

SAINT MARY'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

*The Weekend of June 13/14, 2020*

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***Saturday, June 13, 2020***

***Commemoration:*** The Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of Holy Pentecost; Aquilina the Martyr of Syria; Triphyllus the Bishop of Nicosia.

***Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy***

***Second Antiphon***

Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

***At the Small Entrance***

***Apolytikion of the Feast, Plagal Fourth Tone***

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

***Entrance Hymn, Second Tone***

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your power; we will sing and praise Your mighty deeds. Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

*Repeat Hymn of the Feast, above.*

***Kontakion of the Feast, Plagal Fourth Tone***

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations. When He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

***Epistle***.....*Romans 1:7-12*

Brethren, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by

God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.

**Gospel.....Matthew 5:42-48**

The Lord said, “Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**Megalynarion, Fourth Tone**

Queen of all, rejoice! boast of mothers and virgins; for there is no fluent, no eloquent speaker whose words have the power worthily to praise you; and every mind is dazed when on your childbirth it thinks; hence we glorify you in unison.

**Communion Hymn**

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

**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.*

# Sunday, June 14, 2020

**Commemoration:** The Sunday of All Saints; The Holy Prophet Eliseus (Elisha); Methodius the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna; The Holy Hieromartyrs of Estonia: Basil the Protospesbyter, John, John, and Artemios; The Holy Martyrs Martha the Presvytera, John, Theodore and Anna.

*Morning Gospel: First..... Tone: Plagal Fourth*

## **Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy**

### **Second Antiphon**

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### **At the Small Entrance**

#### **Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone**

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **Entrance Hymn**

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 All Saints, Fourth Tone**

Throughout the world your Church is adorned with the blood of the martyrs as with royal purple and fine linen. Through them she cries out to you, Christ our God: Grant your lasting peace to all the world and bestow on our souls your great mercy.

#### **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 All Saints, Plagal Fourth Tone**

To you, O Lord, Creator of the universe, the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of creation. Through their prayers, and through those of the Theotokos, keep your church in perfect peace, O Savior rich in mercy.

**Epistle**.....*Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2*

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Gospel**.....*Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30*

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**Communion Hymn**

Exalt, you just, in the Lord. Exalt, you just, in the Lord; from the upright praise is fitting.

## **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.*

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Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Patricia Pollnow** (40 days); **Koula (Vasiliki) Triantafyllou** (40 days); **Betty (Euthokia) Andrews** (40 days) mother of George Andrews.



**Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:** Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Families Moving Forward; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Deb, Peter, Sarah, Maia, Judith, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, Christine and baby, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Quinn, Annie, Baby Elliot, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Mary Muzetras, Dave, Pam Katie, Bri, Gilbert, Gus Wiltse, Christina, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, Les Everhart, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Kristina, Phil, Marnie and family; Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Jessica Norring, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Elpis Fotini, Dina, Landon, Luke, Aemiliane, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Brittany, Amy, Shinia, Chelsea, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Zoe Kakos, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Henry, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, John, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Christina, Joseph, Yukie, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Koula, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

# *Calendar of the Week*

## ***Monday, June 15***

Apostles' Fast begins

## ***Tuesday, June 16***

4:00 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Storytime on Zoom

## ***Wednesday, June 17***

7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA on Zoom

## ***Thursday, June 18***

4:00 p.m. – Junior GOYA on Zoom

## ***Saturday, June 20***

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

*Registration requested.*

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers (*no registration needed.*)

## ***Sunday, June 21: Second Sunday of Matthew; Father's Day***

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

*Registration requested.*

## ***An Urgent Need for Our Partner Simpson Food Pantry***

Simpson Food Pantry, this month's Share YourShelf recipient, is in desperate need of our help. Their neighborhood, including local grocery stores, has been destroyed by fires. Many of the people they serve would normally walk to the grocery stores since they do not have cars. Now they cannot, the nearest store that is open is on the other side of town, so they have no way to get needed goods.

Simpson needs large canned meals (e.g., chili, pork and beans), dish soap, laundry soap, and all of the other daily necessities that people are not able to pick up at this time. Our church is intent on helping them and our neighborhood, so please support this effort. You may bring your goods to the church.

To give a monetary donation, please visit their Go Fund Me page (<https://gf.me/u/x3r8qp>) that was established, which is the only way right now to donate money to them online.

We will be notifying you of more opportunities for us to assist the rebuilding of our city and community as they arise.

Let us also continue to offer up our prayers for all affected and devastated by the horrific events of late.

## ***From the Fathers...on Saints***

In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
in contrition and in pity for the needy,  
let us believers honor the saints,  
as God too is much honored in this way.

—*Saint Isaac the Syrian*

### ***Daily Bible Readings***

#### ***Monday, June 15***

Romans 2:28 — 3:18 • Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

#### ***Tuesday, June 16***

Romans 4:4-12 • Matthew 7:15-21

#### ***Wednesday, June 17***

Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 7:21-23

#### ***Thursday, June 18***

Romans 5:10-16 • Matthew 8:23-27

#### ***Friday, June 19***

Jude 1:1-25 • John 14:21-24

#### ***Saturday, June 20***

Romans 3:19-24 • Matthew 7:1-8

#### ***Sunday, June 21: Second Sunday of Matthew***

Romans 2:10-16 • Matthew 4:18-23

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