

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Eighth Sunday of Luke; Saint Philip the Apostle

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Eighth Sunday of Luke; Philip the Apostle; Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki; Holy Great New Martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian the Emperor and his wife Theodora.

Morning Gospel: Tenth

Tone: Fourth

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, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with 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 the Apostle Philip, Third Tone

O holy Apostle Philip, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple,

Fourth Tone

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle..... I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel.....Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the

next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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: ***Naim Istephanous*** (15 years).

The Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary in honor of Veterans’ Day.



Sacraments This Week

Wedding—

George Chronakos to Rachael Wolff, November 13, 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 Update

We encourage all to take a look at the prayer list below. If there are names that no longer need to be on it, please let the office know. Many names have been on for a considerable time. Thank you for helping to keep our prayer list current.

Prayer List

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Stella Boosalis; 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; 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; Bethany, Mark, Owen, Molly, Kristina, Chrysanthy, 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, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, 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, 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, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Kristine, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Alki, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.



Saint Mary's Giving Report

~ 2021 Offering Income ~

2021 Year to Date Actual: \$829,563

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

Amount remaining to meet budget: \$240,062

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 14: Eighth Sunday of Luke
Philip the Apostle

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
10:45 a.m. – Orthodox Parent Talk, Terrace Room
12:30 p.m. – Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Monday, November 15 – Blessed Advent!
Nativity Fast begins

7:00 p.m. – St. Mary’s at Timberwolves Game

Tuesday, November 16: Saint Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Open Gym, Great Hall
6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing
6:15 p.m. – Parish Night
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Thursday, November 18

9:30 a.m. – FAITH Play Group, Great Hall and Terrace Room
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

Friday, November 19

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship (The Psalms), Fireside Room

Saturday, November 20

9:00 a.m. – Saturday Bible Study, Lecture Room
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, November 21: The Entrance of the Theotokos

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
after Liturgy – Parish Council Elections
after Liturgy – Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale
11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Committee, Fireside Room
11:45 a.m. – Church School Teachers’ Meeting, Lecture Room
12:30 p.m. – Basketball Practice, Great Hall



Scan the QR code to give through Venmo.

Announcements

~ 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.

“Orthodox Parent Talks” Series ~ Today

Parents of children 18 and under—please join us this morning in the Terrace Room during Church School (approximately 10:45-11:30 a.m.) for our first in a series of talks about parenting! Paul Karos will discuss with us the subject of talking with your kids about difficult topics. Parents—don’t miss this important event. Other Orthodox Parent Talks will be held on Sundays, February 13 and March 27.



Parish Council Elections

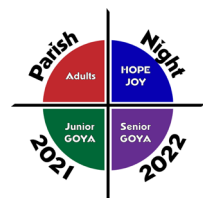
Sunday, November 21 • after the Final Dismissal



Parish Night 2021-2022

Wednesday, November 17

Be sure NOT to miss our next Parish Night! It’s this coming Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with a brief prayer service in the Nave, followed by dinner in the Terrace Room, and breakout sessions for the adults and kids. Parish Night ends by 8:00 p.m.



Parish Night is a parish-wide event for Kindergarteners-12th graders and adults. Join us!

2021-2022 Themes

Adults: The Illness & Cure of the Soul

Senior GOYA (Grades 9-12): Tending the Garden of Our Hearts

Junior GOYA (Grades 6-8): Be a Bee

HOPE/JOY (K-5th Grade): Journey Through the Parables

Next Parish Night...

- Wednesday, December 15

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>

Bookstore News

If you would like to special order an icon from the bookstore for Christmas gift giving, please have your request in by **Sunday, November 21**. There have been many and significant changes relating to icon vendors. As a result, getting special order icons could take several weeks during this busy season. Therefore, the bookstore will not be taking special icon orders for Christmas gift giving after the date above. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake Sale

The annual Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake Sale takes place after Liturgy on Sunday, November 21. Come and stock up on a variety of gourmet treats for the upcoming holidays. Thank you in advance for your support.

O.C.F. College Conference Midwest for Ages 18-25

Please register for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center December 27-30. Spots are filling up fast—register soon!

For more about the Midwest OCF College Conference, to register, and to apply for scholarships, go to <https://www.ocf.net/college-conference/#register>. Bishop Paul is the speaker this year.

In addition to the needs-based scholarships from the National OCF, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church will partially reimburse members of the parish and active attendees of this parish. Please first apply to the National OCF scholarship before requesting reimbursement from St. Mary's. The partial reimbursement amount will depend on the number of registrants from our parish. Only St. Mary's members or active attendees are eligible for partial reimbursement.

Philoptochos News

Bake Sale and Boutique

Orders are being accepted today for pastries and other items for pick-up at the Greek Bake Sale and Boutique on December 4 and 5, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You can order the items below (or in larger quantities) as well as 750 ml bottles of extra virgin olive oil – early harvest, cold extraction, <.3% acidity -- from Messinia, Greece. Cost is \$25/bottle. Pre-orders must be paid in advance. Cash, checks, and (hopefully) credit cards will be accepted.

