

SAINT MARY'S  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY ✠

*The Weekend of February 13/14, 2021*

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***Saturday, February 13, 2021***

***Commemoration:*** Martinian of Palestine; Aquilla and Priscilla the Apostles; Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria; Symeon the Myrrhbearer of Serbia.

***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 Martinian of Palestine, Plagal Fourth Tone***

You quenched the flames of passion, blessed one, with abundant tears; you calmed the waves of the sea and checked the assaults of wild beasts, saying: Most blessed are You, almighty God, for You have saved me from the flame and storm!

***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 of Martinian of Palestine, 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 Martyrs, Plagal Fourth Tone***

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

**Epistle**..... *I Corinthians 14:20-25*

Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature. In the law it is written, “By men of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” Thus, tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church assembles and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

**Gospel**..... *Matthew 25:1-13*

The Lord said this parable, “The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man will come.”

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

***Communion Hymn***

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. 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.*

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**Memorial Prayers** on Saturday are offered for: **John Efstathiou** (6 months).



## 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, February 14, 2021***

**Commemoration:** Sunday of the Canaanite; Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain; Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs; Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth; Abraham, Bishop of Carrhes in Mesopotamia.

*Morning Gospel: Third*

*Tone: Third*

## ***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, Third Tone***

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world 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 Afxentios, First Tone.***

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Afxentios, our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

#### ***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.....II Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1***

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

***Gospel.....Matthew 15:21-28***

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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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.*

**Memorial Prayers** on Sunday are offered for: *Efthemia Katostari* (40 days) sister-in-law of *Elaine Nicklow*, **Bill Nicklow**.



### ***Sacraments This Weekend***

Baptism: *Oscar* - parents: Steven and Cassandra (Apostolou) Janke  
February 13, 2021

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***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; Lukas 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.

# Calendar of the Week

## **Monday, February 15: Presidents' Day**

*Church and Office closed in observance of the holiday.*

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

## **Tuesday, February 16**

5:00 p.m. – Greek Zumba on Zoom

6:45 p.m. – Parish Night - HOPE/JOY (*on Zoom*)

## **Wednesday, February 17: Saint Theodore the Tyro**

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

*(Registration not necessary)*

7:00 p.m. – Parish Night - Senior GOYA/Adults (*on Zoom*)

## **Thursday, February 18**

7:00 p.m. – Parish Night - Junior GOYA (*on Zoom*)

## **Friday, February 19**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship (*on Zoom only*)

## **Saturday, February 20**

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

*(Registration requested)*

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

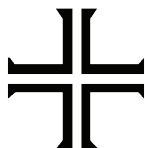
## **Sunday, February 21: The Publican and the Pharisee; Triodion begins**

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

*(Registration requested)*

after Liturgy– HOPE/JOY Activity, Great Hall

1:00 p.m. – Missions and Outreach (*on Zoom*)



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

*Pancake mix and syrup*

*February's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.*

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



## **House Blessings**

Now through the end of February, our clergy will be available for house blessings. To schedule a blessing, please send an e-mail request to: [stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org), or call the Office, 612.825.9595.

## **Virtual Bible Study**

Virtual Bible Study will meet tomorrow evening, Fr. John Kostas is leading the discussions. In preparation for Lent and Holy Week, the discussions will focus on Holy Week according to Matthew's Gospel. We meet on-line via Zoom from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The link can be found on our website. Zoom meeting ID: 838 4110 4908 and Passcode: 660926 (use for Zoom and phone meetings).

## **Parish-Night Week – February 16-18**

*HOPE/JOY – Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m.*

“A Life of Offering: Offering our Sacrifice” from Y2AM

*Adult/Senior GOYA – Wednesday, February 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Fr. Maximos Conostas leads a discussion on

“I Waited Patiently for the Lord” (Psalm 40:1):

*An Orthodox Approach to Sickness and Suffering*

*Junior GOYA – Thursday, February 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

“A Life of Offering: Offering our Sacrifice” from Y2AM

## **Men's Fellowship**

*Friday, February 19, 7:00 a.m.*

Men's Fellowship will continue the mid-month series “Reading and Praying the Six Psalms of Orthodox Matins,” and focus on Psalm 103 (102) (“Bless the LORD, O my soul”). Going forward, we will continue to meet via Zoom only for our mid-month meeting. Contact Stephen Wehr (952.240.8066) if you would like to receive e-mails that include the Zoom link.

# Philoptochos News

## **Annual Philoptochos Membership Drive Is Underway**

By now, all women of the parish should have received a letter inviting them to join Philoptochos. Please consider mailing in your tax-deductible membership gift (you choose the amount) to support the good works of the St. Mary's chapter. All levels of giving and volunteering are welcome and valued. Associate memberships are open to men who want to support our charitable work, too. Membership information and a drop box are also in the Narthex.



## **Greek Zumba**

*Tuesday, February 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.*

Mark your calendars for 5:00-6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18) for Greek Zumba and get ready to enjoy Greek music and exercise with your friends! Kally Youngdahl leads the class.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85100956362>



## **Philoptochos Meeting**

*Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.*

Plan to attend the February Philoptochos meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Grab your favorite beverage and join us as we discuss what Philoptochos will look like in the coming months. Zoom link will be provided closer to the date.

# FOCUS House Needs

The needs for FOCUS are great for men.

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We desperately need outer winter clothing especially boots.

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Also of need are men's belts and men and women new underwear and socks.

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You can bring them to the church hallway or take them to FOCUS House on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.

The address is 550 Rice Street, St. Paul.

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The phone number is 651.324.2705.

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*Matushka Vera Proctor is the Director of FOCUS House.*

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## From the Fathers...on Faith

The reward of this faith is to see what we believe

—*Saint Augustine*

### Daily Bible Readings

#### *Monday, February 15*

Philemon 1:1-25 • Mark 12:13-17

#### *Tuesday, February 16*

I Peter 3:10-22 • Mark 12:18-27

#### *Wednesday, February 17*

#### *Great Martyr Theodore the Tyro*

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 20:46 – 21:4

#### *Thursday, February 18*

I Peter 4:12 – 5:5 • Mark 12:38-44

#### *Friday, February 19*

II Peter 1:1-10 • Mark 13:1-8

#### *Saturday, February 13*

II Timothy 2:11-19 • Luke 18:2-8

#### *Sunday, February 21*

#### *Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*

II Timothy 3:10-15 • Luke 18:10-14

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