

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Second Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: The Second Sunday of Matthew; Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon; Martha, mother of St. Symeon Stylites the Younger; Asclepias the Wonderworker; Michael Choniates, Metropolitan of Athens; All Saints of Mount Athos.

Morning Gospel: Second

Tone: First

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, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

Hymn of Entrance

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 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..... Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel.....Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, 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.

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.

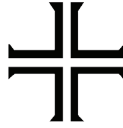
Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Approaching to receive, each makes a reverence and says:

✠ Behold I approach Christ, our immortal King and God.

Prosforo for today's Liturgy is provided by Yana Patridge.

Coffee will be served in the Great Hall following the Liturgy.



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; Archimandrite Dionysios, Abby, Alex, Karrisa, 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, 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, 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

Today

- *“The Messenger” news item deadline - August issue*

Monday, July 5

Church and Office closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday

Tuesday, July 6

- *Holiday office hours today will be 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*

Friday, July 9

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, Fireside Room

Saturday, July 10

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 11: Third Sunday of Matthew; Saint Euphemia

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

Fr. George is celebrating the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary’s Summer Camp this morning.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Would you like to host a Sunday coffee hour? Nearly all Sundays this summer and upcoming fall are available! Contact David in the Church Office, david@stmarysgoc.org, to find out more and reserve your Sunday.

Happy Independence Day!

Announcements

Twin Cities YAL Barbecue

YAL Members: Join us for a summer barbecue hosted by YAL on Thursday, July 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in the Terrace Room and Outdoor Terrace. Dinner, drinks, and games will be provided. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to: twincitiesyal@gmail.com

“The Music Man” at The Chanhassen

~ **Reservations accepted today in the Great Hall** ~

The Hellenic Post American Legion is inviting members of Saint Mary's Senior Citizen Club on an outing to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater on Wednesday, August 18, to see “The Music Man.” This is a matinee with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the show at 1:00 p.m. The cost for Senior Citizens Club members is \$33.50 and \$67.00 for non-members. Reservations are needed no later than Wednesday, July 21. Ticket are on sale today. Payment must be made when reserving your spot.



THE MUSIC MAN

FAITH Playgroup at Como Zoo

The FAITH Playgroup is going to Como Zoo for a fun morning at the zoo and conservatory! Mark Thursday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, on your calendar and plan to meet the gang at Como Zoo in front of the main entrance.



Please RSVP to Fr. Jason at frjason@stmarysgoc.org or 612.401.0660. FAITH Playgroup is for kids ages 0 to 5. It's a great way to meet other parents. Grandparents and nannies are also welcome.

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Rice

July's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota

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

Senior Citizens' Meeting

The July Senior Citizens' meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, 12:00 noon, in the Great Hall. As usual, we will socialize, have lunch and a business meeting, followed by a program. This month it will feature St. Mary's very own Elena Biessener, singing some of her greatest hits!

Days for Girls Day of Service ~ Tuesday, July 13

Join us in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, July 13, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for any portion of the day to make reusable menstruation kits for girls and women. The following donations are welcome: gallon freezer Ziplocs (no slide closer), girls underwear size 12 or larger, travel size soap, dark washcloths, quilting cotton fabric.

Greek Festival Update

The Greek Festival Committee is looking for leads in a variety areas. We especially need someone for marketing, beverages, and volunteers. If you would like to serve in one of these capacities, please contact Festival chair, Greg Maimares, gmaimares@gmail.com

This year's Festival is September 10-12.

Festival Bake Sale Preparations Continue

The entire community is invited to join Philoptochos as we prepare for the 2021 Taste of Greece Bake Sale! You are welcome for part or all of any session. Please contact the Cookie Captain directly to offer your services at the August baking sessions.

Koulouria — Tuesday, August 3: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Debbie Theros, 952.935.3358, debbie@therosgroup.com

Melomakarona — Monday, August 9: 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

Paulette Hastings, 952.564.8388, pmg@sisyphuscafe.com

Renovation Updates

We had a very successful week and most of the north side of the roof and the dome is finished. You can also experience the brightness of the walls and windows inside the nave. This coming week the team from Building Restoration Corp. will work on the walls inside the altar as well as the choir loft. The large crane in the north parking lot will be removed this coming week and the roof staging will move to a section in the south parking lot. Unfortunately, the remaining work, including the carpet and ceiling, has been delayed. We anticipate having additional details to share after the Parish Council meeting on July 13.

Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin

September 17-19

We are excited to be back with 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.

Given the tight quarters and the Covid environment, this retreat will be for those who feel comfortable in such an environment. For those of you who would like to wait, God-willing we will be back in 2022 as well. We will not be enforcing mask wearing or asking vaccination status. Having said this, we are all familiar with Covid symptoms, so we ask all to be extra vigilant for any symptoms prior to coming up for the retreat.

Your check to the office for \$70 made out to St. Mary's with Men's Retreat in the memo line will be your reservation. It is always a nice idea to call David in the office to let him know your check is coming.

Just Announced!

Family Camp 2021

October 8-10 • Camp Courage

Our speaker will be Bishop Anthony Michaels
*Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

Our topic will be "And He Shall Come Again"

We'll reflect, with Bishop Anthony, on the good news
of "the end times" in the Bible
and our Orthodox Tradition.

*Registration information and other details
will be made available later this summer.*

From the Fathers...on Saints

Blessed be God, who selects those in each generation who are pleasing to Him and makes known the vessels of His election, and uses them for the ministry of the saints.

—*Saint Basil the Great*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 5

Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2 • Matthew 11:27-30

Tuesday, July 6

Romans 7:14 – 8:2 • Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday, July 7

Saint Kyriake

Galatians 3:23 – 4:5 Mark 5:24-34

Thursday, July 8

I Timothy 4:9-15 • Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21

Friday, July 9

Romans 9:6-19 • Matthew 10:32 – 11:1

Saturday, July 10

Romans 3:28-31;4:1-3 • Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4

Sunday, July 11

Third Sunday of Matthew

II Corinthians 6:1-10 • Matthew 6:22-33

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