

SAINT MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

The Weekend of April 24/25, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Commemoration: The raising of Lazarus from dead by our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Elizabeth the Wonderworker; Savvas the General of Rome; Nicholas the New-Martyr of Magnesia; Mellitus, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

Hymn of the Feast, First Tone

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Entrance Hymn, Second Tone

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 Hymn of the Feast, above.

Kontakion of the Day, Second Tone

Christ, the joy of all, the truth, the light, the life, the resurrection of the world, in his love appeared to those on earth. And he became himself the pattern of our resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all.

Trisagion Hymn

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia!

Epistle.....*Hebrews 12:28 – 13:8*

Brethren, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Gospel.....*John 11:1-45*

At that time, a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the

tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you have heard me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you did send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

Megalynarion, Plagal Fourth Tone

With all peoples let us honor and glorify the pure Theotokos, who conceived within her womb the divine Fire and yet was not consumed; and let us magnify her in never-silent hymns!

The Communion Prayers are found on page 5 of this leaflet or inside the front cover of the hymnal.

Communion Hymn

Out of the mouths of infants and sucklings you have perfected praise. Alleluia! (*Psalm 8:2*)

Instead of “We have seen the light,” we chant the first Hymn of the Great Feast on page 1 of the bulletin, “Before your passion...”

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.

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 25, 2021

Commemoration: On this day, Palm Sunday, we celebrate the radiant and glorious triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem; Mark the Apostle and Evangelist.

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey, to you we sing: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, First Tone

Before your passion you confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and we cry to you, the victor over death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey; to you we sing: Alleluia!

Another Hymn of the Great Feast, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of the Feast, Plagal Second Tone

In heaven upon your throne, while on earth riding the colt of a donkey, O Christ our God, you accepted the angels' praise with the songs of the children who cried out to you: Blessed is he who comes for the restoration of Adam.

Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel.....*John 12:1-18*

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Megalynarion, instead of “It is truly meet”

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

The Communion Prayers are found on page 5 of this leaflet or inside the front cover of the hymnal.

Communion Hymn

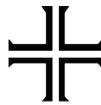
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*Psalm 117:26*)

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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.



Sacraments This Weekend:

Baptism: Audrey Ingram, Saturday, April 24.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 25: Palm Sunday

7:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 26: Holy Monday

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

7:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 27: Holy Tuesday

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

7:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 28: Holy Wednesday

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

4:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Unction

7:00 p.m. - Orthros of the Mystical Supper with Holy Unction

Thursday, April 29: Holy Thursday

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

7:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Passion

Friday, April 30: Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. - Royal Hours

Church School Retreat continues until 2:30 p.m.

Office closed

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

7:00 p.m. - Service of Lamentations

Saturday, May 1: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. - First Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

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

Sunday, May 2: Great and Holy PASCHA

12:00 noon - Agape Vespers

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

Prayer List ***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; 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, Thespina, 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.

Bookstore Open on Lazarus Saturday

The Bookstore will be open on Lazarus Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for your last minute Pascha needs.

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 this weekend.

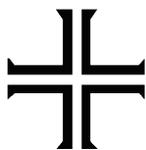
Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Canned fruit and vegetables

April's recipient has been Community Emergency Service (CES).

May's recipient will be Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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



Holy Friday Retreat

Walk with Christ to the Cross

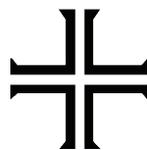
Friday, April 30

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.

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 6th grade in the fall
7th grade and older needed as Squires (helpers greatly needed!)

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

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 Ends This Weekend

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, 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!**

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 26: Holy Monday

Matthew 21:18-43 • Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday, April 27: Holy Tuesday

Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39; 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2

Wednesday, April 28: Holy Wednesday

John 12:17-50 • Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday, April 29: Holy Thursday

I Corinthians 11:23-32 • Matthew 26:1-20

John 13:3-17 • Matthew 26:21-39

Luke 22:43-44 • Matthew 26:40 – 27:2

Friday, April 30: GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY

I Corinthians 5:6-8 • Matthew 27:62-66

Saturday, May 1: Holy Saturday

Romans 6:3-11 • Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, May 2: HOLY PASCHA

Acts 1:1-8 • John 1:1-17

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