

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Luke

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sixth Sunday of Luke; Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs; Sebastiane the Martyr; Maglorious of Sark.

Morning Gospel: Seventh

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.

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 the Saints, First Tone

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, as the only One who loves humanity.

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 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel..... Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the

feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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: Yana Patridge

Memorial Prayers today are offered for ***Christos Bakritges*** (6 months).

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Bakritges family in memory of Christos.



Sacraments This Week

Baptism: Owen Theodore, parents: James & Maggie Menter

October 23, 2021

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.

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; Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, 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, Vasilius, 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, Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Samir and Samira, Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, George, Rick, Bryn, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Phil, 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, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Olle, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Renovation Update

We are all anxiously awaiting returning to the nave for worship and, God willing, it will begin next Sunday, October 31. The skim coating of the ceiling is taking a bit longer than anticipated, so we approved the painters working this weekend to ensure they would be finished by the end of the month. Following the painting, our new carpet will be installed, with that work estimated to be about two weeks. We also plan to update our gold leaf columns.

“For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” —Romans 8:24-25

Saint Mary's Giving Report

~ 2021 Offering Income ~

2021 Year to Date Actual: \$766,819

Annual 2021 Offering Budget: \$1,069,625

Amount remaining to meet budget: \$302,806

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 24: Sixth Sunday of Luke

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

Church School Service Sunday

11:30 a.m. – Fall General Assembly, Great Hall

Cancelled – HOPE and JOY Outing to Sever's Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 26: Saint Demetrios

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

7:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Meeting, Terrace Room

Wednesday, October 27

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

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

6:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 28

6:30 p.m. – Edina Koinonia, Meeting Room 1

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

Saturday, October 30

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

10:00 a.m. – Blessing of the Animals, South Parking Lot

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 31: Fifth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
after Liturgy– 25th Anniversary Luncheon Honoring Fr. John Kostas

Announcements

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 30

10:00 a.m.

South Parking Lot

~ Everyone is welcome! ~

Fall General Assembly

Today, after Liturgy

We are pleased to invite all members to participate in our Fall Parish Assembly this morning at 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. Our agenda is below. Paper copies of the minutes for approval will be available at the meeting.

2021 Fall Assembly Agenda

Opening Prayer; Approval of the 2021 Spring Assembly Minutes and the September 12 Special Assembly; Election of Board of Auditors and Board of Electors; Highlights of Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly; Stewardship/Financial Update; Renovation Update; Closing Prayer

A light lunch will be offered for those participating in the meeting.

Fresh Fillo Sale

It's time to order fresh fillo for your holiday delicacies. Stop by the Philoptochos table after Liturgy to place your prepaid order. The price is \$5.00 per one pound package. Orders will be taken through next Sunday, October 31 (*note date change*) and the fillo will be available for pick up during coffee hour Sunday, November 7.

~ Year-End Giving ~

As we approach the end of both our calendar and fiscal year, it is important that we correctly record all stewardship gifts. Every dollar we receive **before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28**, will be recorded and reflected on your year-end Contribution Statement, and matched against your yearly pledge, as stewardship income for 2021. Donations received after the deadline will be counted towards our budget for 2022.



Wine & Cheese Reception

TO BENEFIT IOCC

Thursday, November 11, 2021 | 6:30pm Vespers | 7:00pm Reception

Come enjoy wine, cheese, and light hors d'oeuvres and learn about IOCC's recent global humanitarian work.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church | 3450 Irving Avenue S | Minneapolis, MN 55408

Questions? Contact Angelea Hoeft at angelea.hoeft@gmail.com



To RSVP or make a donation, go to: <https://iocc.org/events> and scroll down to the Minneapolis Wine and Cheese Reception.

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!



RSVP in the Terrace Room today - space is limited.
An RSVP link is in this week's Weekly Update e-mail.

Celebrate Fr. John's 25th Anniversary!

Plan to celebrate Father John's 25 years in the Greek Orthodox priesthood next Sunday, October 31, in the Great Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Festivities include a lunch and program honoring Father John as spiritual leader, confidante, and friend to parishioners at St. Mary's and parishes around the country. If you have questions or wish to volunteer to help plan or work during the event, please feel free to contact *Dena Tortorelis*, 651.334.1842 or *Carol Smith*, 952.210.8618.



