia Muchulas, contact

Weekend Schedule

Sunday (live-streamed)

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

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday, June 1

Eve of Holy Ascension
Vespers for Ascension – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

Holy Ascension
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 11

Saturday of Souls
Orthros – 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 12

Holy Pentecost
Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost
– 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 17

Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Ordination of Luke Twito to the
Diaconate

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
with Ordination – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 30

Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
No Liturgy at St. Mary's



Blessed are you, O Christ our God.

*You made wise men of poor fishermen by sending down
upon them your Holy Spirit, and through them you caught the
whole world. O Lover of mankind, glory to you.*

—Hymn of Pentecost

Parish News & Events

COVID-19 Update

As we all know, the Covid-19 virus has seen a resurgence in the country and in our own community of St. Mary's. While we are all fatigued by continual changes and updates offered by the news media and health organizations, ultimately we are brothers and sisters in Christ who are asked to care for one another.

As a reminder, if any parishioner is not feeling well, has been recently exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, or you yourself have tested positive, we kindly ask that you do not participate in activities or services until the CDC recommended isolation time has passed. With such a large community and many opportunities to interact, we would never want to knowingly cause someone to become ill.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Church Office or our priests. We thank you for your cooperation.

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens' Meeting Tuesday, June 14

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their monthly meeting and social on Tuesday, June 14, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. Following our luncheon, we will be entertained by U of M cellist and St. Mary's member Eleni Ciuta, who is also a member of our St. Mary's Choir. We will end our afternoon with a short business meeting and Bingo.

Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin September 16-18

We are excited to be back with our St. Mary's Men's Retreat at the Karos' cabin, this year on the weekend of September 16-18. The retreat is for all men at St. Mary's over the age of 18. We are not yet ready to announce our speaker, but we wanted everyone to mark their calendars. We are also excited to announce that Father Tim Sas will be joining us for the weekend.

This can be a beautiful time of year up north. God willing, we will have the weather to fish, hike, play tennis/basketball/pickle ball, and have our annual large bonfire. Either way, we can hang out, read, and simply fellowship with one another. We will be using tents if there is overflow from the cabin, organized by Andy Theodotou.

Like always, your check for \$75, made out to St. Mary's (memo: men's retreat), is your confirmed spot for the weekend. First come, first served.

Supply Shortages Affect Saint Mary's

"From morning to evening conditions change . . ."

—Wisdom of Sirach

We read in the Gospel accounts that Christ often stirred things up, making people question norms or think outside the box. St. Mary's finds itself in a similar situation as the news of supply chain concerns is reaching even our beloved parish.

Over the past few months, our office staff has struggled to find placemats, divided plates, compostable forks, to name just a few items. It is not uncommon to place an online order and then for half of the order to not be delivered due to items out of stock.

Please know we are working hard to have the needed supplies available, but encourage everyone to not only be patient, but also flexible. This exercise allows us to consider how much we may waste – taking a stack of napkins when they are not needed; using placemats when there may not be an urgent need; grabbing paper towels and storing them for use later – or how we approach activities, often just doing things as we always have.

Use this time, and these shortages, to challenge yourself and your ministries to continue to provide hospitality, even if traditional supplies utilized are not the same.

FAITH Scholarships Available

Applications for FAITH scholarships are due June 20, 2022.

Each year since its inception in 2004, FAITH celebrates the academic achievements of young leaders within the Greek and Hellenic American community by awarding merit-based scholarships to some of the community's most promising graduating high school seniors from across the country. Recipients of the FAITH Scholarship for Academic Excellence join a network of more than 600 existing FAITH Scholars who display the exceptional scholarly intellect lauded by our Hellenic ancestors and also, a magnificent spirit of charity, community service and good citizenship which is at the very core of our Orthodox Christian values.

Applicants must be members of a Greek Orthodox parish and a graduating high school senior enrolling in a four-year accredited U.S. university or college this fall.

For more information and to apply, please go to the FAITH website: www.thefaithendowment.org/scholarships/

Philoptochos



Christ is Risen!

Philoptochos won't have any formal meetings in June, July, or August, but there will be plenty going on! Check out details below for what's happening in June.

