

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 7, 2022

Eighth Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Eighth Sunday of Matthew; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; The Holy Righteous Martyr Dometius; Our Holy Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker; Theodosius the New; Joseph Gerontogiannis of Lithines Sitia; Sozon of Nicomedeia; The Holy Ten Thousand Ascetics of Thebes; Narcissus the Hieromartyr of Jerusalem.

Morning Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Grave

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, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your great mercy.

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 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 Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could bear, so that when they see you crucified they will know that you suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Epistle.....I Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel.....Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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

Stewardship Prayer

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

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by Ruta Kubits.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Christina Houck** (2 years); **Lambros (Louis) Kokinis** (12 years), father of Bettina Hanna; **Christina Sacorafas** (15 years), parishioner and victim of the 35W bridge collapse.

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Kouzes and Houck families in memory of Christina Houck.

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; the Muñoz family, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Maria, Dave Ruesink, Liz, Efstratia, 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, Carole, Patty, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, 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, 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, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approaching to receive, each makes a reverence and says:

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 7: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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

Monday, August 8

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Terrace Room

Tuesday, August 9

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, August 10

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Friday, August 12

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Saturday, August 13

No Bible Study during August

Sunday, August 14: Ninth Sunday of Matthew

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

10:45 a.m. – Dormition Youth Retreat

4:00 p.m. – Great Vespers followed by a Lenten dinner

Monday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

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

Reception follows Liturgy.

Church Office closed in observance of the Dormition.



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.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for August 14

Diapers, size 5

*Urgently needed is pasta sauce, ground coffee,
canned fruit (peaches, mixed fruit),
and any hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrush,
bar soap, razors, and shampoo*

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

Camp Lost and Found

Did your child/ren go to Summer Camp this year? Are you missing an item or two? We had a larger-than-average collection of items left at the camp after the campers went home. You'll find the items on the table in the hallway leading to the Church Office. If you recognize any items belonging to friends from other churches, please connect the camper and the item. We will discard all unclaimed items on August 16.

Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin

September 16-18

We are pleased to announce that this year's guest speaker at our Men's Retreat will be Fr. Cyprian Sas, brother of Fr. Tim Sas, who will also be joining us for the weekend. Don't miss our St. Mary's Men's Retreat at the Karos' cabin, September 16-18. The retreat is for all men at St. Mary's over the age of 18. Your check for \$75, made payable to St. Mary's (memo: men's retreat), is your confirmed spot for the weekend.

Altar Servers

We are updating our records and looking for boys who would like to begin serving in the altar as well as those planning to continue serving. Please send your updated contact information to David in the Church Office. We want to add new altar servers as well as to verify those who want to continue serving.

Altar Server Retreat

A retreat for our altar servers is planned for Sunday, August 28, following the Divine Liturgy. New servers should plan to attend and those currently serving are encouraged to join us. Please contact the Church Office *by Thursday, August 25*, to register for the retreat.

Philoptochos News

Summer Baking Sessions

Festival baking continues! As a parish community, working together is fun and essential in order for the Festival bake sale to be a success, so we're asking for your help. Bake sale sessions are scheduled as follows:

Coming up...

Diples – Tuesday, August 23, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (*fry*)

Friday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (*honey*)

Final Prep: Cut baklava, honey melomakarona, set up bake sale areas

Tuesday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign up at the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or on Sign Up Genius.

Dormition Receptions

Help Philoptochos host our parish feast day celebrations! Stop by our table to learn how to assist with:

- Dinner following the Dormition Vespers on Sunday, August 14
- Refreshments following the Dormition Liturgy on Monday, August 15



YAL News

Young Adult League Boat Cruise

Twin Cities YAL is thrilled to announce the first annual boat cruise! Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited aboard the *Magnolia Blossom* on Thursday evening, August 18, to dance the night away as we cruise down the Mississippi River!

Last call tickets: \$75 (available August 2-14)

For more information and to purchase tickets go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/TCBoatCruise>

We hope to see you there!



