

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of November 28/29, 2020

Saturday, November 28, 2020

Commemoration: Stephen the New; Irenarchos and his Companion Martyrs at Sebaste; Auxentius, 16 Martyrs of Tiberioupolis

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 Stephen the New, Fourth Tone (You who were lifted.)

When you had trained ascetically on the mountain, wearing the armor of the Cross, blessed Father, you then destroyed the spiritual armies of the foe. Afterwards you manfully stripped yourself for the contest and you slew Copronymous with the sword of the true Faith. For both these victories you were crowned by God, monastic Martyr Saint Stephen, extolled by all.

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 Stephen the New, above.

Hymn for the Martyrs, Fourth Tone

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their 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 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.....Galatians 1:3-10

Brethren, grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel - not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel of heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed. Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

Gospel.....Luke 10:19-21

The Lord said to his disciples, “Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”

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. 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 29, 2020

Commemoration: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke; Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia; Our Righteous Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth; Phaedrus the Martyr.

Morning Gospel: Third

Tone: Plagal Fourth

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 the Dormition of the Theotokos, First Tone

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Kontakion of Preparation for the Birth of Christ, Third Tone

Today the Virgin cometh, cometh unto the cave, To give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, Begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, oh, Universe if thou should hear and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him who by His will shall become a new born Babe and who is our God before all Ages.

Epistle..... Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is

above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel.....Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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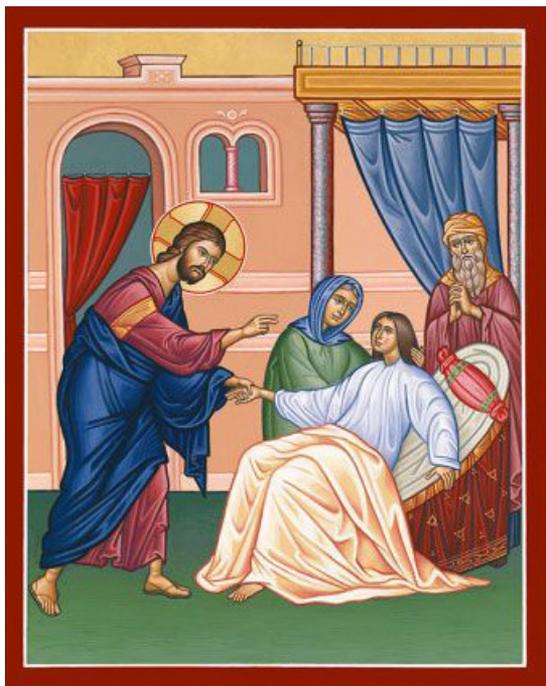
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Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

The family of Katina Janavaras; 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 30: Saint Andrew the First-Called

8:30 a.m. – Orthros *; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *
7:30 p.m. – Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, December 2: Habakkuk the Prophet; Saint Porphyrios

8:30 a.m. – Orthros *; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *
6:00 p.m. – Small Blessing of Water
6:45 p.m. – Junior GOYA in the Great Hall

Friday, December 4: Saint Barbara

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *via Zoom only*
8:30 a.m. – Orthros *; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy *

Saturday, December 5: Saint Savas

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Registration requested.
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, December 6: Tenth Sunday of Luke; Saint Nicholas

- *“The Messenger” news item deadline - December issue.*
- 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 soups and vegetables

November's recipient has been FOCUS Minnesota

December's recipient will be Community Emergency Service (CES).

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

Parish Christmas Card and Decorations

Share Christmas greetings with all at St. Mary's through our annual Christmas card! Forms were in both the November and December issues of "The Messenger," which are also posted on our website for easy access. You can make a Christmas card donation on-line through our on-line giving area, either by logging in to your account or by using the Quick Give field. Be sure to enter your name as you'd like it in the card in the Special Instructions field. You may also mail your form to the Church, or bring it with you to Liturgy.

Deadlines:

Christmas Card - Sunday, December 6

Christmas Decoration Donations - Sunday, December 20

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Monday Night On-line Bible Study continues tomorrow evening, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The link for the sessions is: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp83l77>, or you may find it on our website's homepage.

Kids Jacket Collection Ends December 8

As part of the national Operation Classroom program, Philoptochos has initiated a relationship with Jefferson Community School, a PreK-Grade 8 school with 517 students, of whom 92% are eligible for free or reduced price lunches. We are collecting new and clean, gently used winter outerwear, specifically:

- Winter Jackets (Sizes 3T – Appropriate Adult)
- Waterproof Mittens
- Hats

Donations can be placed in the bins in the south entrance of St. Mary's through Tuesday, December 8. Contact Paulette Hastings, 952.564.8388, if you'd like to help deliver at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9.

Thank you for your gifts!

Women's Book Club

Tuesday, December 8

Copies of "The Life of Saint Macrina" are available in the church office. Discussion date is Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., and will be via Zoom only. The link will be sent out by e-mail, anyone not receiving e-mails from Philoptochos, please call the church office or email Diakonissa Alexandria at ackalina@yahoo.com to be added to the list.

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 well! 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!

Angel Tree Program



Through the generosity of so many parishioners, we have exceeded our goal for this year's Angel Tree collection. A hearty thank you to all who will be making this Christmas a bit brighter for a child whose parent is incarcerated.



Saint Nicholas' Day Harvest Pack



We are celebrating St. Nicholas' Day (December 6) following the example of the beloved Saint! Join us next 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 Thanksgiving

For if God does not for a moment tire of giving us good things,
how can we tire of thanking Him for these good things?"

—*Saint Nikolaj Velimirovic*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 30

Saint Andrew, the First-Called Apostle

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:35-51

Tuesday, December 1

I Timothy 1:8-14 • Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday, December 2

I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15 • Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, December 3

I Timothy 3:1-13 • Luke 20:9-18

Friday, December 4

Saint Barbara

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 • Mark 5:24-34

Saturday, December 5

Saint Savas

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Matthew 11:27

Sunday, December 6

Tenth Sunday of Luke; Saint Nicholas

Hebrews 13:17-21 • Luke 13:10-17

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