

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of September 26/27, 2020

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Saturday, September 26, 2020

Commemoration: The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian; Removal of the Honorable Head of Apostle Andrew the First-Called.

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 the Falling Asleep of the Evangelist, Second Tone

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy.

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 the Falling Asleep of the Evangelist, 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 John 4:12-19

No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.

Gospel John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Communion Hymn

Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. 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.



Memorial Prayers today are offered for: John Efstathiou (40 days).



Baptism this weekend:

Navya Sophia, parents: Jonathan & Priya Backos
September 25, 2020

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Sunday, September 27, 2020

Commemoration: First Sunday of Luke; Callistratus the Martyr and his 49 Companions; Mark, Aristarchos, and Zenon, Apostles of the Seventy; Akylina the New Martyr of Thessaloniki; Gideon the Righteous.

Morning Gospel: Fifth

Tone: Grave

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your 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 Saint Kallistratos, 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

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Epistle..... *II Corinthians 6:1-10*

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

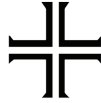
Gospel..... *Luke 5:1-11*

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Stewardship Prayer

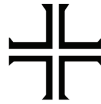
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Memorial Prayers today are offered for: Christie, Vasili, Amalia, Athanasia, Giorgo, Vako, Athanasi, Kosti, Louie, and Chris.

Our outdoor fellowship this morning is hosted in memory of Christie Geanakoplos by the Senior GOYA.



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, Bo, Jeannie, 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

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. – Parish-Night Week: HOPE and JOY

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 p.m. – Parish-Night Week: Adults and Senior GOYAns

Thursday, October 1: Holy Protection of the Theotokos

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Parish-Night Week: Junior GOYAns

Friday, October 2

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

Saturday, October 3

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

Registration requested.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers *

Sunday, October 4: Second Sunday of Luke

- *“The Messenger” news item deadline~ November issue.*

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

Registration requested.

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

Additional Liturgies Added

In an effort to offer more worship opportunities with a smaller attendance, we have added two weekday liturgies to our published October schedule.

They are:

- Tuesday, October 6: Saint Thomas the Apostle
- Monday, October 12: Saint Symeon the New Theologian

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

September's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

October's recipient will be Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Parish-Night Week: September 29-October 1 ***The Church Facing the World***

This year, we are turning our Parish Night into Parish-Night Week! It's a virtual event. An email will be sent with a link to register for the Adult/Senior GOYA session later this week. Please register for the meeting at least two days prior to the Parish Night event. 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 Schedule - Tuesday, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

- September 29: "A Life of Offering: Offering our Prayer"

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

- September 30: Metropolitan Nathanael presents on "The Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World"

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

- October 1: Weekly Small Group Curriculum from Y2AM

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 will be available soon. Contact the Church Office to be added to the distribution list and/or to purchase the book. Cost for the book is \$30.00

The Big Greek Give Back



The Festival weekend and the Big Greek Give Back might be past, but the need for food donations continues. Through the remainder of September we will accept donations to be distributed to local food shelves to help those in need. A link to give is on our website.

We pray you will find it in your heart to donate to those in need during this time.

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 hallway at St. Mary's or you can bring to FOCUS House at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul. This coat drive ends October 11.

No Family Camp This Year? No Worries!

Join us on Family Camp Saturday – October 10 – for a two-hour virtual retreat:

The Communion of Saints

Dr. Michael Lotti and Fr. Jonathon Proctor will explore the topic of Saints, both in Scriptures and in our liturgical tradition!

The retreat will run from 10:00 a.m.-noon and will have a special coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. where we can visit.

Everyone (teens-99 year olds) is invited to join us and it is free!

Register at <https://stmaryscamp.com/family-camp>.

Hope to see you there!



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 with your contact information:

<https://tinyurl.com/CollegeContactSMGOC>

From the Fathers...on Evangelization

As you move forward, attract others to go along with you.
Desire to have companions on the road to the Lord.

—*Saint Gregory the Great*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 28

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, September 29

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Luke 5:12-16

Wednesday, September 30

I Corinthians 16:13-24 • Matthew 24:42-47

Thursday, October 1

Acts 9:10-19 • Luke 6:12-19

Friday, October 2

I Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 6:17-23

Saturday, October 3

Acts 17:16-34 • Luke 5:17-26

Sunday, October 4: Second Sunday of Luke

II Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1 • Luke 6:31-36

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