Upcoming Activities

Festival Baking 2022

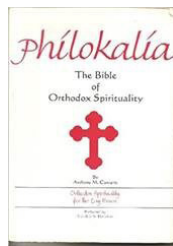
The Taste of Greece returns September 9-11, and Philoptochos is managing the Bake Sale once again. Baking sessions will be held throughout the summer, and in June we're making baklava, thanks to our chair *Elena Gabor* (cell 952.288.3011, elenagabor14@gmail.com)

- Wednesday, June 15, 2:00-8:00 p.m.: Assembly
- Monday, June 20, 2:00-8:00 p.m.: Assembly
- Tuesday, June 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Cut, Clove, and Syrup
- Wednesday, June 22, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon: Bake and Syrup

No experience necessary! Everyone is welcome to come for part or all of the day to work and enjoy great fellowship. Volunteer at the Philoptochos table during social hour or watch for our on-line volunteer link.

Coming later this summer are sessions for melomakrona, koulouria, and diples plus final touches and packaging the week of the festival. Bake Sale chairs are Cathy Forchas and Paulette Hastings. Let them know your bake sale ideas.

Women's Book Club Discussion



The next Women's Book Club discussion will be Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:30. The book is *Philokalia* by Father Anthony Coniaris. The book is available in the bookstore. Watch for details regarding location and format.

National Philoptochos Convention

Our Philoptochos chapter will be represented at the National Philoptochos Convention on July 3-7 in New York City by delegates Andrea Tiggas, Dena Tortorelis, Mary Kay Twito, and alternate Cindy Karos. Please pray for their safe travels and informative and productive meetings.

Thank you...

...Carol Smith, chair, and the dozens of people who made the **May 1 FOCUS Minnesota meatloaf dinner** a great success. We planned for 150 meals but served 236, most guests coming in the first hour of service! The resourceful serving team was able to creatively provide a warm meal for everyone who came to FOCUS's door.

...Dena Tortorelis for hosting **Ladies' Night Out** in her home on May 14. Thank you everyone who came to the event.

...Toni Bazakos and Tina Menter for preparing and leading the **Artoclasia (Blessing of Five Loaves) Workshop** on May 21. Thank you for everyone who attended, too.

...to all who helped organize, implement and clean up the **Philoptochos Spring Finale** dinner and meeting on May 24. Our next meeting will be in September.

FOCUS News

It's Lunchtime!

This year, in February, FOCUS added a third lunch production day to their Wednesday schedule. This increase in the amount of food offered during the week, coupled with the Sunday hot dinner, brings the weekly meal count to about 500!

FOCUS Minnesota is looking for additional volunteers for two-hour shifts on Wednesday mornings, ideally to commit to come weekly to keep this program running smoothly. To volunteer, please contact David in the Church Office.

Mission & Outreach

Repairability!

International Orthodox Christian Charities

By Stan Wendland

IOCC. The meaning of these letters was unknown to us 10, maybe 15 years ago. (Time passes so quickly it's hard to keep up). Today we know these letters represent International Orthodox Christian Charities. They have U.S. and International operations.

IOCC is busy in the U.S. They have 2 trucks full of tools and 3 permanent staff to manage the budget, travel arrangements, payments and to coordinate where and what to work on. "What to work on" is a big question.

Typically, IOCC (U.S.) works on disaster (hurricanes, tornadoes, floods etc.) destroyed homes. We sometimes work in small groups of volunteers or provide on-site guidance to volunteers from a wide range of other groups such as Americore teams. It is hard dirty work. Not complex, just hard and dirty.

The typical starting point is someone's home that has become unlivable due to roof damage and subsequent water damage. Mold immediately invades the walls, cabinets, and possessions. It's not hard to understand how a person would feel when their home, in the course of one day, changes into a soggy unlivable mess.

So, why does anyone put up a hand, like a little kid and yell, "pick me! pick me!" for this kind of work, and naturally, anyone new to this work, as I was, has doubts about going into such an unknown situation for the first time?

Driving into the hurricane damaged neighborhood the 1st evening was an "eye opener." Blocks and blocks of roofs gone, blue tarps over roofs, "plywood" windows, walls gone, and trees down and closed businesses. (I saw an auto repair shop still working with no roof-what could be more fun than working with wet, greasy tools!) The storm suddenly and forcefully inundated these neighborhoods with a great deal of "unknown."

