

SAINT MARY'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

*The Weekend of April 17/18, 2021*

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***Saturday, April 17, 2021***

***Commemoration:*** Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn; Symeon the Holy Martyr and Bishop of Persia; Makarios, Bishop of Corinth; Agapetos of Rome; Hadrian the New-Martyr; Donnan, Abbot of Eigg, and the Monk-Martyrs with him.

***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, Plagal Fourth Tone***

When he perceived what had secretly been ordered, \* to the abode of Joseph urgently reported \* the unbodied one saying unto the Unwedded: \* "The Lord who has bowed the heavens in His descent, \* in you is contained completely and without change; \* and beholding Him in your womb \* taking the form of a slave, \* astounded I cry out to you: \* Rejoice, O unwedded Bride."

***Entrance Hymn, Second Tone***

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.*

***Kontakion of the Theotokos, Plagal Fourth Tone***

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

**Epistle**..... *Hebrews 6:9-12*

Brethren, we feel sure of better things that belong to salvation. For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Gospel**..... *Mark 7:31-37*

At that time, Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of Dekapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well: he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

***The Communion Prayers are found on page 3 of this leaflet or inside the front cover of the hymnal.***

***Communion Hymn***

I will lift the cup, lift the cup of salvation, I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. 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** on Saturday are offered for **Cleo Zarifis** (mother of Mary Pappas and Kathy Richardson), 40 days.

## 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 my sins with spiritual fire, 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, April 18, 2021***

**Commemoration:** Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt; Holy Father John the Righteous, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis; Euthemios the Enlightener of Karelia; Cosmas, Bishop of Calcydon; John the New Martyr of Epiros; Athanasia the Wonderworker of Aegina.

*Morning Gospel: First*

*Tone: Fourth*

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

### ***At the Second Antiphon***

Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

### ***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 Saint Mary of Egypt, Plagal Fourth Tone***

In you, holy mother Mary, the image of God shone forth, for you took up your cross and followed the Lord. By word and example you taught us to live in the spirit while still in the flesh. Therefore your spirit rejoices with the angels forever.

#### ***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, Plagal Fourth Tone***

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

***Epistle..... Hebrews 9:11-14***

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***Gospel..... Mark 10:32-45***

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over

them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

***Megalynarion, instead of “It is truly meet”***

In you, O woman full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the races of mankind. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virginal souls, from you our God was incarnate and became a child, he who is God from all ages. By making your womb his throne he made you more spacious than all heavens. In you, O woman full of grace. All creation, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

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***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.*

We offer today a three-day memorial for ***Fr. Angelo Pappas***, father of Telly and Tasso Pappas. Fr. Pappas served Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for many years. *May his memory be eternal.*

# Calendar of the Week

## ***Sunday, April 18***

4:00 p.m. – Lenten Vespers, Twelve Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Duluth

For streaming information visit: [www.meocca.org](http://www.meocca.org) or our website.

## ***Monday, April 19***

6:00 p.m. – Compline (*Registration not requested*)

7:00 p.m. – Virtual Bible Study on Zoom

## ***Wednesday, April 21***

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

4:00 p.m. – Holy Confession

5:45 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (*Registration requested*)

*This Liturgy is live-streamed on our YouTube page.*

6:45 p.m. – Junior GOYA in the Great Hall

7:00 p.m. – Dinner and Talk, Great Hall (*Reservations required*)

7:00 p.m. – Holy Confession: Grade 2

## ***Friday, April 23***

4:00 p.m. – Holy Confession

6:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

*(Registration not requested)*

## ***Saturday, April 24: Lazarus Saturday***

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

*(Registration requested)*

after Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday Family Day (*Registration requested*)

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers (*Registration not requested*)

## ***Sunday, April 25: Palm Sunday***

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

*(Registration requested)*

*Metropolitan Nathanael will be celebrating this morning.*

7:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins (*Registration not requested*)

Prayer List ***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:*** The family of Fr. Angelo Pappas (father of Telly and Anastasios Pappas); 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; Vasilios, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Tom, Olga, Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, Lamona, 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, Thespinna, 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, Slibe, Saleh & Deanna, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Elena, Speranta, Alexander, Stephanie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

## **Holy Week and Pascha Flowers**

Contributions for flowers that will adorn our church during Holy Week and Pascha are now being accepted. Forms are at the display in the narthex. Please place your completed form and contribution in an envelope and drop in the Stewardship box on the sign in cabinet. The deadline is next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 25.

