

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Seventh Sunday of Matthew; Emilian the Confessor and Bishop of Cyzikos; Our Holy Father Myronus the Wonderworker, Bishop of Crete; Holy New Martyrs Triantaphillus of Zagoras and Anastasius of Thessalonica; Gregory of Sinai and Mount Athos; Kallinikos, Metropolitan of Edessa and Pella; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Anastatios the Martyr from Bulgaria.

Morning Gospel: Seventh

Tone: Plagal Second

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor. Save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, you showed your disciples your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light, glory to you!

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 Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Repeat the Hymn of the Transfiguration, 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 Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could bear, so that when they see you crucified they will know that you suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Epistle.....Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel.....Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

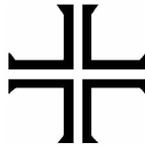
And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.



Memorial Prayers

Memorial Prayers today are offered for ***Aphrodite Rappos*** (40 days);
Chris Muzetras (2 years).

Prosforo: Ruta Kubits

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Muzetras family in memory of Chris.

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.

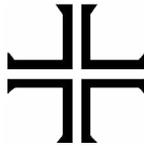
Sacraments This Week

Baptisms - August 7, 2021:

Julian, parents: Andrew and Megan Twito

Markos, parents: Angelo and Jennifer Demetriades

Victor, parents: Paul and Krisanthy Sommerstad



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; Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Alex, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, Vasiliios, 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, Thespi-na, 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.

Calendar of the Week

Monday, August 9

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Tuesday, August 10

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, Terrace Room

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club, Terrace Room

Wednesday, August 11

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Thursday, August 12

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

7:00 p.m. – OCF Book Club, Lower Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. – Youth Development Committee, Fireside Room

Friday, August 13

No Men's Fellowship today

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Saturday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

No Bible Study until September 25

3:00 p.m. – Dormition Youth Retreat

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Dinner hosted by Philoptochos follows Vespers

Sunday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos

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

Parish Feast Day Picnic follows Liturgy

Announcements

Senior Citizens' Meeting ~ August 10

The August Senior Citizens' meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. As usual, we will socialize, have lunch and a business meeting followed by a program and Bingo. This month we will feature *Zeta Kilbridge* from the Better Business Bureau presenting on the topic, "Top Scams Targeting Seniors."

- *Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21. Please note the date change.*

Youth Dormition Retreat ~ August 14



Our annual Dormition Retreat for the rising K-12th graders is Saturday, August 14, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Great Hall. When your child arrives, enter through the north parking lot door and check-in at the table in the hallway. We plan to decorate the Kouvouklion, have a lesson about the Theotokos, and other fun activities leading up to Vespers. Following the retreat (5:00 p.m.), everyone is welcome to attend Vespers. A snack will be provided, so please e-mail jon@stmarysgoc.org if you have any food allergies. Please sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2021DormitionRetreat>

Prosforo Bakers Needed

We have a few Sundays on our baking schedule to fill. Those Sundays are: September 19, 26, and October 17. Please contact David in the Church Office to sign up.

2021-2022 Planner

The Archdiocese is printing "The Planner" for the 2021-2022 ecclesiastical calendar. If you would like to order a copy, please e-mail: bookstore@stmarysgoc.org by Tuesday, August 10. The bookstore will not be ordering extra copies. The cost is \$15.00 plus \$1.00 to help defray shipping charges.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

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

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

The Dormition of the Theotokos

Our Parish Feast Day

Make plans to celebrate our Parish's feast day,
the Dormition of the Theotokos, at St. Mary's.

Saturday, August 14

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Dormition Youth Retreat

See page 7 for details.

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

A dinner, hosted by Philoptochos, follows Vespers

Sunday, August 15

8:30 a.m. – Orthros

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

A picnic follows the Liturgy – see page 11 of this leaflet for details.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Would you like to host a Sunday coffee hour? We still have openings for hosts: August 22 and September 19. Contact David in the Church Office, david@stmarysgoc.org, to find out more and reserve your Sunday.

Acolyte Retreat

Attention new and continuing altar boys!

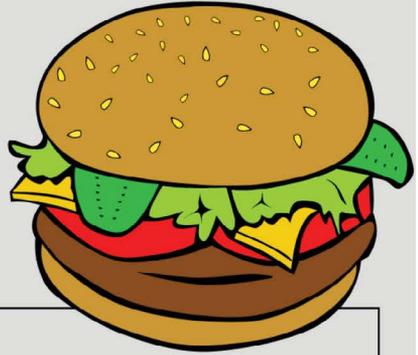
Acolyte Retreat ~ Sunday, August 22

An acolyte retreat for continuing and new altar boys (entering 3rd grade and up) is planned for Sunday, August 22, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will meet in the nave after Liturgy for a short orientation/training session, jump on the 12:30 trolley from Bde Maka Ska to Lake Harriet, eat lunch (the church will pay!) at the Lake Harriet food pavilion (Bread and Pickle), and return to St. Mary's on the trolley. This event is free. Please RSVP by August 16 to Fr. Jason frjason@stmarysgoc.org or 612.401.0660.

Saturday Great Vespers

Due to scheduling conflicts, Great Vespers on Saturday evenings, August 21 and 28, has been cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

DORMITION FEAST PICNIC



Join us on Sunday, August 15,
as we come together as a community
to celebrate our church's feast day
with burgers, sides, and desserts!
Vegetarian options will be available.

Please RSVP if you plan on attending and
if you would like to volunteer to set up or take down.
Links are in the Weekly Update e-mail and on our website.
Or...call the Church Office to RSVP.

We are looking for sponsors to defray costs.
Please contact Athena Mihas at
Athena.Mihas@gtcuw.org
if you are interested.



All are welcome!

**RSVP TODAY
in the Great Hall.**

Philoptochos

Festival Baking Sessions Postponed

At this time, the August koulouria and melomakarona baking sessions and September packaging days have been postponed. A decision will be made at a later date regarding if they will be rescheduled or canceled as well as what will be done with existing pastries. We will keep you posted, and thank you for your willingness to help.

Women's Book Club Discussion ~ August 10

The current read of the Women's Book Club is "Wounded by Love: The Life and the Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios." The book is available at the church book store and the church office. The discussion is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, location to be determined.



Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin

September 17-19

We still have a few openings for our St. Mary's Men's Retreat this year on the weekend of September 17-19. It will be held at the Karos cabin as in past years and is for all men of St. Mary's over the age of 18. Fr. John Kostas will be our retreat leader. Your check to the office for \$70 made out to St. Mary's with Men's Retreat in the memo line is your reservation.

Saturday Bible Study

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



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From the Fathers...on Compassion

We can hope for others nothing better than
the happiness we desire for ourselves.

—*Saint Ambrose of Milan*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 9

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 • Matthew 16:1-6

Tuesday, August 10

I Corinthians 10:5-12 • Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, August 11

I Corinthians 10:12-22 • Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, August 12

I Corinthians 10:28 – 11:8 • Matthew 16:24-28

Friday, August 13

I Corinthians 11:8-23 • Matthew 17:10-18

Saturday, August 14

Eve of Dormition

Romans 13:1-10 • Matthew 12:30-37

Sunday, August 15

The Dormition of the Theotokos

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

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