

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of October 10/11, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Commemoration: Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs; Our Righteous Father Theophilus the Confessor; The 200 Monk-martyrs of Nicomedia; Vassianos the Righteous of Constantinople; The 14 Holy Elders of Optina Monastery; Pinytos, Bishop of Knossos; Paulinus, Archbishop of York.

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 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.

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 for the Martyrs, 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 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..... I Corinthians 15:39-45

Brethren, not all flesh is alike, but there is one kind for men, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are celestial bodies and there are terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Gospel Luke 5:27-32

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a tax collector, named Levi, sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he left everything, and rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house; and there was a large company of tax collectors and others sitting at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

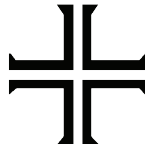
Communion Hymn. Psalms 64, 101

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.



Sunday, October 11, 2020

Commemoration: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the Seven Deacons; Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea; Holy Martyrs Zenais and Philonilla; Nectarios, Arsakios, Sisinius and Philotheos Kokkinos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking; Kenneth.

Morning Gospel: Seventh

Tone: First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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 Holy Fathers, Plagal Fourth Tone

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

Hymn of the Apostle Philip, Third Tone

O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First Tone

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Epistle..... Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel..... Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what

fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Stewardship Prayer

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Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Constantinos P. (Gus) Dascalos (6 months)



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; Armour family, Cora and family, Bo, Tom Grund, Lynn, 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, 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, October 12: Saint Symeon the New Theologian

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

7:30 p.m. – On-Line Bible Study: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp83l77>

Tuesday, October 13

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

6:45 p.m. – Senior GOYA Paraklesis and Social, St. Mary's

Thursday, October 15

6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 17

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, October 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist

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

Registration requested.

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting

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

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Immediate needs include hygiene items such as:

toothpaste, face soap, razors, nail clippers

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

Monetary donations can be sent to the church, placed in the box on the Share YourShelf cart, mailed to Simpson, or made online through the following link: <https://gf.me/u/yu8x96>

Winter Coat Drive

FOCUS House is collecting coats for the Onamia Indian Reservation. This collection is for women and children who live in the colder part of Minnesota. If you have extra not-needed-coats (new and *gently* used), please bring them to St. Mary's to help the Native American children. There will be a collection container located in the narthex at St. Mary's or you can bring to FOCUS House at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul. The drive ends Sunday, October 11.

Monday Night On-line Bible Study

Monday Night On-line Bible Study continues this week. Our study is from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Classes are underway, but please join us even if you missed the first sessions. Zoom information was sent in an e-mail. Contact the Church Office if you need it resent. Please contact Fr. Jason with any questions: frjason@stmarysgoc.org. All classes are at 7:30 p.m.: October 5, 12, 26. Here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yyp83l77>

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book "Grand Duchess Elizabeth" by Lubov Millar. Details have been sent to those interested in joining in-person. Contact Diakonissa Alexandria to be added to the distribution list. The event is hybrid with both online and in-person opportunities.

Parish-Night Week: October 20-22

The Church Facing the World

Our next Parish-Night Week is just a week away – October 20-22. 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 will be emailed to the parents/guardians as the event draws closer.



HOPE/JOY - Tuesday, October 20, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- "A Life of Offering: Offering Our Struggles"

Adult/Senior GOYA - Wednesday, October 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Fr. Jacob Zaki presents, "Islam, Between Then and Now: What Do I Need to Know?"

Junior GOYA - Thursday, October 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Weekly Small Group Curriculum from Y2AM

Fall General Assembly

Our Fall General Assembly will be conducted digitally on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to your participation as we discuss the following topics important to the life of our parish:

- Spring 2020 General Assembly Meeting Minutes Approval
- Big Greek Giveback Report
- Financial Update
- By-Laws Change
- Parish Council Election process
- Clergy-Laity Report
- Board of Auditors Elections
- Board of Elections Candidate Approvals

An e-mail with the meeting link will be sent to parishioners a few days prior to the meeting.

College Address Updates

Are you – or your child or grandchild – attending college? Be sure to keep us updated with your most current contact information so we can keep you connected and send you care packages! Please go to this link and update us: <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeContactSMGOC>

Saint Mary's Promotional Video

Help us share our wonderful community with others! Consider submitting a short video promoting St. Mary's to outsiders. Your video should be seven seconds or less and about why you love St. Mary's (refer to the e-mail sent this past week). The video is intended for non-Orthodox seekers who might be interested in our community. An upbeat and fast-paced statement is ideal. Contact Fr. Jason, frjason@stmarysgoc.org, for more information. You may send your short video to Fr. Jason via text, 612.401.0660 or email frjason@stmarysgoc.org. It only takes a minute of your time!

We Are Looking for a Few Good Candidates

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!

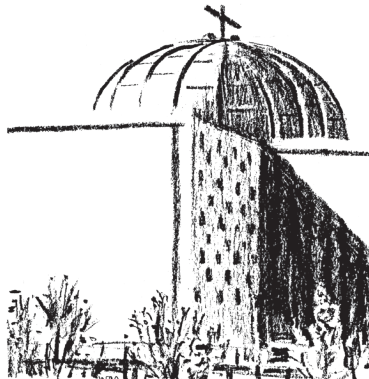
The four out-going members of our Parish Council are not eligible to run for re-election, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one-year, please prayerfully consider serving on 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 in the Church Office and due back by Friday, October 16.

All 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.



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"...My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27)

From the Fathers...on Reading the Scriptures

Do not try to use your logic in order to understand some sections from the Holy Bible. Logic has no place in the Holy Bible.

Just read it. God will reveal whatever is good for you.

—*Saint Paisios the Athonite*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 12

Philippians 1:1-7 • Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, October 13

Philippians 1:8-14 • Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 14

Philippians 1:12-20 • Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, October 15

Philippians 1:20-27 • Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 16

Philippians 1:27 – 2:4 • Matthew 27:33-54

Saturday, October 17

Romans 9:18-33 • Luke 6:1-10

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Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 • Luke 10:16-21

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