

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of January 9/10, 2021

Saturday, January 9, 2021

Commemoration: Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Poyeuctus the Martyr of Melitene in Armenia; Eustratios the Wonderworker; Peter, Bishop of Sebaste, brother of Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa; Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy
At the Second Antiphon

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At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Theophany, First Tone

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the Father's voice bore you witness by calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, you have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

Entrance Hymn, Second Tone

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, to you we sing, Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of Theophany, above.

Hymn for the Saint, Fourth Tone. (Come quickly.)

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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 Theophany, Fourth Tone

You have revealed yourself to the world today, and your light shines forth on us, who sing your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; you are made manifest, O inaccessible Light!

Epistle..... Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel..... Matthew 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said

to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! for it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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

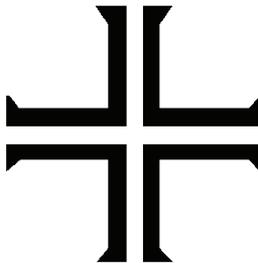
Communion Hymn

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

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.



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.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Commemoration: Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Gregory of Nyssa; Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Basil the Great & Gregory of Nyssa; Markianos, Priest and Oikonomos of the Great Church.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

Tone: Plagal Second

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Entrance Hymn

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Resurrection Hymn, Plagal 2nd Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

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Epistle..... Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (in saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel..... Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, January 10

7:00 p.m. – Situational Awareness and Personal Safety Training

Monday, January 11

7:30 p.m. – Virtual Bible Study

Tuesday, January 12

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council

Wednesday, January 13: Saint Maximos of Mount Athos

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

6:45 p.m. – Senior GOYA at St. Mary's

Saturday, January 16

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers (*Registration not necessary*)

Sunday, January 17: Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Saint Anthony the Great

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

Registration requested.

Recent Sacraments

Wedding: Alex Dascalos to Sandy Jacobs – December 31, 2020

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; Lukas Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Tom, Olga, Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, Lamona, Bo, Tom Grund, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Jeanette, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Katie, Bri, Gilbert, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Phil, Marnie and family; Joyce, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, 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, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, John, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Blessing of the River

The Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (MEOCCA), will hold the annual Theophany/Epiphany Blessing of the Waters service on the Mississippi River on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 12:00 noon, at Hidden Falls Park, 1313 Hidden Falls Drive, St. Paul. The half-hour service is free and open to the public. The service will end with the local priests immersing a gold cross in the Mississippi River, symbolizing Jesus Christ's baptism in the River Jordan 2,000 years ago.

House Blessings

During January and February, our clergy will be available for house blessings. To schedule a blessing, please send an e-mail request to: stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org or call the Office, 612.825.9595.

Situational Awareness and Personal Safety Training

Sunday, January 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Am I always mindful of my surroundings and personal safety...

- Once I step outside my home?
- Before I open my car door at Target?
- When I'm texting a friend as I walk to my next class?

The first step in maintaining personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings! Situational Awareness is the first and most important self-defense strategy. Please join us for this free and potentially life-saving seminar!

Join us on Sunday, January 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. It is hosted by St. Mary's parishioners, Peter and Libby Cheolis. This extremely valuable training is for all: high schoolers, college-aged students, singles, couples, parents, and retirees.

Please note that this seminar focuses **ONLY** on Situational Awareness and Personal Safety. It will not include any weapons-related training.

To register for the seminar, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/SMGOCSituationalTraining>

Lost Item

A silver men's bracelet with the initials *NPB* and "Love Ethel, 1962" was lost in or around the church on December 31. If anyone found it, or might have seen it, please notify the church office, 612.825.9595. It has much sentimental value for the owner.

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Course

Our MEOCCA sponsored, 12-week, Winter 2021 cooperative catechism course, “Introduction to Orthodox Christianity” will begin Monday, January 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The class is open to all; people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians we welcome! The course is an excellent opportunity to deepen the knowledge of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Classes will be held virtually via Zoom to begin the semester. Register online at <https://forms.gle/mrMdtTKJcSkPjfrw8> or www.meocca.org.

Feel free to join for an individual session as well!

Virtual Bible Study

Our Virtual Bible Study on Monday nights continues until Lent. We meet online via Zoom from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please join us for an in-depth look at the Holy Scriptures. We are currently studying First Peter, often considered one of the most encouraging letters of the New Testament. The schedule of Monday meeting dates is: January 4, 11, and 25; February 1, 8, and 22; and March 1 and 8. The Zoom link can be found on our website, or you can join by phone by dialing 1.301.715.8592 or 1.312.626.6799. Meeting ID: 838 4110 4908 and Passcode: 660926 (use for Zoom and phone meeting).