Youth News

Summer Reading Book Club for the Junior GOYAns (Rising 6th – 8th graders)

All Junior GOYAns are welcome to join our Summer Reading Book Club led by Presvytera Alexandra Houck. The Junior GOYAns will be reading *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis and meet on Wednesday, August 17, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to discuss the book and examine the Christian messages within the book. If a Junior GOYAn is interested in reading the book, please sign up by going to this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/JrGOYABookClub>

Dormition Retreat Sunday, August 14

Our Dormition Retreat for kids in kindergarten through grade 12 will take place on Sunday, August 14, from 10:45 a.m. (following Communion)-12:30 p.m. This year the retreat will look a little different. Following Communion on Sunday, we will meet in the Terrace Room and breakout into a couple different groups where we will decorate the Kouvouklion, have a lesson about the Theotokos, and some hang time. A snack and light lunch will be provided, so please send an e-mail to jon@stmarysgoc.org if you have any food allergies. Please RSVP by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2022DormitionRetreat>



Wednesday, August 24 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Join the FAITH Playgroup at Central Park of Maple Grove, 12000 Central Park Way, Maple Grove. Meet at the picnic tables by the shelter at 10:00 a.m.

Playground and splash pad! Bring a swimming suit if you want to play in the splash pad. Bring your own picnic lunch.

Contact *Kyrsten Theodotou*, 641.629.0181, with questions.

Kids Helping Kids

During the Dormition Fast, our youth are teaming up with Philoptochos to hold a collection drive for the organization, *Gloria's Place*. The whole parish, and especially kids, are invited to support Gloria's Place, the only emergency shelter in Minnesota specifically for unaccompanied, pregnant, or parenting youth (ages 15-17) and their young children, up to 3 years old, who are experiencing homelessness. Gloria's Place is a program of The Bridge for Youth.

How to Purchase Items

- Go to TARGET REGISTRY (target.com/gift-registry)
- Click on "Find a Registry," then Search for (First Name) GLORIA'S; (Last Name) PROGRAM
- Click on View Registry for GLORIA THE BRIDGE FOR YOUTH and select an item to purchase
- Bring items to church by AUGUST 14's YOUTH DORMITION RETREAT or send directly to The Bridge. Items can be delivered to the Philoptochos table after church or to the retreat.

Parents — please help your kids help a kid in need! Encourage them to use some of their own money. Let them help select an item to buy. Help them raise money through a lemonade stand, extra chores, or babysitting. The drive ends Sunday, August 14. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

**Please join us for a festive and fun-filled celebration
of 12 years of service to our neighbors in need.**

Focus on the Heart

**Thursday, August 18, 2022
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis**

**6:30 to 9:00 pm
Buffet with wine and beer bar**

**Free will donation
RSVP by Wednesday 8/10 to
focustwincities@gmail.com**

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Family Camp 2022 Prayer! October 7-9

Whether you are a Family Camp regular or it is your first time, we invite you to join us at beautiful Camp Courage near Annandale, Minnesota.

Family Camp brings the best of both worlds into one weekend...
Orthodox Fellowship and Minnesota Nature.

It is a great opportunity to leave the hustle and bustle of our busy lives to learn about prayer, pray together, and have fun with Orthodox families from around the state.

Registration begins Tuesday, August 16,
with an early bird special until August 31.

We are thrilled to introduce our two speakers:



Fr. Andrew Jaye
Holy Myrrhbearers
Orthodox Church
St. Cloud, MN



David Benson
Twelve Holy Apostles
Greek Orthodox Church
Duluth, MN

For details, visit our website: <https://stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/>

From the Fathers...on Worship

If the ocean is good and worthy of praise before God,
how much more beautiful is the assembly of a Church like this:
where the voices of me, of women, of children, arise in our prayers to
God, mingling and re-sounding like the waves
which beat upon the shore.

–Saint Basil the Great

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 8

I Corinthians 11:31 – 12:6 • Matthew 18:1-11

Tuesday, August 9

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 • Matthew 18:18 – 19:2; 13-15

Wednesday, August 10

I Corinthians 13:4 – 14:5 • Matthew 20:1-16

August 11

I Corinthians 14:6-19 • Matthew 20:17-28

August 12

I Corinthians 14:26-40 • Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20

August 13

Romans 14:6-9 • Matthew 15:32-39

August 14

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 14:22-34

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We're going cashless at the Festival this year!

Find out all about the Festival cards and make your purchase at the Festival table in the Great Hall this morning.