

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 10, 2021

The Third Sunday of Luke

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Third Sunday of Luke; Eulampius and Eulampia the Martyrs; The 200 Monk-martyrs of Nicomedia; Our Righteous Father Theophilus the Confessor; Pinytos, Bishop of Knossos; Vassianos the Righteous of Constantinople; The 14 Holy Elders of Optina Monastery; Paulinus, Archbishop of York.

Morning Gospel: Fifth

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

Resurrection Hymn, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your 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 for Saints Eulampios and Eulampia, Fourth Tone (Come Quickly)

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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, Second 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 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel..... Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his 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.

Prosforo: Ruta Kubits

Memorial Prayers today are offered for: **John Leckas** (6 months); **George Geogleris** (5 years).

This morning's coffee hour is hosted by the family of John Leckas in his memory.

Father George is celebrating the Divine Liturgy at Family Camp today.

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; Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas and Debbie, Roy, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Helen, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Alex, Karris, Corina, Tom, Vasili, 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.

Due to the renovations, our live-stream of the Sunday Liturgy has been suspended.

Sunday, October 10: Third Sunday of Luke

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

Tuesday, October 12

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

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, October 13

10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Great Hall

11:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA, Youth Room

Friday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 16

9:00 a.m. – Saturday Bible Study, Lecture Room

No Vespers today or next Saturday, October 23.

Sunday, October 17: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical

Council

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

11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach, Fireside Room

11:45 a.m. – Church School Teachers' Meeting, Lecture Room

Renovation Update

The asbestos removal ended on Friday, and early this coming week we will focus on final clean-up and air quality testing. We remain grateful for your patience during this process. The painters should begin their work by Monday, October 18, with a goal of returning to the nave for services beginning Sunday, October 24. Mint Roofing has also completed their work and we are waiting to schedule a final walk-through. Our heartfelt thanks to all those involved with this work and the many hours lovingly given to the church for the upbuilding of His temple.

Announcements

Byzantine Choral Festival Concert Today

The closing event of the Byzantine Choral Festival is a free concert of beautiful Byzantine Rite choral music. Several local church choirs will perform their unique liturgical music. The concert is this afternoon at 5:00 p.m., at St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church, 515 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 12:00 Noon, in the Terrace Room. We will have a lunch followed by the business meeting and Bingo. This month we will feature David Jones' Historical Presentation on "Apollo: Why We Went to the Moon - a Non-Technical Look at Mankind's Greatest Technological Achievement." A program you won't want to miss!

Music Ministry Program Updates

Due to the logistics of St. Mary's ongoing refurbishing projects, Music Ministry start dates are as follows:

- Byzantine Matins Chanters - Wednesday, October 13
- Senior Choir - Wednesday, October 20
- Liturgical Chant Group (middle and high school) - Sunday, October 24

Women's Book Club

The next Women's Book Club discussion will be held Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom #2. We will be continuing our excellent discussion of our August book, "Wounded by Love," by Elder Porphyrios. December's book will be "Acquiring the Mind of Christ." Both books are available in the bookstore.

Stewardship/Ministry Fair

Our annual Stewardship/Ministry Fair is Sunday, November 7. Invite a friend, neighbor, or, even better, a family member you haven't seen for a while, to join us for Liturgy then head to the Great Hall for fellowship. In the Great Hall you will see and learn first-hand about the many ministries of St. Mary's supported by our stewardship commitments.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 30

10:00 a.m.

South Parking Lot

Fall General Assembly

Sunday, October 24

The Fall General Assembly will be held Sunday morning, October 24, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. Agenda items include: approval of Spring 2021 General Assembly minutes and Special Assembly minutes, election of the Board of Auditors, election of the Board of Elections, Festival update, Financial update (through third quarter) Stewardship update, Clergy-Laity update, Parish Council update.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration for Fr. John Kostas

Help us celebrate Father John for his committed and loving service to the Greek Orthodox Church for the past 25 years. He has helped us grow in faith, and with joy and wit has shared his wisdom and insight.

Saint Mary's has been twice blessed to have Father John and Presvytera Theklas in our midst. Father John's first assignment after earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1996 was to St. Mary's. Then, in 2017, Father and Presvytera retired to the Twin Cities where he now serves St. Mary's in a variety of capacities as well as helps out as needed at other churches in the region.

We would like to share happy, funny and poignant remembrances at the celebration. We know there are many, but we ourselves do not know them. Please, if you have a memory or story you can share, contact Dena Tortorelis, 651.334.1842, or Carol Smith, 952.210.8618.

Luncheon will be served, and memories and thanks shared. A basket for cards will be available. To attend, please sign up at the Philoptochos table this morning or via the link in the Weekly Update e-mail.

Giving Is Easy on Venmo!



Scan this QR code to use our St. Mary's VENMO account for weekly or special donations, pledges, etc.

Remember to include your name, envelope number (if you have it), purpose of the gift (pledge or general donation) in the "What's it for?" section.