WHAT does one little person do?

The answer comes with the work. We restore houses to repairability. "Restored to repairability"?? An odd term. Odder yet, a veteran of disaster relief work said, "We get people unstuck". But it captures why you put up your hand.

IOCC, in the name of Dan Hoeft, is on site working with local disaster committees identifying and prioritizing our

workload. This is the work of sorting through neighborhoods house by house, person by person. It is the 1st step in restoring homes and lives, i.e., disaster relief.

Next, volunteers come (me, in this case) and work on homes. Some are still full of furniture, pictures and life's mementos; mostly wet and damaged. How many of us, alone, could empty out our house so it could be repaired, making decisions of what to keep or throw? These people are truly and honestly "stuck." Stuck with a home that can't be lived in, stuck with a pile of damaged memories, perhaps too painful to sort and throw. IOCC has people trained (and inherently adept) at helping with this painful work.

What does "restored to repairability" mean? For the house, it is removing any sheet rock (walls and ceilings) with mold or water damage. Insulation goes too, as do kitchen, and bathroom cabinets and furniture. It is all piled by the street and hauled off. Then all the nails and screws and anything else attached to the studs of the house are pulled out. All damaged flooring is pulled up. It is dirty, dusty work.

Now the home, opened as it is, can dry out. It is like walking into a new house under construction. The owner can imagine it completed. It is a hopeful, future looking home. New walls, ceilings and flooring will be installed, and, with the damaged material out of the way, much sooner and at less expense. **The house is repairable. The lives lived in this home are "unstuck"!**

How does a person feel after working "disaster relief"? Gratitude at being able to help. Joy at knowing people look at their homes and their lives and again see a future. Even though we left the homes in a state of emptiness and bare studs, the residents of each home expressed profound gratitude! Surely the thankfulness signaled the future they saw ahead! Unstuck!

If I may, let me challenge you, our readers. We all have "bucket lists." What do you want to put in yours? Stuff for "me" or the faces of people who can again see ahead?

Lastly, if you want to volunteer, the IOCC website gives information: iocc.org/takeaction. If not, the web site will also show many other ways to help with IOCC U.S. Operations. The people "on site" are at the end of a long line of support for which we are all very thankful!

Stewardship

by Athena Mihos

Saint Mary's Stewardship Our Church, Our Spiritual Home

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

As many of you know, the Metropolis of Chicago has been busy formulating and enacting a multi-year Strategic Plan for numerous departments and ministries. The Strategic Plan for Stewardship is in one of the most advanced stages of development and has been designated the "Strengthen Stewardship Now and Forever" initiative. A Metropolis-wide team has been working diligently for two years and has formulated wonderful ideas and materials to be used in Metropolis parishes.

Three pillars form the basis of Strengthen Stewardship Now and Forever and will help us on our path to responsible Christianity:

- **Ownership**
- **Engagement**
- **Generosity**

Over the next three months, we will highlight each of these three pillars of Stewardship - this month we will focus on **Ownership**.

On a parish-wide scale, *Ownership* entails ensuring vibrant parish leadership and a strong, diverse Stewardship Committee. On a personal scale, it involves each parishioner or family unit making a personal commitment to Christ and His Church by completing yearly time and talent form, along with a financial pledge form. This commitment reminds us, and shows Christ, the seriousness and significance of our love and devotion to the Church, and the act of pledging ourselves formally is a very important aspect of our spiritual journey.

Of course, during a given year, many "surprises" arise in our lives, and whether we are able to fulfill our time, talent and treasure pledge is not as significant as if we actually make one.

On any given year, less than 50% of St. Mary's parishioners complete time/talent and financial pledge forms. While many donate of their time, talent, and treasure (some very, very generously), the act of ALL of our parishioners completing pledge forms remains the goal of parish leadership and the Stewardship Committee.

Why is it important to fill out these forms, even if you are giving regularly of your time, talent, and treasure

anyway? While this represents a more urgent change in messaging for St. Mary's, completing these forms in a timely manner each year will demonstrate our unwavering commitment to and ownership of our personal faith journey. And in doing so, we will not only enhance our own spiritual lives (most importantly) but 1) will show us to be a beacon of light within the entire Metropolis and 2) will help us at the parish level for budgeting purposes.

