

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of November 7/8, 2020

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Commemoration: Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny of Brooklyn; 33 Martyrs of Melitene; Lazarus the Wonderworker; Martyr Athenodorus; Alexander the Martyr of Thessaloniki.

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 Lazarus the Wonderworker, Plagal Fourth Tone

As you vigilantly prayed you drenched your pillar with rivers of your tears; and with your sighs from deep within, painstaking labors produced their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a pastor, giving forgiveness to all those who came to you, our devout father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

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 Lazarus the Wonderworker, 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..... II Corinthians 5:1-10

Brethren, we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

Gospel..... Luke 9:1-6

At that time, Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Commemoration: Seventh Sunday of Luke; Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel.

Morning Gospel: Eleventh

Tone: Plagal First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal First Tone

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

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 Archangels, Fourth Tone

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commanders of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

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.....*Hebrews 2:2-10*

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Gospel.....*Luke 8:41-56*

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him,

“Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Prayers are on page 3 of this leaflet.

Stewardship Prayer

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Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Helen Hasselstrom; The family of Chris J. Boosalis; 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, Armour family, Cora and family, Bo, Tom Grund, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Jeanette, Travis, Kristina, 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, 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, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Calendar of the Week

Monday, November 9: Saint Nektarios

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

Tuesday, November 10

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 11: Saint Menas

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy *

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA at Church

Thursday, November 12

7:00 p.m. – IOCC Virtual Fundraising Event

Friday, November 13: Saint John Chrysostom

Parish Council applications are due today.

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

Saturday, November 14: Saint Philip

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

Registration requested.

11:15 a.m. – HOPE and JOY at Church

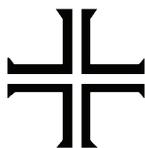
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, November 15: Eighth Sunday of Luke; Nativity Fast Begins

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

*Immediate needs are pasta sauce, small peanut butter, jelly,
mashed potatoes, and cereal.*

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Monday Night On-line Bible Study continues tomorrow evening, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Classes are underway, but please join us even if you haven't joined us in the past. Next class will be Monday, November 23.

The link for the sessions is: <https://tinyurl.com/yyy83l77>, or you may find it on our website's homepage.

Fresh Fillo Sale Returns!

We're excited to take orders for fresh, never frozen, fillo. The deadline to place your order is Saturday, November 7. The cost is \$4.00 per pound.

Preorder: All sales must be made either online or directly with chair Andrea Tiggas. For everyone's safety, no orders will be taken in person at church.

• Online Credit Card Sales at:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/KJ4WGQFG3CYW4ENKISKYTNXR>

• Order with Andrea at: 612.239.1522 or adtiggas@msn.com. Payment must be received by Saturday, November 7. Checks payable to Philoptochos with fillo in the memo line can be mailed to Andrea at 6128 Ryan Avenue, Edina 55424.

Pick Up Your Fillo: Saturday, November 14, or Sunday, November 15, after church. Distribution will be from the classroom door that opens into the south parking lot, midway between the flag pole and main door.

IOCC Annual Fundraiser

The annual IOCC Fundraiser held each November at St. Mary's will be a virtual event this year, held on November 12, 7:00 p.m.

To register for this event and to donate to IOCC, go to the website: iocc.org/minneapolis

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.

FOCUS Minnesota Dinner

*Sign Up to Help Provide Dinner for FOCUS Minnesota on
Sunday, November 15*

Philoptochos will prepare dinner for 175 guests at FOCUS Minnesota. To maintain social distancing, we are asking volunteers to prepare small batches of food in their homes and deliver it to the north (small) parking lot of St. Mary's by 3:30 p.m. on November 15. From there, it will be transferred to vehicles of volunteers who will go to FOCUS to prepare to-go containers and hand out dinner at the door. If you are able to do one of the following jobs, please contact chair Carol Smith, 952.210.8618 or smithzcl@gmail.com, or volunteer online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A8A722AAF85-dinner> or via the link in the Weekly Update e-mail.

- Make 3 meatloaves (recipe will be provided)
- Make 10 pounds of mashed potatoes (*recipe provided – instant is okay!*)
- Make triple recipe of Green Bean Casserole (*recipe provided*)
- Purchase 4 dozen rolls
- Bring 4 dozen homemade cookies
- Volunteer to work at FOCUS (3:00-7:30 p.m.)

Days for Girls Service Project

Tuesday, November 24

Terrace Room (3:00-9:00 p.m.) or On Your Own

Components of Days for Girls Kits (reusable menstruation supplies) will be made as part of our ongoing service project for girls and women around the world. This year we will work in the Great Hall to allow for social distancing. All skill levels are welcome – jobs include cutting, ironing, sewing, assembling, and more.

If want to participate but cannot attend, you can...

- Provide donations:
 - GIRLS (not women's) underwear, sizes 10-16 – colored, not white
 - Ziploc gallon size freezer bags – no slide closers, please
- Work at home: Based on your interest and ability, there are lots of things you can do! Chair Sofia Johnson will compile all you need to participate – perhaps you can cut fabric, serge around pads, or insert drawstrings into kit bags. Contact Sofia to determine the project that's right for you, 952.500.2991 or SofiaCheronisJohnson@gmail.com.
- Would you like to make a donation instead? Dark colored washcloths are needed. Bring them to the Church by November 24.

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

Parish Council Elections Approach!

Are you an active member of St. Mary's? Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to the work of the church? Would you like to more fully participate in the life of St. Mary's? Do you have time to commit to serving others? Do you have a special gift for working cooperatively and enhancing our parish?

We need YOU! The four out-going members of our Parish Council are not eligible to run for re-election, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one-year, please prayerfully consider serving on the Council. Members serve for a 3-year term, and meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

All candidates are required to attend a Parish Council webinar prior to the election.

Candidate applications are now available through the Church Office and due back by **this** Friday, November 13.

Interested parishioners are encouraged to speak with a current member of the Parish Council to ask questions and learn more about this important ministry of the church.



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 Jesus Christ

He was made man that we might be made God, and He manifested Himself by a body that we might receive the idea of the unseen Father; and He endured the insolence of men that we might inherit immortality.

—*Saint Athanasius*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 9

I Thessalonians 1:1-5 • Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday, November 10

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday, November 11

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 12:48-59

Thursday, November 12

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Matthew 5:14-19

Friday, November 13

Saint John Chrysostom

Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2 • John 10:9-16

Saturday, November 14

Saint Philip the Apostle

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:43-51

Sunday, November 15

Eighth Sunday of Luke; Nativity Fast Begins

Ephesians 2:4-10 • Luke 10:25-37

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