Prayers for the Unborn and March for Life

Sunday January 17, 2021, is “*Sanctity of Life Sunday*.” Immediately before Liturgy, the “Service for the Naming and Commending of Children Who Have Died before Birth and Have Not Been Baptized” will be offered. The prayers have been written in response to the ongoing need of our families who have lost children by miscarriage, spontaneous abortion, or intentional abortion. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. on the Solea, or via live-stream, that morning. The March for Life is Friday, January 22, 12:00 noon at the State Capitol steps and grounds in St. Paul. This is an annual reminder that over 60 million unborn tiny human lives have been lost. *Note:* This year there will not be a bus from St. Mary’s. Be sure to wear your mask at this outdoor event.

Virtual Icon Classes

Icon Art Studios Inc. has accepted the challenge with gratitude to offer Virtual Icon classes hosted by Wet Paint to witness to our Orthodox communities and the collaboration we have been enjoying with the Basilica. Both St. Mary's Church (who has always hosted sessions 1 and 2) and The Basilica of St. Mary (hosting session 3) have in turn offered to be a sponsor for 2021. This means that St. Mary's Church is offering a scholarship for an icon painting kit for session 1; to one student (does not have to be Orthodox), and The Basilica is offering the same for session 3. All three sessions will be taught by Debra Korluka.

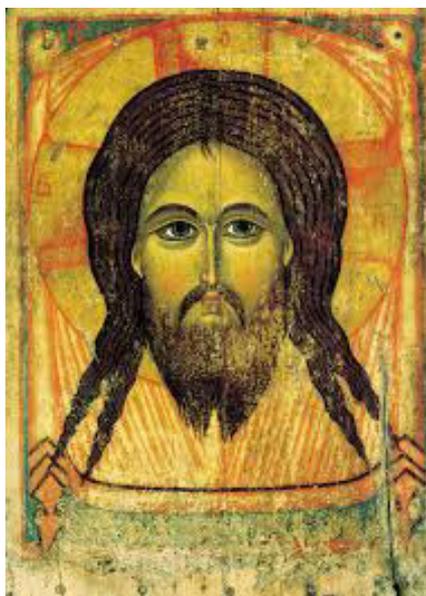
For more information and to register, go to www.wetpaintart.com and click "events & classes" at the top of the homepage.

Session 1: Icon of the Holy Face

Session 2: Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos - She Who Is Quick to Hear

Session 3: Icon of Saint Josephine Bakhita

Please contact Deb Korluka at akorluka@aol.com to obtain detailed information about sessions 1, 2, and 3. Virtual classes will take place Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 beginning **January 13**.



Congratulations to Our Newly-Elected Parish Council Officers

President: Naira Istephanous

Vice President: William M. Hoeft

Secretary: Paul Hastings

Treasurer: Tom Hainlin

Assistant Treasurer: Mike Rakes

Stewardship Campaign 2021

Stewardship packets for 2021 were mailed in November! Please prayerfully consider how you would like to contribute to St. Mary's with your time, talent and treasure and return your completed pledge and time/talent forms to the office. We hope to increase our number of pledged members in 2021, in order to plan more efficiently for our budgeted items. If you have contributed but not pledged in the past, please consider making a pledge for 2021. Also, remember that you can pledge and contribute on-line. For more information, contact:

- Diakonissa Alexandria Kalina at: 952.913.7540 or ackalina@yahoo.com
- Athena Mihas at: 612.387.3890 or athenamih@gmail.com

Saint Mary's Giving Report ~ Year-End Update

2020 Offering Income

2020 Year to Date Actual: \$1,045,521

Annual 2020 Offering Budget: \$1,069,426

Year-End Difference: \$23,905

Immediate Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Laundry soap, diapers, healthy snacks, hygiene items

> most important need ... oatmeal <

January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

From the Fathers...on Baptism

When we come up out of the pool, we put on Christ our Savior,
as an incorruptible garment, worthy of the same honor as the
Holy Spirit who regenerated us and marked us with His seal.

—*Didymus the Blind*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 11

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Luke 4:1-15

Tuesday, January 12

Acts 18:22-28 • John 10:39-42

Wednesday, January 13

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, January 14

Leave-Taking of Holy Theophany

Acts 2:38-43 • Luke 4:1-15

Friday, January 15

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Luke 12:32-40

Saturday, January 16

Acts 12:1-11 • John 21:14-25

Sunday, January 17

Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Hebrews 13:17-21 • Luke 17:12-19

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