

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of July 11/12, 2020

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Commemoration: Euphemia the Great Martyr; St. Sophrony of Essex, The All-Praised Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Princess of Kiev; Nektarios the New Martyr; Nicodemus the New Martyr of Mount Athos.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Saint Euphemia, Third Tone

To the Orthodox you brought elation, the unorthodox, humiliation, O Euphemia, the beautiful virgin of Christ. For what the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Synod decreed well as dogma you ratified. Pray to Christ our God, O glorious Martyr, fervently, entreating Him to grant us His great mercy.

Hymn of Entrance

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

Repeat Hymn of Saint Euphemia (above).

Hymn of Saint Sophrony, First Tone

O pure rose from your Mother Russia, O Father Sophrony, the protector of your British Garden of love and grace * You wisely move those pure in heart like babes against the darkness * illumining them with the fiery pen of the Spirit, the great theologian and standing first with good deeds, teachings, and writing divine and universal translations * As he is a friend of the Lord and His holy disciple and Saint, let us honor him, that he might protect those who love him as an offering.

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 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..... II Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel..... Luke 7:36-50

At that time, one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house, and took his place at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "What

is it, Teacher?” “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Communion Hymn

The memory of the righteous will endure, endure forever. 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.

Baptized on Saturday, July 11:

Basil - parents: Riley & Patty (Peters) Odom

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Commemoration: Fifth Sunday of Matthew; St. Paisios of Mount Athos; Proclus and Hilary the Martyrs of Ancyra; Our Holy Father Michael of Maleinus; Gerasimos of Byzantium and Akakios the young ascetic; Paisios the Athonite; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by Jesus; Andre the Commander and his Companion Martyrs.

Morning Gospel: Fifth

Tone: Fourth

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

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 Saint Paisios, Plagal First Tone. (Let us worship the Word)

Once the fire of love for the Lord was lit in you, through ascetical rigor you gave yourself to God. O God-bearing St. Paisios, for many you became consolation, giving counsel with God-inspired words, and by your prayers working wonders. And now, devout one, you intercede for the whole world unceasingly.

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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 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Gospel.....Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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Memorial Prayers on Sunday are offered for:

John Poulos (40 days); Alexandra (Sandy) Geogleris (5 years)

Calendar of the Week

Today, July 12

1:00 p.m. – Mission Take Heart Zoom Fundraiser

Tuesday, July 14: Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain

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

No registration needed.

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

Wednesday, July 15

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA on Zoom

Thursday, July 16

6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 18

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

Registration requested.

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

Sunday, July 19: Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

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

Registration requested.

FOCUS News

- The clothes closet is closed until further notice, except for extreme emergencies by appointment only. They are not accepting donations at this time.
- FOCUS is increasing the production of shelf-stable lunches and distributing them among the homeless in downtown St. Paul, at shelters, and in FOCUS's neighborhood.
- Sunday meals continue on a to-go basis only. Hospitality teams are in place for the next few months.
- The food shelf is continuing. Rather than offering choice and a shopping experience, pre-packing bags of staples are prepared and purchasing eggs and bread and distributing these at the door. Needed items are: Vienna sausages in little cans, tuna in pouches, 8 oz. bottles of water, applesauce in cups or pouches, macaroni and cheese in cups, Chef Boyardee pasta cups that are already cooked, individual servings in cups of breakfast cereal, single-serving bags of chips or crackers, granola or cereal bars, ramen noodles in a cup, paper lunch bags.

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, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Alex, Presvytera Pat Tsagalakis, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Carole, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Mary Muzetras, Dave, Pam Katie, Bri, Gilbert, Christina, George P., Barbara, Thespina, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Phil, Karen, Kristina, 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, Zoe Kakos, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Henry, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, John, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Christina, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

— ***Philoptochos News*** —

Women's Book Club

The current book for the Women's Book Club is "The Holy Angels" by Mother Alexandra. Copies of the book are available at the church office for \$20. Discussion date TBD. All women are welcome!

— ***Missions and Outreach*** —

Take Heart Fundraiser

The next Missions and Outreach event is a Zoom fundraiser this Sunday afternoon for **Take Heart**, with Aida Samir, Executive Director making the presentation. Take Heart helps persecuted Christians in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Nigeria. 100% of donations help get family businesses re-established, partnering with local churches and organizations to equip rather than supplying handouts. The fundraiser begins at 1:00 p.m. and can be accessed from the information below:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84157728864>

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,84157728864# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 841 5772 8864

Virtual Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who responded to our “Returning to Worship Survey.” Your heartfelt comments were very much appreciated and will allow us to continue adjusting our message and procedures as we progress on this journey together.

Now that the survey is closed, we wish to share the results with you, virtually, at a Parish Town Hall meeting on Sunday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.

From the comfort of your homes and cabins, you can learn more about the survey results, the procedures the church has been taking, and additional plans for the fall.

To join the meeting, consult the e-mail sent on Thursday, July 9, or contact the Church Office to have the link sent to you. We look forward to gathering together again as a parish family and celebrating the many blessings of St. Mary’s.

Job Opening

Joyce Uptown Foodshelf Operations Coordinator – Part-Time

Joyce Uptown Foodshelf is hiring an Operations Coordinator. This is a part-time position. Job description and contact information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y75khrmu>.

Applications are accepted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

info@joyceuptownfoodshelf.org

From the Fathers...on Faith

Do not doubt whether it is possible:
for he that on this sacred Golgotha saved the robber
after only one hour of believing, the same will save you, if you believe.
—Cyril of Jerusalem

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 13

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Matthew 13:10-23, 43

Tuesday, July 14

Romans 16:1-16 • Matthew 13:24-30

Wednesday, July 15

I Corinthians 13:11-14; 14:1-5 • Matthew 17:24 – 18:4

Thursday, July 16

I Corinthians 3:18-23 • Matthew 13:36-43

Friday, July 17: Saint Marina

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 5:24-34

Saturday, July 18

Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 9:18-26

Sunday, July 19:

Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

Titus 3:8-15 • Matthew 5:14-19

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