Philoptochos News

Operation Classroom

School Supply Drive for Jefferson Community School

Philoptochos is conducting a school supply drive for Jefferson Community School, our neighbor on 26th Street and Hennepin Avenue. About 90% of their PreK-8th grade students are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Please help them have a successful school year by donating any of the (new) items listed. Bring your gifts to the Philoptochos table in the social hour after liturgy. Drive ends Sunday, October 24. Thank you!



- #2 Pencils • Pens • Washable Markers • Colored pencils
- Pencil box or pouch • Pencil sharpener • Watercolor paint
- Blunt-tipped scissors • Glue sticks • Graph paper • Highlighters
- Pencil sharpener • Spiral notebooks • Tissues • Backpacks

Philoptochos Bake Sale and Packaging

With the 2021 Greek Festival cancellation, Philoptochos is now distributing the already made baklava and kourambiethes in different ways. We have scheduled three packaging dates plus two sales, and are looking for assistance. Here's what we're planning:

Packaging: Powder and cup kourambiethes, drizzle chocolate baklava, cut and cup all baklava, package as needed for various events.

Packaging Dates: Monday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Monday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sale Dates: Saturday, November 13 (at Appreciation Glendi); Saturday, December 4, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 5, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you're interested in helping, please stop by the Philoptochos table after church on Sunday, or volunteer using the Sign-Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A8A722AAAF85-bake> (also located in the Weekly Update e-mail).

You Can Help!



Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding and Shelter

FOCUS Needs

FOCUS is in serious need of many food items for their food shelf. The following is a list of the most important items: soups, pasta of all kinds, pasta sauce, meal in a can such as stew, chili, beefaroni, spaghetti, etc., rice (brown or white), canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans (pinto, black eyed peas, garbanzo, etc), peanut butter, jelly, honey, pancake mix, syrup, tea bags, ground coffee, hot chocolate packets, raisins, cereal, graham crackers, and cookies.

- *FOCUS does not need oatmeal or boxed macaroni and cheese dinners at this time.*

There is also a great need for men's and women's underwear. FOCUS has begun to receive requests for winter outerwear and boots for women, kids, and especially men at their clothes closet.

Please leave items for FOCUS at the display in the hallway leading to the Church Office. Donations for our neighborhood food shelves should be placed on the cart in the narthex.

FOCUS Minnesota Fundraiser

New Fundraiser Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 • 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Food! Music! A Celebration of Our Work!

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Minneapolis

Please join us for an evening together as we reflect on the blessings the past year brought us and look to a future with continued service.

RSVP: focustwincities@gmail.com or 651.222.0712

(By inviting a friend, you'll be helping us grow our network of support!)

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Pancake mix and syrup

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

In appreciation of your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, St. Mary's Parish Council and Stewardship Committee invite you to a complimentary

APPRECIATION GLENDI

Saturday, November 13, 2021

6:00-11:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Great Hall

Dinner, Dancing, and Great Company!

This is our fifth year and each year gets better! Please join us!



The RSVP link is in the Weekly Update e-mail,
or you may call the Church Office to make reservations.

Space is limited to 250 guests!

Parish Council Needs YOU!

Are you an active member of St. Mary's? Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to the work of the church? Do you have a special gift for working cooperatively and enhancing our parish? **We need you!** Four positions are available each year, so we are actively seeking men and women of all ages to become members of the Parish Council. If you have been a member in good standing of St. Mary's for at least one year, please prayerfully consider serving on the Council. Members serve a three-year term and meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Candidate applications are now available in the Church Office and due by Thursday, November 4. All interested parishioners are encouraged to speak with a current member of the Parish Council to ask questions and learn more about this important ministry of the church.

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them

Commemorated on October 10



Saints Eulampius and Eulampia were brother and sister. They lived at the beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country.

The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. When he refused, they first raked him with iron hooks, and then placed him upon a red-hot bed of coals. All of a sudden the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had turned him from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars the saint approached the idol and cried out, “In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I command you to fall to the floor and crumble into dust!” The idol immediately crashed down to the floor and was destroyed.

The people exclaimed, “The Supreme God is the Christian God, Who is great and mighty!” Saint Eulampius was again taken away for torture. This time his sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. Eulampius told her, “Sister, do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul” (Mt.10:28).

The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded.

Two hundred martyrs were converted to Christ after seeing the miracles of Saint Eulampius and Saint Eulampia as they were being tortured. They were also put to death and received the crown of martyrdom.

From the Fathers...on Kindness

Do not grudge anything to your brother, but do unto him as unto the Lord; especially as you do not know in whom the Lord will come and visit you; be impartial to all, be kind to all, sincere and hospitable.

—*Saint John of Kronstadt*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 11

Acts 8:26-39 • Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, October 12

Ephesians 2:19 – 3:7 • Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 13

Ephesians 3:8-21 • Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, October 14

Ephesians 4:14-17 • Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 15

Ephesians 4:17-25 • Luke 9:12-18

Saturday, October 16

I Corinthians 14:20-25 • Matthew 27:33-54

Sunday, October 17

Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Titus 3:8-15 • Luke 8:5-15

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