- Baklava and Chocolate Baklava: 4-packs for \$8 and 8-packs for \$15
- Kourambietes: 4-packs for \$4 and 8-packs for \$8
- Come Sit at Our Table Cookbook: \$20 (proceeds benefit FOCUS Minnesota)

At the Bake Sale table or Philoptochos table in the social hour on Sunday, you can also sign up to help with Bake Sale packaging (November 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) or sales on December 4-5. You can also volunteer through Sign Up Genius:

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

Local Hands-On Service Day and Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, November 23

12:00 noon-7:00 p.m. – The Terrace Room will be set up with projects for local use, including sewing pillow cases and nighties for shelters, walker bags for the VA, and finishing Days for Girls kits. There are many non-sewing jobs, too. (If you want to sew, please bring a machine or serger.) Come for an hour or stay the day. No RSVP needed.

7:00-8:00 p.m. – The November Philoptochos Meeting will follow the service projects. All members are welcome!

Women's Book Club Discussion in December

The Women's Book Club is reading "Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church" by Archimandrite Sergius. Books can be purchased in the church book store or office.

You Can Help!

FOCUS Minnesota Needs

As winter approaches, the need for warm clothing increases. FOCUS Minnesota is in need of a number of items for their clients. Those items that are most needed are:

- Mittens and gloves for men, women, and children
- Kids clothing, especially sizes 2T-5
- Men's underwear – all kinds though it seems that clients prefer boxers or boxer briefs.
- Men's clothing and shoes including large sizes like XX and XXX

Donations may be placed at the display in the hallway leading to the Church Office.

Harvest Pack Is Back ~ Sunday, December 5



Let's join together in the Terrace Room on Sunday, December 5, after Liturgy, to pack 21,000 nutritious meals for those suffering from food insecurity.

Harvest Pack estimates that 1 in 9 people now experiences food insecurity, with a 60% increase in clients served at food shelves in 2021. Also, the meals will be gone within a month, and, at times, gone

within the week that they are packed.

St. Mary's has packed 89,360 meals during our previous four packing events in 2019 and 2020. What a blessing to those with food insecurity! With your help, we will have packed more than 100,000 meals after our December event.

You will make a big difference and get a great feeling by helping pack meals this December 5, after Liturgy. Pizza will be provided for lunch so that no one has to go off-site to eat before packing the meals. See your photo in the Harvest Pack video on St. Mary's Facebook page, and while you're there, click on "SignUp" (or go to this site: <https://sugeni.us/WuXC>) and register. *We look forward to seeing you this December 5!*

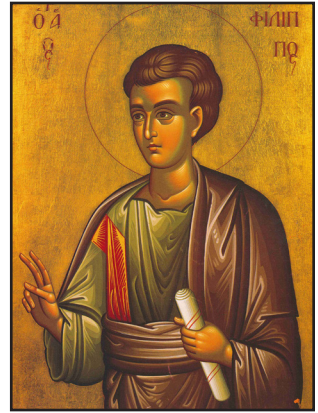
Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Applesauce or fruit cups (much needed for lunch bags); pouch of mashed potatoes mix; granola bars; canned fruit; oatmeal in small pouches; saltine crackers; small bags of sugar or flour.

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

Saint Philip

Philip the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Later Christian traditions describe Philip as the apostle who preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia.



The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Philip's feast day on November 14. The Synoptic Gospels (gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke) list Philip as one of the apostles. The Gospel of John recounts Philip's calling as a disciple of Jesus. (John 1:43) Philip is described as a disciple from the city of Bethsaida, and the evangelist connects him with Andrew and Peter, who were from the same town. He also was among those surrounding John the Baptist when the latter first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. It was Philip who first introduced Nathanael (sometimes identified with Bartholomew) to Jesus. According to Butler, Philip was among those attending the wedding at Cana.

Of the four Gospels, Philip figures most prominently in the Gospel of John. Philip asks Jesus how to feed the 5,000 people. Later he appears as a link to the Greek community. Philip bore a Greek name, may have spoken Greek, and may have been known to the Greek pilgrims in Jerusalem. He advises Andrew that certain Greeks wish to meet Jesus, and together they inform Jesus of this (John 12:21). During the Last Supper, when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, he provides Jesus the opportunity to teach his disciples about the unity of the Father and the Son.

Philip the Apostle should not be confused with Philip the Evangelist, who was appointed with Stephen to oversee charitable distributions (Acts 6:5).

From the Fathers...on Compassion

Love has hands to help others.
It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of me.
This is what love looks like.

—*Saint Augustine*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 15

Colossians 2:13-20 • Luke 14:1, 12-15

Tuesday, November 16

Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

Romans 10:11 – 11:2 • Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday, November 17

I Corinthians 12:7-11 • Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 18

Colossians 4:2-9 • Luke 16:1-9

Friday, November 19

Colossians 4:10-18 • Luke 16:15 – 17:4

Saturday, November 20

II Corinthians 5:1-10 • Luke 9:57-62

Sunday, November 21

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

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

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