## **Weekly Lenten Offerings**

Again this year our special Lenten activities need to be suspended or limited. As a result, many of the organizations we contribute to through the offerings received at the meals following our Wednesday services will miss out on needed support. We have made the decision to receive an offering each week in support of a variety of worthy charities. This week we will be collecting for **Philoxenia House** in Rochester. A special link for online giving can be found on our website if you are unable to be with us at our Lenten services.

- Please make checks payable to *St. Mary's*.

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

*Baby formula*

*April's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES).*

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



## **Socks and Underwear Collection for FOCUS MN**

Philoptochos is contributing to the church's Lenten Collection for FOCUS Minnesota. Please bring donations of socks and underwear to the collection station by the Sunday School hallway door. Items for men, women and children are welcome, with a real need for boys brief or boxers (sizes 4, 6, 8) and women's briefs (sizes 6, 7, 8). *Thank you!*

## **Baby Bottle Bank Fundraiser through Palm Sunday**

Philoptochos has long supported TANDEM, an organization that focuses on generational poverty and single motherhood during pregnancy and beyond. Parishioners are invited to pick up a Baby Bottle Bank from the Narthex and fill it with coins, dollars and checks to help mamas and littles purchase many supplies needed in adverse circumstances. If you prefer to simply make a donation, give online using the GIVE NOW button at [stmarysgoc.org](http://stmarysgoc.org), use the Philoptochos option in the Gift Information drop-down and indicate it's for Tandem in the Special Instructions box, or send a check to church payable to Philoptochos with TANDEM on the memo line. **Our goal: \$500.** *Thank you!*

## **Spanakopita and Tyropita Sale**

The Daughters of Penelope are selling spanakopita and tyropita as a fundraiser this month before Pascha. Pick up your on-line purchases this weekend in the south parking lot after Liturgy. Or you can make an in-person purchase. Due to the great on-line sales, remaining inventory is somewhat limited for in-person purchases. Available are packages of four pieces for \$8.00 or packages of eight pieces for \$14.00.



## **Save the Date – Vacation Church School**

Monday-Friday, June 14-18, 2021 • 8:45 am – 12:00 noon

“Put on the Armor of God” • *More information coming soon.*

4 years old (if potty-trained) through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall  
7<sup>th</sup> grade and older needed as Squires (helpers greatly needed!)

Online registration is now open: <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysVCS2021>

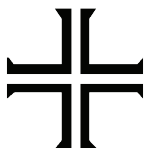
## Lenten Dinner and Talk

Join us for a Lenten dinner and a talk following Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 21.

Our speaker this week (via Zoom) will be Archimandrite Sergius, Abbott of St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania. He will speak on the topic of "Acquiring the Mind of Christ," based on his book of the same name.

Dinner and talk will be capped at 100, and you must sign up ahead of time. The dinner will be plated and served directly to the table, and we will follow all social distancing and Covid guidelines. You will have to exit the church after Liturgy and re-enter at the north door of the building for dinner. Only those who have signed up will be allowed into the Great Hall.

A sign up link for Wednesday's dinner was sent this past week.



## Holy Friday Retreat

*Walk with Christ to the Cross*

Friday, April 30

10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

*Vespers of the Descent from the Cross begins at 1:30 p.m.*

Pre-K (4 year old) through 12th grade

To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2021>

Please join us for an engaging day at Church in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time (to help get the wiggles out...even the big kids).

*Social distancing measures will be followed by all participants!*

Visit our website for more details.

