

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of June 27/28, 2020

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Commemoration: Samson the Hospitable; Joanna the Myrrhbearer; Anektos the Martyr; Luke the Hermit.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Hymn for the Day, Second Tone

O Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics and the Righteous, you finished the race and kept the faith. You speak freely to the Savior. We pray you entreat Him on our behalf, to save our souls, since He is good.

Hymn of Entrance

Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous among Your saints, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat Hymn for the Day (above).

Another Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good, and forgive them for all their sins in life; for no one is without sin except for You who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, 1st 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 for the Martyrs, Plagal Fourth Tone

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Epistle..... Romans 3:28 – 4:3

Brethren, we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of their faith and the uncircumcised through their faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law. What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Gospel..... Matthew 7:24 – 8:4

The Lord said, "Every one who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it." And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

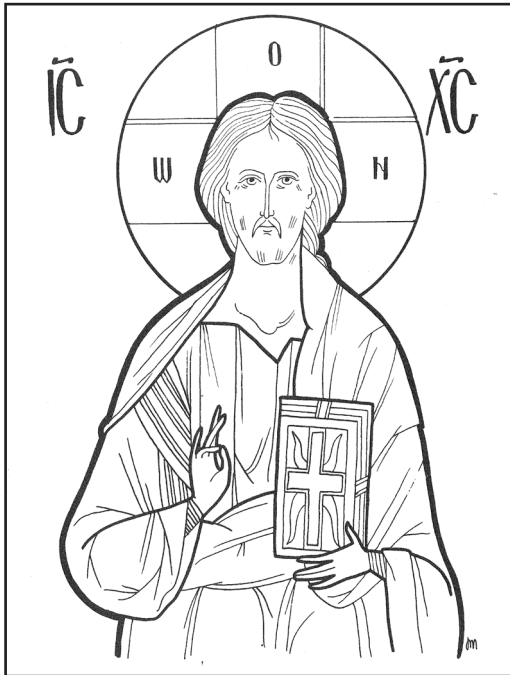
Communion Hymn

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. 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 28, 2020

Commemoration: The Third Sunday of Matthew; New Martyrs under the Ottoman Yoke; Finding of the Relics of Cyrus and John the Unmercenary; Pappias the Martyr; Righteous Fathers Sergius and Herman, Founders of Valaam Monastery; Synaxis of the Icon of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos; Paul the Physician of Corinth; Sergios the Magister.

Morning Gospel: Third

Tone: Second

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 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 Theotokos, Fourth Tone

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Epistle..... Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint

us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel..... *Matthew 6:22-33*

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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Calendar of the Week

Monday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
No registration needed.

Tuesday, June 30: Twelve Holy Apostles

4:00 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Storytime on Zoom
6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy
No registration needed.

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 p.m. – Small Blessing of Water
No registration needed.
7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA on Zoom

Friday, July 3

Church and Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Registration requested.
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers (*no registration needed.*)

Sunday, July 5: Fourth Sunday of Matthew

• “The Messenger” deadline, August issue

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

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.



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 Wealth and Riches

It is foolish to think that wealth or abundance—or even moderate means—would be advantageous or possibly reassuring. The rich worry even more than the poor and the impoverished.

—St. Ambrose of Optina

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

2 Corinthians 11:21 – 12:9 • Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30: Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Wednesday, July 1

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 – 13:8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Thursday, July 2

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 1:39-49, 56

Friday, July 3

Romans 11:25-36 • Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 4

Romans 6:11-17 • Matthew 8:14-23

Sunday, July 5: Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Matthew 8:5-13

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