

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of July 25/26, 2020

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Commemoration: Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos; Olympias the Deaconess; Eupraxia and Julia the Righteous of Tabenna; Gregory Kallidis, Metropolitan of Heraclea; Memory of the Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople (553).

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Hymn for the Day, Fourth Tone

You carried within your womb her who was pregnant with Life, * the Mother of God, O godly-minded Anna, and thus * rejoicing you were today * translated unto heaven, where they live who rejoice now. * And you entreat forgiveness of offences for the faithful * who honor you with longing, O ever-blessed one.

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).

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, Second Tone

Today we observe the memory of Christ's forebears, and also we pray that we might receive their aid, so that all of us may be freed from tribulations, as we cry aloud, "Be with us, O Lord our God, who glorified them as You were pleased to do."

Epistle..... *Galatians 4:22-27*

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married.”

Gospel..... *Luke 8:16-21*

The Lord said, “No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But he said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

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, July 26, 2020

Commemoration: Seventh Sunday of Matthew; Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of Rome; The Holy Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus, and Hermocrates; Prisca the Righteous Martyr; Moses the Hungarian; Jacob Netsvetov the Enlightener of Alaska.

Morning Gospel: Seventh

Tone: Plagal Second

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Second 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.

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 Paraskeve, First Tone

Having worked with readiness befitting the call, O one named for readiness, you inherited as a dwelling, the faith which is your namesake, Paraskeve the Victor; therefore you flow forth healings and intercede for the souls of us all.

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..... *Galatians 3:23 – 4:5*

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel..... *Matthew 9:27-35*

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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Baptism this weekend:

July 25 – Alessandra, parents: Ydrey and George Hangistamoulos

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.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Canned soups and vegetables

August's recipient will be Community Emergency Service.

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

Calendar of the Week

Monday, July 27: Saint Panteleimon

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy

No Registration needed.

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA on Zoom

Thursday, July 30: Saint Silas

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

No Registration needed.

Saturday, August 1: Fast of the Dormition Begins

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

Registration requested.

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

Sunday, August 2: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

• “The Messenger” News Item Deadline – September Issue

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

Registration requested.

7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Meeting via Zoom

Greek Zumba on Zoom

Tuesday, July 28, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Pull out your jingly coin scarf and get ready to listen to Greek music and exercise with your fellow parishioners and friends through fun, energetic Greek Zumba! Kally Youngdahl will once again lead us through warm up exercises, stretching, and Zumba, and will include ways to modify moves to suit your abilities. Details are on the Church’s website.

Virtual Women’s Book Club Discussion

Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.

The Zoom discussion of “The Holy Angels” by Mother Alexandra will be on Tuesday, August 4, and all women are welcome. An e-mail with Zoom credentials will be provided closer to the date. Copies of the book can be purchased from the St. Mary’s office for \$20.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday - July 26, 2020

To serve those who are incarcerated and their families, and provide resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed, and God is glorified.

Our Twin Cities OCPM-Minnesota is a Pan-Orthodox ministry and includes five parishes. Members have been going to Lino Lakes men's prison since 2005 and Shakopee women's prison since 2007. We visit every Monday night, 42 weeks of the year, with about 17-20 volunteers at any given time. That's approximately 800+ visits a year! Our programs include weekly Bible studies at the prisons, a Typica service at Lino Lakes on the fifth Sunday of the month, a small choir of volunteers from the St. Mary's Cathedral to chant at the services, a book and Bible ministry, and reunion breakfast gatherings for released inmates along with their families/mentors or friends. The letter writing ministry is a part of the national OCPM. We are blessed to have its administrator and tireless letter writer (among other tasks), Zosima Daugherty, right here in town, Zosima is married to our own Gigi Tiggas (who, by the way, does all the envelope stuffing and address labels!).

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.

Please register in advance for this meeting by going to:

shorturl.at/qwIX2

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting.

From the Fathers...on Charity

To none do you owe anything but to love one another.

—*Saint Augustine*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 27: Saint Panteleimon

II Timothy 2:1-10 • John 15:17 – 16:2

Tuesday, July 28

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 • Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, July 29

I Corinthians 10:12-22 • Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, July 30

Acts 15:35-41 • Matthew 16:24-28

Friday, July 31

I Corinthians 11:8-23 • Matthew 17:10-18

Saturday, August 1: Dormition Fast Begins

Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2 • Matthew 10:16-22

Sunday, August 2: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 1:10-17 • Matthew 14:14-22

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