

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Ninth Sunday of Matthew; The Holy Martyr Agathonicus; Holy Martyr Anthuse; Athanasios the Hieromartyr & Bishop of Tarsus; New Martyrs Manuel and John; The Synaxis of the Icon of the Mother of God of Prusa; Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

Morning Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56

Tone: Grave

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 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!

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!

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Plagal Second Tone

She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.

Epistle..... I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel.....Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

The Communion Prayers are found on page 4 of this leaflet.

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.

Prosforo: Presbytera Alexandra Houck

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at the University of Minnesota. We are excited to be back in person for our bi-weekly meetings this year and we're bigger than ever! Our group has grown from 10 to over 30 in the last few years. A free-will offering will be received during coffee hour to help with funding for retreats, participation in national initiatives, help with meals for meetings, and other events.

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; Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Alex, Karrisra, Corina, Tom, Vasilios, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Kristina, Armour family, Cora and family, Lamona, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Jeanette, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, 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, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, 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.

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.

Calendar of the Week

*Until further notice, all services will be held in the Great Hall
while the Nave is undergoing renovations.*

Sunday, August 22: Ninth Sunday of Matthew
after Liturgy – Altar Servers' Retreat

Tuesday, August 24
6:00 p.m. – Church School Teachers' Meeting, Terrace Room

Wednesday, August 25
5:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 26
6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

Saturday, August 28
No Bible Study until September 25
Great Vespers is cancelled for this evening

Sunday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist
—Strict Fast
8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Saturday Bible Study

Our Saturday Morning Bible Study is being redesigned. Classes will resume on Saturday, September 25.

Saturday Great Vespers

Due to scheduling conflicts, Great Vespers on Saturday evening, August 28, has been cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Father George and family are out of town this weekend taking their first-born to college. We wish them safe travels, and our best wishes to Evie!

Announcements

Youth Activities Registration



The 2021-2022 school year begins in September and we'd like everyone planning to participate in any youth activity to complete our all-inclusive registration form. Please note that we will use this one form for nursery through 12th grade. It is for all youth activities sponsored by St. Mary's, including Church School, HOPE, JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, etc. Please complete this form ASAP. To sign up, scan the QR code at left or visit this link: <https://forms.gle/edh6b4EJ21QUfs3AA>

Greece Fires Collection

At the request of the Archdiocese, we are receiving a special offering to assist with the relief efforts of the fires in Greece. Donations may be placed in the offering plate, noting that it is for fire relief. You may also give on-line by going to our website.

Save the Date: Family Camp 2021

Plan to join us with your family October 8-10 as we welcome Bishop Anthony Michaels to Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN, the location of our recent Summer Camp. With Bishop Anthony's help, we will explore the topic, "And He Shall Come Again." Everyone in our Twin Cities Orthodox family is welcome to come! Registration will open toward the end of August at www.stmaryscamp.com. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cindy Karos, cindyzkaros@gmail.com. Adjustments will be made as Minnesota health requirements warrant.

Rochester Greek Festival ~ Next Weekend

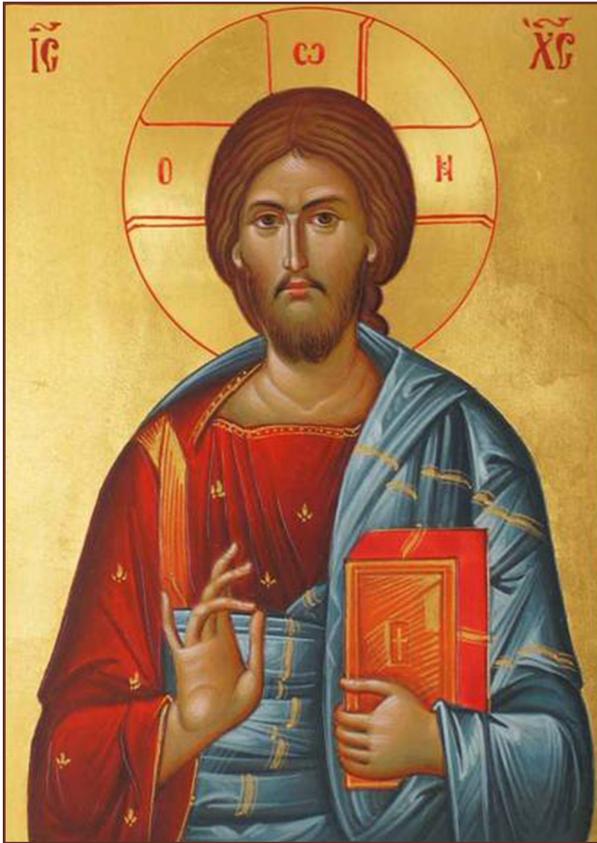
Holy Anargyroi Church in Rochester will hold its Greek Festival on Friday, August 27-Sunday, August 29, on the church grounds. This year's event will be a full festival and drive-through. The hours for the festival are: Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 703 West Center Street, Rochester.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Canned meat (tuna, chicken)

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES).

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



Mark Your Calendars...

- First Day of Church School — Sunday, September 19
- September Parish Night — Wednesday, September 22
- Saturday Bible Study Begins — Saturday, September 25
- HOPE/JOY Kick-off — Sunday, September 26, after Liturgy
- Junior GOYA Kick-off — Wednesday, September 8
- Senior GOYA Kick-off — Wednesday, September 15

From the Fathers...on Faith

Until they had come near to Christ, until they have heard and seen, they would not believe. The apostles' common sense sought eye-witnessed facts and not fables.

Our Faith is well-attested and well-authenticated.

—*Saint Nikolai Velimirovich of Zhicha*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 23

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Tuesday, August 24

I Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 25

Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 • Matthew 5:14-19

Thursday, August 26

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Matthew 21:43-46

Friday, August 27

II Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, August 28

Romans 15:30-33 • Matthew 17:24 – 18:4

Sunday, August 29

Beheading of John the Baptist

Acts 13:25-33 • Mark 6:14-30

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