Ways to Complete Time/Talent/Treasure Forms

- 1) On paper: via the annual Stewardship packet you received last December
- 2) Through our office: Call or stop in to request a new form if you have lost yours or fill one out (confidentially) over the phone.
- 3) On-line: Fill out the form on-line on the Church website.

Ways to Give On-Line

- 1) On-line: This is very important! There are two options on-line:
 - a. Make a one-time payment as often as you would like.
 - b. Set up recurring payments on-line, through your bank. If you choose this option, PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT Time/Talent/Treasure forms, on-line or on paper.
- 2) Venmo: this is a new and exciting way to give to St. Mary's!
 - a. Visit our website directly to access Venmo information.
 - b. Scan the QR code in the Messenger or bulletin to access a link to our Venmo.
 - c. Remember, even if you give regularly via Venmo, please fill out a Time/Talent/Treasure form for our records!

*** Remember, even if you give regularly via Venmo or with recurring payments on-line, please fill out a Time/Talent/Treasure form for our records! We do not assume a recurring gift represents a commitment for the entire year.**

We are excited to continue to bring new ideas and new technology to St. Mary's and to further our discussions on Engagement and Generosity in the coming months.

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee

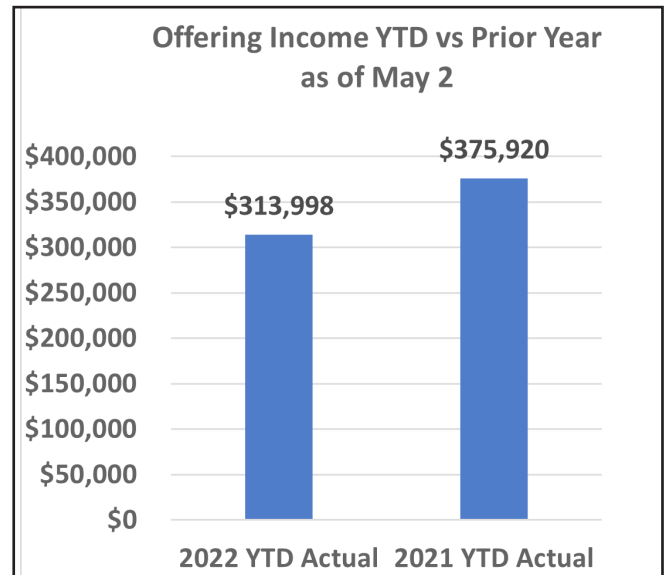
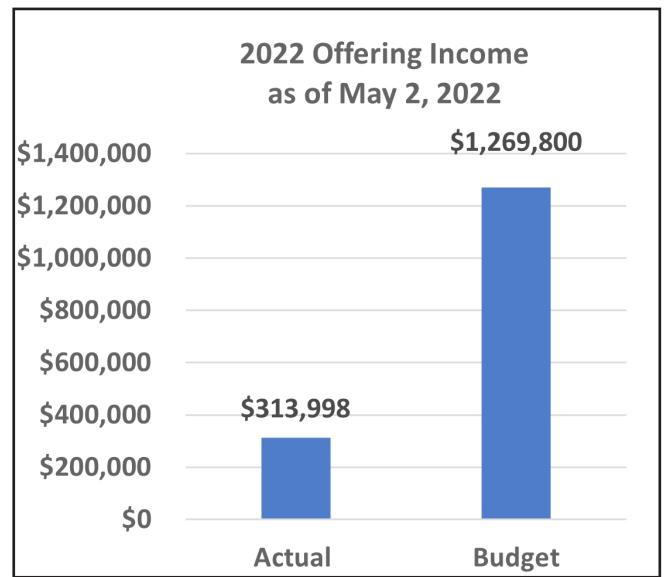
Stewardship Campaign 2022 Update

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. **As of May 2, 2022, we have covered 25% of this year's budget for ministries and operating expenses.**

Offering Income Year-to-Date as of May 2, 2022

Offering Income as of May 2, 2022	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Annual Budget	Additional Needed by December 31
Payments Received	\$313,998	\$1,269,800	\$955,802

Offering Income as of May 2, 2022	2022 YTD Actual	2021 YTD Actual	Decrease vs. Prior Year
Payments Received	\$313,998	\$375,920	(\$61,921)
Average per Week	\$18,470	\$22,113	(\$3,642)
Average per Month	\$80,039	\$95,823	(\$15,784)



