

# SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, June 13, 2021

*Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*

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## The Divine Liturgy

**Commemoration:** Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council; Aquilina the Martyr of Syria; Triphyllus the Bishop of Nicosia.

*Morning Gospel: 10th*

*Tone: Plagal 2nd*

### *Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy*

#### *At the Second Antiphon*

Save us, O Son of God, who has ascended from us in glory into heaven, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

#### *At the Small Entrance*

#### *Hymn of the Ascension of the Lord, Fourth Tone*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened your disciples by your promise of the Holy Spirit. And your blessing confirmed their belief that you are indeed God's Son, the Redeemer of the world!

#### *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!

#### *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 Ascension of the Lord, above.*

***Hymn of Holy Fathers, Plagal Fourth Tone***

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

***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 Ascension, Plagal Second Tone***

When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured us who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us.

***Epistle..... Acts 20:16-18, 28-36***

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

***Gospel..... John 17:1-13***

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom

you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

“I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

***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.*

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## **Memorial Prayers**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for ***Koula Triantafyllou (1 year), Betty Andrews (1 year), Epaminondas “Peter” Triantafyllou (29 years), and Andrew “Andy” Andrews (40 years).***

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

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Triantafyllou family in memory of departed loved ones.

# 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

## Monday-Friday

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

## Wednesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

## Friday, June 18

7:00 a.m.–Men’s Fellowship: Psalms Study, *on Zoom only*

## Saturday, June 19: Saturday of Souls

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

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## Sunday, June 20: Holy Pentecost

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

4:00 p.m. – MEOCCA-Sponsored Kneeling Vespers, St. Mary’s

5:30 p.m. – Minneapolis Missions 5K

6:45 p.m. – Dinner

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## 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; Karrisra, Corina, Tom, Vasilios, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, 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, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Phil, Mar-nie 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.

# Announcements

## College Graduate Recognition

Did you (or your child or grandchild) finish a higher degree (masters, doctorate, or other achievements such as Peace Corp, military service, etc.) this spring? If so, let us know, we'd like to recognize your accomplishment at an upcoming Liturgy and in the newsletter! Contact the church office: 612.825.9595 or [david@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:david@stmarysgoc.org).

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## 2021 Minneapolis Missions 5K

*Pentecost Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.*

The Minneapolis Missions 5K is a fundraiser supporting OCMC's efforts to "make disciples of all nations." Join us for an enjoyable way to support missions by completing a lap(s) around Bde Maka Ska (Lake Calhoun). We will start by celebrating Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, followed by the 5K, and a dinner presentation from Dan Christopoulos, OCMC Development Director and first missionary. The afternoon's schedule is:

4:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary's

5:00 p.m. – Check-in/Registration

5:30 p.m. – Minneapolis Missions 5K starts

6:45 p.m. – Dinner and OCMC Presentation by Dan Christopoulos

Register online:

<http://secure.ocmc.org/OCMC-Minneapolis-5K>

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## FOCUS House ~ Immediate Needs

In addition to our regular food shelf collection listed below (this month, supporting Simpson Food Pantry) FOCUS House in St. Paul is in urgent need of a number of items such as: men's underwear, hygiene supplies, pasta and spaghetti sauce, meals in a can, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, jelly, packaged cookies and other treats. *Please place FOCUS donations by the donation container in the hallway leading to the office.*

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## Food Shelf Immediate Needs for Next Week

*Kids' snacks (pineapple in a can, puddings, fruit in a can, etc.)*

*June's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.*

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

## Saint Mary's at the Twins Game

*Sunday, July 25*

Grab your glove and come on out to see the Twins play the Angels on Sunday, July 25, at 1:10 p.m.! St. Mary's will provide a bus to and from Target Field, departing from St. Mary's at 12:00 noon. The tickets are \$20, which includes a hot dog and a soda. We will purchase the tickets so we all can sit near each other, but you are responsible to reimburse us for the ticket(s). This event is open to all parishioners! To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Jon Klein ([jon@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:jon@stmarysgoc.org)) by **Sunday, June 27!**

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## Festival Baking ~ Baklava

Sign up to help assembly and baking baklava for this year's Festival. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday and Tuesday, June 21 and 22: Assembling baklava  
Come anytime from 2:00-8:00 p.m. to help.
- Wednesday, June 23: Cut, clove, and bake baklava  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Please bring a small sauce pan and a brush for buttering if you are helping on Monday and Tuesday. Wear a face covering all three days, please.

The sign up link is in the Weekly Update. For more information, contact *Elena Gabor*, 952.288.3011 or [elenagabor14@gmail.com](mailto:elenagabor14@gmail.com).

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# FAITH Playgroup Trikes, Bikes, and Bubbles!

Wednesday, June 23

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Great Hall & North Parking Lot

Bring your own wheels  
or use one that belongs to the church.



## From the Fathers...on Jesus Christ

Look for Him who is above time — the Timeless, the Invisible,  
who for our sake became visible.

—*Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

### Daily Bible Readings

#### *Monday, June 14*

Acts 21:8-14 • John 14:27-15:7

#### *Tuesday, June 15*

Acts 21:26-32 • John 16:2-13

#### *Wednesday, June 16*

Acts 23:1-11 • John 16:15-23

#### *Thursday, June 17*

Acts 25:13-19 • John 16:23-33

#### *Friday, June 18*

Acts 27:1 – 28:1 • John 17:18-26

#### *Saturday, June 19*

#### *Saturday of Souls*

I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • John 21:14-25

#### *Sunday, June 20*

#### *Holy Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-11 • John 7:37-52; 8:12

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