**Saturday, April 24: Saturday of Lazarus**

8:30 a.m. - Orthros; 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (*Sign-up requested*)  
Family Service Day follows the Liturgy

5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 25: Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. - Orthros; 9:30 a.m. - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Metropolitan Nathanael will be the celebrant. (*Live-streamed*) (*Sign-up requested*)

7:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins (*Live-streamed*)

**Monday, April 26: Holy Monday**

9:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins (*Live-streamed*)

**Tuesday, April 27: Holy Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins (*Live-streamed*)

**Wednesday, April 28: Holy Wednesday**

9:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

4:00 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Unction (*Sign-up requested*)

7:00 p.m. - Orthros of the Mystical Supper with Holy Unction (*Live-streamed*)

**Thursday, April 29: Holy Thursday**

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

7:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Passion (*Live-streamed*)

**Friday, April 30: Great and Holy Friday**

9:00 a.m. - Royal Hours

Church School Retreat continues until 1:30 p.m.

Office closed

1:30 p.m. - Vespers of the Descent from the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Service of Lamentations (*Live-streamed*) (*Sign-up requested*)

**Saturday, May 1: Holy Saturday**

10:00 a.m. - First Resurrectional Divine Liturgy (*Sign-up requested*)

11:30 p.m. - Midnight Office, Resurrection Service, Orthros,

Divine Liturgy (*Live-streamed*) (*Sign-up requested*)

**Sunday, May 2: Great and Holy PASCHA**

12:00 noon - Agape Vespers (*Live-streamed*)

Easter Egg Hunt follows Vespers

**Monday, May 3: Bright Monday; Saint George (observed)**

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

Office closed

**Friday, May 7: Bright Friday; Life-Giving Font of the Theotokos**

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

## From the Fathers...on Confession

Confess what you have done in word or deed, by night or day.

Confess in an acceptable time,  
and in the day of salvation receive the heavenly treasure.

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

### Daily Bible Readings

#### *Monday, April 19*

Isaiah 48:17 – 49:4 • Genesis 27:1-41

Proverbs 19:16-25

#### *Tuesday, April 20*

Isaiah 49:6-10 • Genesis 31:3-16

Proverbs 21:3-21

#### *Wednesday, April 21*

Isaiah 58:1-11 • Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16

Proverbs 21:23 – 22:4

#### *Thursday, April 22*

Isaiah 65:8-16 • Genesis 46:1-7

Proverbs 23:15 – 24:5

#### *Friday, April 23*

Isaiah 66:10-24 • Genesis 49:33 – 50:26

Proverbs 31:8-31

#### *Saturday, April 24: Lazarus Saturday*

Hebrews 12:28 – 13:8 • John 11:1-45

#### *Sunday, April 25: Palm Sunday*

Philippians 4:4-9 • John 12:1-18

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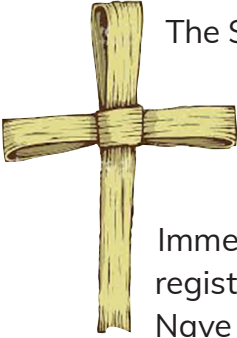
*Fr. George Dokos, Proistamenos; Fr. Jason Houck, Associate*

*Fr. John Kostas; Deacon Paul Kalina*

# LAZARUS SATURDAY FAMILY SERVICE DAY

We invite you to take part in our  
Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day on April 24.

Orthros - 8:30 a.m. • Divine Liturgy - 9:30 a.m.



The Service Day projects will follow a brief time of fellowship after Liturgy in the Great Hall. Families will sit together at a table with pre-packaged snacks and beverages.

Immediately following, the 6 family groups who registered on the Sign-Up Genius for cleaning the Nave will be assigned one of 6 different areas in the Nave. Tasks are grouped by area this year. We suggest families of three or more (children 12 and up) for these tasks.

Remaining participants and families who have registered on the Sign-up Genius will start plaiting palms at their tables. This activity is better suited for ages 8 years and up.

Everyone must register for this event, maintain 6 feet of social distancing and wear a mask, per State and Metropolis guidelines. A maximum of 75 will be allowed at this event.

Please go to our website for the registration link.

