

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of November 14/15, 2020

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Commemoration: Philip the Apostle; Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki; Holy Great New Martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian the Emperor and his wife Theodora

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy
At the Second Antiphon

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

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Saint Philip, Third Tone

O holy Apostle Philip, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous among your saints, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of Saint Philip, 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 Entry of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle..... *I Corinthians 4:9-16*

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel *John 1:43-51*

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Communion Prayers are found on page 4 of this leaflet.

Communion Hymn

Their voice has gone out to the whole world, and their words to the ends of the earth (Psalm 18:5). 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.



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 with spiritual fire my sins, 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, November 15, 2020

Nativity Fast Begins Today.

Commemoration: Eighth Sunday of Luke; Nativity Fast Begins; Guria, Shamuna, and Habib, Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa; Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Morning Gospel: First

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 for the Martyrs, Plagal First Tone

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable fortress, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of foreign enemies, and strengthen our nation, for You alone are good and love humanity.

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Epistle..... Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel..... Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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Memorial Prayers today are offered for: James Petrou (40 days), Theodore Stundahl (5 years), James Peters (6 years), Joseph Seidl (9 years).



Sacraments This Weekend

Baptisms

Erika, Angelina, and Valerie Young - Saturday, November 14

Ayana, daughter of Alex and Candice Michael - Sunday, November 15



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; Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, 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, Zoe Kakos, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Henry, 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.

Calendar of the Week

Monday, November 16: Saint Matthew

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

Tuesday, November 17

5:00 p.m. – Greek Zumba on Zoom

6:30 p.m. – Parish Night: HOPE/JOY

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

7:00 p.m. – Parish Night: Senior GOYA and Adults

Thursday, November 19

6:30 p.m. – Parish Night: Junior GOYA

6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

Friday, November 20

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship: Reading and Praying the Psalms

(Zoom only)

Saturday, November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, November 22: Ninth Sunday of Luke

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

Registration requested.

* = *services when advance registration is not asked.*

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Canned meat (e.g.: tuna / chicken)

November’s recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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

Parish-Night Week This Week



Our next Parish-Night Week is November 17-19. Please register for the meeting at least two days prior to the Parish Night event on our church website. After you register, you will receive an email with the Zoom Meeting link. The youth meeting link is sent by email to the parents/guardians.

HOPE/JOY - Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- “Offering Our Conflicts”

Adult/Senior GOYA - Wednesday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Deacon Philip Wagner presents on “Prisoners Outside of Prisons: Still Paying the Price.”

Junior GOYA - Thursday, November 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- “Offering Our Conflicts”

November 24 Philoptochos Changes

Days for Girls In-Person Event Canceled

Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom Only

Due to the current rate of coronavirus infection in the state, the in-person Philoptochos activities on Tuesday, November 24, have been canceled.

1. The Philoptochos Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join as early as 6:45 p.m. for fellowship. Find the link in Fr. George’s emails and the electronic Philoptochos Newsletter.
2. Days for Girls Service Event: If you’d like to do some kit work at home, please contact *Sofia Johnson* at 952.500.2991 or SofiaCheronisJohnson@gmail.com. Donations of colored girls underwear (sizes 10-16), dark washcloths and Ziploc freezer bags (gallon, no slide closers) can be dropped off in the bin at the main south door of St. Mary’s.

Angel Tree Program

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the purchasing and delivery of individual gifts has been suspended this year. Each of us who wish to support a child this Christmas is asked to send \$22.00 to St. Mary’s (marked “Angel Tree” in the memo line). The child will receive from Angel Tree a gift card with a message from the incarcerated parent. The child will also get a coupon for a complimentary Bible which they can obtain online. Please send your donation early in order for it to arrive at St. Mary’s by December 1. Questions may be directed to *Bob Kennedy*, 952.941.5311.

Winter Coats, Hats, and Mittens

Donations can be brought to the main south door at church

As part of Operation Classroom, we reached out to Jefferson Community School to see how we can help, and winter gear was their request. The school has pre-K through 8th grade students with 92% eligible for free or reduced lunches. Please bring new or clean, gently used coats (sizes 3T-appropriate adult), hats and waterproof mittens. Ends December 15.

Greek Zumba via Zoom

Tuesday, November 17, 5:00-5:45 p.m., in the comfort of your own home! Tune in to exercise with Kally or just to listen to the upbeat Greek music!

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81776996902>, Meeting ID: 817 7699 6902, Phone In: 312.626.6799

Women's Book Club December Read

Copies of "The Life of Saint Macrina" are available in the church office. Discussion date TBD.



Saint Nicholas' Day Harvest Pack



We are celebrating St. Nicholas' Day (December 6) following the example of the beloved Saint! Join us on Sunday, December 6, for our second 2020 Missions and Outreach Harvest Pack event, an inter-generational hands-on expression of our love and charity for one another. St. Mary's is privileged to have resources to share with the hungry. We are among many Greek Orthodox churches that support the fight against hunger! A safe process has been set up for this "Share the Harvest" event.

Join us in the Great Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, where we will receive a short training and guidance to prepare 15,000 meals in two hours. We'll pack food that is nut-free, gluten-free, vegan, and made with U.S.-sourced ingredients that are full of carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, and are easily digestible to meet the needs of people with different needs and food restrictions. Let's again work together to fight the #1 health risk: hunger and food insecurity. Online registration is now open: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca4ac2da5fa7-share



Summer Camp

The
2021 Summer Camp Staff Application Site
Awaits YOU!

**Please apply now,
even if you are unsure of your status next summer!**

By God's Grace, Summer Camp 2021 will be held July 3-9, 2021.
Please prayerfully consider this amazing ministry.

Summer Camp Staff Applications
are due November 30, 2020

Questions? Contact Doria at 612.825.9595 or
doria@stmarysgoc.org.

To apply...

Go to <http://youth.stmarysgoc.org/> or www.stmaryscamp.com
(St. Mary's Camp website's home page) and click on the link at
the bottom of the page.

There are 3 steps:

1. If new to this site, please create a NEW account using a NEW password. If returning, please sign in with your username and password. Please remember that the "forgot your password" link will send your password to the same e-mail that you initially used when you set up your account. The retrieved password frequently ends up in spam or junk mail. If you still don't receive your password within a couple of hours either Jon Klein or Doria Saros can reset it for you.
2. Create/Update a Profile.
3. Register for Summer Camp 2021

From the Fathers...on Love of Neighbor

Our salvation and our ruin is in our neighbor.
Our salvation depends on how we relate to our neighbor.
Do not forget to see the image of God in your neighbor.

—*Saint Nikon of Optina*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 16

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Romans 10:11 – 11:2 • Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, November 17

I Corinthians 12:7-11 • Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, November 18

I Thessalonians 4:1-12 • Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 19

I Thessalonians 4:18-5:10 • Luke 16:1-9

Friday, November 20

I Thessalonians 5:9-13; 5:24-28 • Luke 16:15 – 17:1

Saturday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sunday, November 22

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 2:14-22 • Luke 12:16-21

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