Stewardship Pledge Forms Completed 2020, 2021, and 2022

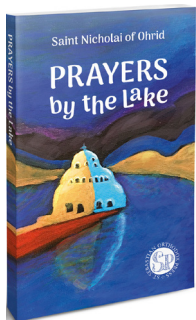
On the next page are two bar charts showing total number of Stewardship financial commitment forms completed in 2020 and 2021 compared to the total completed in 2022 year-to-date as well as the total dollar amounts pledged for each year. The number of financial commitment forms completed, as well as 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 did receive six completed forms during the past month.

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.

We encourage all parishioners to complete a financial commitment form this year as well as a time and talent form. Completing a form represents our commitment to Christ and to responsible Christianity. It is not too late! If you have already made contributions this year, your payments will be applied to your pledge, even if the payments were made before you complete a financial commitment form.

In the Bookstore

by Rebecca Myerly
bookstore@stmarysgoc.org



For Saint Nikolai of Ohrid, a.k.a. Saint Nikolai Velimirovic (1880-1956), Lake Ohrid was a beautiful place. While at Lake Ohrid in 1921-1922, he wrote prayers that were soon published as *Prayers by the Lake*. A modern spiritual classic, this book has been hard to find for several years until it was recently republished.

In 1919, Saint Nikolai was consecrated Bishop of Zica in the Church of Serbia, and in 1920 he was posted to the Ohrid archbishopric in Macedonia. Reading the prayers in this book it is evident that time at Lake Ohrid was clarifying, focusing, and life giving for him. One could say that Lake Ohrid was a thin place for Saint Nikolai, meaning that the veil between heaven and earth was transparent for him when he was at this lake. The prayers he wrote clearly reflect this. He saw elements of nature to be teachers pointing to divine realities. In his introduction for the first edition of this book in 1922, Saint Justin Popovic wrote about Saint Nicolai:

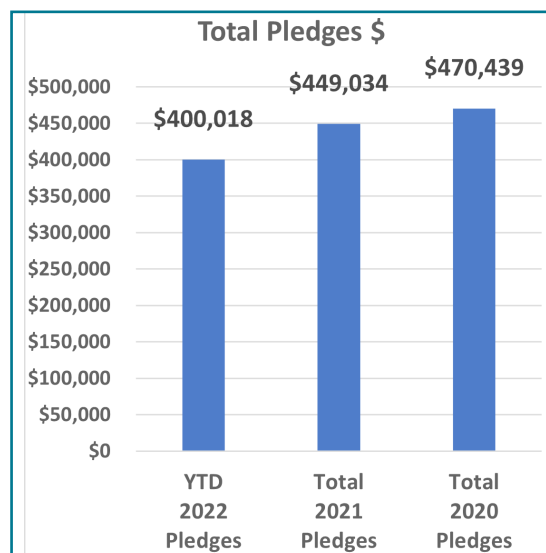
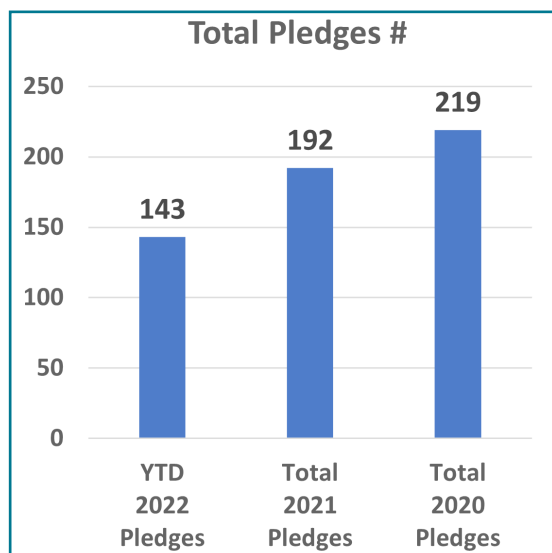
He thinks through prayer, he philosophizes through prayer. One senses that the luminous souls of the great Orthodox ascetics...are speaking through him. Through prayer he senses God, and through prayer he senses all creation. He is in a prayerful relationship with everything. (11)