Venmo Giving

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, and purpose of the gift in the "What's it for?" section.

YAL Retreat

November 6-7

The Metropolis of Chicago is hosting a YAL retreat at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center the weekend of November 6-7. Please follow this link for information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yal-fall-retreat-2021-tickets-182825916237>.

The cost of the Retreat is \$60. Those with economic hardship or St. Mary's members who have contributed financially in the last twelve months are eligible for financial reimbursement. Please contact Fr. Jason for more information.

Parish Outing to Timberwolves Game

Join us when the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Phoenix Suns at the Target Center on Monday, November 15. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. Visit the link below and enter the promo code **StMarys** to purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$25.00 per person. After the game, we will go down to the court and shoot a free-throw! Make sure you select the Post-Game Free Throw when checking out!

<https://tinyurl.com/StMarysWolvesOuting>

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Pasta (e.g. Creamettes, egg noodles, spaghetti)
October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

Philoptochos News

Operation Classroom Supply Drive Ends Today

Thank you for supporting the children of Jefferson Community School by donating school supplies! Please bring your gifts to the Philoptochos Table during the social hour after Liturgy today.

“Festival” Bake Sale Packaging Dates

Philoptochos will hold the “festival” bake sale on December 4-5, with kourambiethes, baklava, cookbooks, and olive oil. Pre-orders will be taken and we will also sell goods at the Appreciation Glendi on November 13.

We need help with the finishing and packaging of the cookies on the following dates:

- Monday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you are able to assist, please stop by the Philoptochos table after church to volunteer, or via Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a8a722aaf85-bake>

October Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, October 26

Join us for light refreshments, fellowship, program, and the October Philoptochos meeting. We'll gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Terrace Room. All are welcome.

Philoptochos Hands-On Activity: Join Us!

November 14: we prepare and serve a meal at FOCUS MN. Contact *Carol Smith*, 952.210.8618, or watch for the Sign Up Genius link to make part of the meal or volunteer at FOCUS.



Music Rehearsals Resume

We are anticipating with much excitement the first choral rehearsals of the last 19 months! We have been waiting patiently to resume our normal pattern of musical worship and it will be amazing to return to beautiful four-part harmony. Wednesday night will continue to be music rehearsal night, alternating between the Chant Group and Senior Choir. The full Senior Choir began rehearsals this past Wednesday and begin singing during Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 31. Please keep ALL Wednesday nights reserved for rehearsals even if your group is not scheduled on a given Wednesday. Through the scheduled rehearsal periods it may be necessary to call consecutive Wednesday rehearsals. Singers will always be given a two week advance notice - no surprises!

As we wait for the complete abatement of the COVID virus we, as choral singers, need to be responsibly cautious to prevent spreading the aerosol droplets which are produced when we exhale while singing. Consequently, we strongly urge all singers to be vaccinated, everyone will be required to wear a mask while singing (please bring your own), and we will be individually distanced.

Rehearsal Schedule

Senior Choir: Wednesdays, October 27; November 10; December 1 and 15

Byzantine Matins Chanters: Wednesday, November 3; December 8

Joint Senior Choir and Byzantine Matins Chanters:

Wednesday, November 17

November 24: No rehearsal, Thanksgiving break

December 22: No rehearsal, Christmas break

December 24: Christmas Eve - All singers, 4:00 p.m., Vesperal Divine Liturgy

December 25: Christmas Day - Chanters, No Choir

For information about St. Mary's music ministry, contact *Thespina Macres*, choirdirector@comcast.net

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

From the Fathers...on Giving

Do not hesitate to give, nor complain when you give.

—*Pseudo-Barnabas*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 25

Philippians 1:1-7 • Luke 10:22-24

Tuesday, October 26

Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer

II Timothy 2:1-10 • John 15:17 – 16:2

Wednesday, October 27

Philippians 1:12-20 • Luke 11:9-13

Thursday, October 28

The Holy Protection of the Theotokos

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, October 29

Philippians 1:27 – 2:4 • Luke 11:23-26

Saturday, October 30

I Corinthians 15:58 – 16:3 • Luke 8:16-21

Sunday, October 31

Fifth Sunday of Luke

II Corinthians 11:31 – 12:9 • Luke 16:19-31

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