

SAINT MARY'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

*The Weekend of October 31/November 1, 2020*

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***Saturday, October 31, 2020***

***Commemoration:*** Amplias, Apelles, Stachys, Urban, Aristobulus, and Narcissus of the 70; The Holy Martyr Epimachus of Egypt; Nicholas the New Martyr of Chios.

***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 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.

***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 Day, above.*

***Another Hymn for the Day, 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, 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.....Romans 16:1-16***

Brethren, I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cenchreai, that you may receive her in the Lord as befits the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself as well. Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks; greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epainetos, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked hard among you. Greet Andronicos and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners; they are men of note among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. Greet Ampliatos, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulos. Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissos. Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaina and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, eminent in the Lord, also his mother and mine. Greet Asyncritos, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren who are with them. Greet Philologos, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

***Gospel .....Luke 8:16-21***

The Lord said, "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him for the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

## **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 Holy Unmercenary: Saints Cosmas and Damianos  
Commemorated November 1

# ***Sunday, November 1, 2020***

**Commemoration:** Fifth Sunday of Luke; Cosmas and Damianos the Holy Unmercenarys of Asia, and their mother Theodota; David the Righteous of Evia.

*Morning Gospel: Tenth*

*Tone: Fourth*

## ***Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy***

### ***At the Small Entrance***

#### ***Resurrection Hymn, Fourth Tone***

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with 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 Cosmas and Damianos, Plagal Fourth Tone***

O Holy Wonder-workers who healed without payment, visit our weaknesses; freely you have received, freely give to us!

#### ***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 12:27 – 13:8***

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets,

third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

**Gospel**..... *Luke 16:19-31*

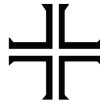
The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

## **Stewardship Prayer**

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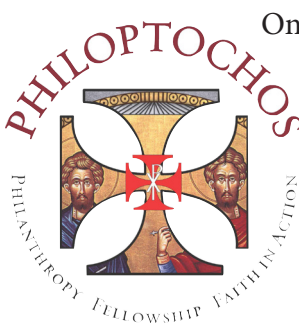
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***Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Chrisoula, Anthony, Cleo, William & Catherine Poulos, Peter Poulos, John Poulos.***



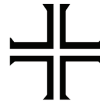
***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:*** The family of Elena Benakis Straub; Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Families Moving Forward; Metro Hope 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, Judith, 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.

## Sunday, November 1, is Philoptochos Sunday



On Sunday, November 1, the church commemorates Saints Cosmas and Damian, the Patron Saints of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. Their love for God and neighbor serve as examples for us to do the same, to share our blessings with those in need and to be instruments of God's grace.

2020 also marks the 75th anniversary of St. Mary's having a Philoptochos Chapter! Women of the parish have been serving others and the church since their arrival at the turn of the 20th century, and officially joined Philoptochos in 1945. After the feast day Liturgy, Philoptochos will offer artoclasia, the blessing of five loaves, which remind us of Jesus' miracle in the desert when he fed five thousand with five loaves. We are grateful to Presvytera Alexandra for baking the five loaves.



### ***Sacraments This Week***

*Wedding: Andrew Kalina to Andrea Zecy – Saturday, October 31, 2020, in Kansas City.*

Father George and family are in Kansas City this weekend for the wedding of Andrew Kalina to Andrea Zecy.

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

*Peanut butter and jelly*

*November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.*

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

# Calendar of the Week

## **Today**

“The Messenger” news item deadline, December issue

## **Monday, November 2**

7:30 p.m. – Monday Night On-line Bible Study

## **Tuesday, November 3: Transfer of the Relics of Saint George**

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

## **Wednesday, November 4**

6:00 p.m. – Small Blessing of Water

6:45 p.m. – Junior GOYA at Church

## **Friday, November 6**

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, Lecture Room and on Zoom

1:00 p.m. – Funeral Service for Elena Benakis Straub

## **Saturday, November 7**

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

*Registration requested.*

**4:00 p.m.** – Great Vespers (*note time change*) \*

## **Sunday, November 8: Seventh Sunday of Luke**

### **Synaxis of the Archangels**

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

*Registration requested.*

\* = services when advance registration is not asked.



## **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 missed the first sessions.

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 from October 23-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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 will be provided – instant is okay!)*
- Make triple recipe of Green Bean Casserole *(recipe will be provided)*
- Purchase 4 dozen rolls
- Bring 4 dozen homemade cookies
- Volunteer to work at FOCUS (3:00-7:30 p.m.)

The logo for FOCUS Minnesota features the word "FOCUS" in a large, orange, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a solid orange circle, and the letter "C" is replaced by a blue circle that overlaps the orange circle.

 **MINNESOTA**

Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding and Shelter

# 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!

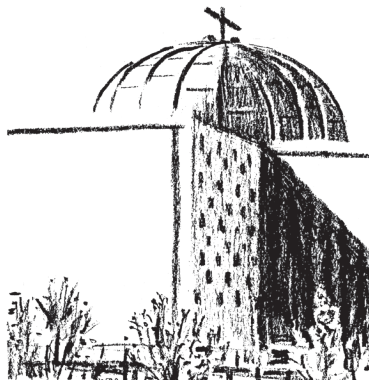
The four out-going members of our Parish Council are not eligible to run for re-election, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one-year, please prayerfully consider serving on 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, November 13 (note new date).

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.



## **From the Fathers...on Love**

Visit the sick, console the distressed, and do not make your longing for prayer a pretext for turning away from anyone who asks for your help; for love is greater than prayer.

—*Saint Symeon the New Theologian*

### **Daily Bible Readings**

#### ***Monday, November 2***

Colossians 2:13-20 • Luke 11:29-33

#### ***Tuesday, November 3***

#### ***Transfer of the Relics of Saint George***

Colossians 2:20 – 3:3 • Luke 11:34-41

#### ***Wednesday, November 4***

Colossians 3:17 – 4:1 • Luke 11:42-46

#### ***Thursday, November 5***

Colossians 4:2-9 • Luke 11:47 – 12:1

#### ***Friday, November 6***

Hebrews 8:1-6 • Luke 12:8-12

#### ***Saturday, November 7***

II Corinthians 5:1-10 • Luke 9:1-6

#### ***Sunday, November 8***

#### ***Seventh Sunday of Luke; Synaxis of the Archangels***

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 8:41-56

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