For example, mountains and the foam on the lake—

The walls that stand between you and truth and loom up before you like colossal mountains, which you have been trying to cross by running to the point of exhaustion, are your own creation and are more fragile than the white foam on the lake. If only you could open your eyes wide enough not to see them. Truly, the existence of these walls depends upon your seeing them. If you did not wish to see them, they would not exist. (124-125)

Sebastian Press has published a beautiful new edition of *Prayers by the Lake*, edited and with illustrations by Bishop Maxim Vasiljevic. Todor Mika and Stevan Scott translated the text with great respect for Saint Nikolai's poetic thinking and writing. The book design and printing were done in Serbia—a fitting tribute to a beloved Serbian Archbishop and Saint—with remarkable attention to detail, including a sewn binding for long use, a subtle wave pattern in the background on each page, and three photos of Lake Ohrid—two of which feature Saint Nikolai on the lake.

Whether you are walking around Bde Maka Ska or spending time at a cabin on a lake—wherever your beautiful place is—*Prayers by the Lake* is a companion to elevate your journey and provide a lens through which to see in the natural world around you signs of God in His grace.



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.

Junior GOYA Grades 6-8

- ▶ Wednesday, June 1 — 6:15-8:00 p.m.
End of year party!
 - This is tentatively scheduled for June 1.
More details to come.

Senior GOYA Grades 9-12

- ▶ Wednesday, June 8 — 6:15-8:00 p.m.
End of year party!
 - This is tentatively scheduled for June 8.
More details to come.

Vacation Church School

June 13-17 — 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

This year, we will explore Superheroes-Super Saints! VCS is for children 4 years old (and potty trained) through those entering 6th grade in the fall. We need helpers/crew in 7th-12th grades as well as adults. Please consider helping either in planning or during this fun week!

- Registration is underway for both students and high school and adult helpers.
- For questions or more information, contact Krissa Rovolis or Dena Tortorelis at: churchschool@stmarysgoc.org
- Flyer and registration link are on the next page.

Greek Dance Program Ages 6-18

The Greek Dance Program resumes practices mid-June for kids ages 6 to 18. For further details, please contact Tessie Bourdamis at tbourdamis@comcast.net.

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)

SUPER HEROES SUPER SAINTS

ST. MARY'S VCS

JUNE 13TH-17TH, 2022 8:45- 12:00 NOON

4 years old (potty trained) - Entering 6th grade in the fall

7th-12th grade needed for helpers (please register)



Register at: tinyurl.com/stmarysVCS2022

Throughout history there have been stories of heroes.
They brought hope, solved problems, they fought evil,
and they showed us what actions were good and honorable and how we should live.

Join us to learn their stories!

We will have lots of fun including crafts, games, snacks, and being with our Orthodox friends!

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When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured us who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us.

-Kontakion of the Ascension

Holy Ascension is Thursday, June 2

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The Messenger—
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Leave-Taking of Pascha 6:00pm-Vespers for Ascension after Vespers-Choir Rehearsal	2 Holy Ascension 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 7:00pm-Women's Book Club	3 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	4 9:00am-Bible Study
5 Holy Fathers "The Messenger" Deadline 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	6	7	8 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 Saturday of Souls 9:00am-Bible Study 9:00am-Orthros 10:00am-Divine Liturgy
12 Holy Pentecost 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 5:00pm-Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost	13 The Holy Spirit <i>No Liturgy today</i>	14 12:00noon-Senior Citizens 6:15pm-Parish Council	15 9:00am-"The Messenger" Mailing 2:00pm-Baklava Assembly	16	17 7:00am-Men's Fellowship 6:00pm-Vespers	18 Ordination of Luke Twito to the Diaconate 8:30am-Orthros 10:00am-Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Ordination
Vacation Church School, 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon						
19 All Saints 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	20 2:00pm-Baklava Assembly	21 2:00pm-Baklava Cut/Clove/Syrup	22 10:30am-Intercessory Prayer 11:00am-Women's Bible Study 2:00pm-Baklava Bake/Syrup	23 7:00pm-Stewardship Com.	24	25 9:00am-Bible Study
26 Second Sunday of Matthew 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	27	28	29 Saints Peter & Paul 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	30 The Holy Apostles <i>No Liturgy today</i>		