

SAINT MARY'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

*The Weekend of July 4/5, 2020*

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***Saturday, July 4, 2020***

***Commemoration:*** Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon; Martha, mother of St. Symeon Stylites the Younger; Asclepias the Wonderworker; Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia; Michael Choniates, Metropolitan of Athens.

***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 6:11-17***

Brethren, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed.

***Gospel.....Matthew 8:14-23***

At that time, when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and served him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead." And when he entered the boat, his disciples followed him.

### ***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.*

*Happy  
Independence  
Day!*

# *Sunday, July 5, 2020*

**Commemoration:** Fourth Sunday of Matthew; Athanasios of Mount Athos; Righteous Father Lampadus the Wonderworker; Kyprianos the New Martyr of Koutloumousiou Monastery; Uncovering of the Holy Relics of Our Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh; Holy New Martyrs Elizabeth the Grand Duchess and the Novice Barbara.

*Morning Gospel: Fourth*

*Tone: Third*

## *Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy*

### *At the Small Entrance*

#### *Resurrection Hymn, Third Tone*

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world 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 Athanasios, Third Tone*

Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, to 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 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 5:22 – 6:2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Gospel**..... Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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# *Calendar of the Week*

## ***Tuesday, July 7***

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

## ***Thursday, July 9***

4:00 p.m. – Junior GOYA on Zoom

## ***Friday, July 10***

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

*Please e-mail or text Steve Wehr for link information:*

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## ***Saturday, July 11: Saint Euphemia***

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

*Registration requested.*

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

## ***Sunday, July 12: Fifth Sunday of Matthew***

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

*Registration requested.*

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***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.

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## ***Food Shelf Needs for Next Week***

*Rice*

*This month's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.*

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

— *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 book store. Until the church resumes regular activities, you can stop at the St. Mary's office to pick up a copy for \$20. Discussion date TBD. All women are welcome!

*Summer 2020 Outreach Survey*

Saint Mary's Philoptochos is in the process of planning summer and fall activities and would like input from ALL church members. Please click on the survey link below and take a few minutes to answer six questions. The survey closes TODAY, Sunday, July 5. Thank you!

**Summer 2020 Outreach Survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3YLKQM>

— *Missions and Outreach* —

*Take Heart Fundraiser*

The next Missions and Outreach event will be a Zoom fundraiser for **Take Heart** on Sunday, July 12, 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>

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## ***From the Fathers...on Gentleness***

There is scarcely any other virtue which the demons  
fear as much as gentleness.

—*Evagrius the Solitary*

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

#### ***Monday, July 6***

Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 • Matthew 12:9-13

#### ***Tuesday, July 7: Saint Kyriake***

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 5:24-34

#### ***Wednesday, July 8***

I Timothy 4:9-15 • Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21

#### ***Thursday, July 9***

Romans 15:17-29 • Matthew 12:46 – 13:3

#### ***Friday, July 10***

Romans 16:1-16 • Matthew 13:3-9

#### ***Saturday, July 11: Saint Euphemia***

II Corinthians 6:1-10 • Luke 7:36-50

#### ***Sunday, July 12: Fifth Sunday of Matthew***

Romans 10:1-10 • Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

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