

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Luke

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Seventh Sunday of Luke; 33 Martyrs of Melitene; Lazarus the Wonderworker; Martyr Athenodorus; Alexander the Martyr of Thessaloniki.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

Tone: Third

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, Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world 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 Righteous Lazarus, Plagal Fourth Tone

As you vigilantly prayed you drenched your pillar with rivers of your tears; and with your sighs from deep within, painstaking labors produced their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a pastor, giving forgiveness to all those who came to you, our devout father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to 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..... Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel..... Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from

the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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

40-Day Churchings: **Zoe**, parents: Anthony and Kelly Kempf
(Friday, November 5)

Florence, parents: Andreas and Anne Soulis
(Sunday, November 7)

Memorial Prayers today are offered for: **Saleh Canavati (40 days); George (56 years), RoseMary (20 years), Esther (20 years) and John (18 years) Lycos**, parents and siblings of Barbara Vanover.

The Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Stewardship Committee.

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.

Sacraments This Week

Chrismation—

Rachael Wolff, November 7, 2021 (fiancé of George Chronakos)

Saint Mary's Giving Report

~ 2021 Offering Income ~

2021 Year to Date Actual: \$809,740

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

Amount remaining to meet budget: \$259,885



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; 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, Alex, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Presvytera Tulla Poteres, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, 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, 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.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 7: Seventh Sunday of Luke

- *“The Messenger” news item deadline: December issue*

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School after Liturgy – Ministry/Stewardship Fair

**Monday, November 8: Synaxis of the Archangels
Saint Nektarios (observed)**

6:00 p.m. – Evening Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 9

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens’ Meeting, Great Hall

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

Wednesday, November 10

10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, location TBA

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

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA, Great Hall and Youth Room

Thursday, November 11

6:30 p.m. – IOCC Fundraiser, Great Hall

Saturday, November 13: Saint John Chrysostom

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

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

6:00 p.m. – Appreciation Glendi, Great Hall

**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



Scan the QR code to give through Venmo.

Announcements

Stewardship/Ministry Fair Today

Our annual Stewardship/Ministry Fair is this morning after Liturgy. Head to the Great Hall for fellowship, where you will see and learn first-hand about the many ministries of St. Mary's supported by our stewardship commitments.

~ 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.

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens' Club will gather on Tuesday, November 9, 12:00 noon, in the Great Hall. In addition to lunch and our business meeting, we will enjoy a performance by dancers from the Metropolitan Ballet. Dancers' biographies are in the current issue of "The Messenger."

"Orthodox Parent Talks" Series

Parents of children 18 and under, please join us on Sunday, November 14, in the Terrace Room during Church School (approximately 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.) for our first in a series of talks about parenting! On November 14, Paul Karos will discuss with us the topic "Talking with your kids about difficult topics." Parents: don't miss this important event. Future "Talks" are scheduled for Sundays, February 13 and March 27.

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>

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.

In order to receive this reimbursement, you must email your registration to Fr. Jason by December 14 at frjason@stmarysgoc.org. Partial reimbursements will be issued at the end of December. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jason 612.401.0660.

Bookstore News

If you have one of Mother Macrina's hand written quotes on granite, you know how beautiful her creations are. We are excited to announce that Mother Macrina has generously offered to create pieces featuring short quotes from Father Anthony Coniaris such as those Sandra Anderson collected from parishioners and compiled in the booklet titled "It's All Him." Copies of "It's All Him" are available for your perusal in the bookstore. Please stop in the bookstore or email bookstore@stmarysgoc.org if you would like to place an order. We will relay your request to Mother Macrina. The cost of each piece will be around \$20, depending on the size of the stone and the length of the quote.

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.



Parish Council Elections

Sunday, November 21 • after the Final Dismissal

Philoptochos News

Stop by our table in the Ministry Fair this morning to volunteer for:

- Bake Sale packaging: November 8 and 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Bake Sale staffing: November 13, Glendi
December 4-5, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Provide part of meal to FOCUS MN: November 14
we've been told our meal is a favorite on the street!

Coming Up...

- Women's Book Club Discussion in December -- "Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church" by Archimandrite Sergius. Books are available for purchase in the church book store and in the office during the week.
- Tuesday, November 23, 12:00-7:00 p.m.: Hands-On Local Service Projects followed by 7:00 p.m. November meeting



Renovation Update

What a joy it is to be back worshipping in our Nave as we continue with our million dollar transformation of St Mary's. The carpet installation started this past week and should be fully completed by mid-November. The bright yellow columns have been prepped for the gold leaf which will be installed in early December. December is also the target date for the return of our pews. While we have a few more items to complete, those will be done in the New Year, once approval is granted from the Metropolis. We also plan to deep clean the entire nave in time for the joyous Nativity Season. *"Sing praises to our God, sing praises." (today's prokeimenon)*



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 (space is limited!): <https://sugeni.us/WvZV>

We can use some helpers at the Glendi,
sign up here if you can lend a hand: <https://sugeni.us/WvZe>

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

Peanut butter and jelly

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

From the Fathers...on Faith

Faith and hope are not merely casual or theoretical matters.

Faith requires a steadfast soul,
while hope needs a firm will and an honest heart.

—*Saint Theognostos of Alexandria*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 8

Synaxis of the Archangels

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

Tuesday, November 9

Saint Nektarios

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12

Wednesday, November 10

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Luke 12:48-59

Thursday, November 11

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 13:1-9

Friday, November 12

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Matthew 5:14-19

Saturday, November 13

Saint John Chrysostom

Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2 • John 10:9-16

Sunday, November 14

Eighth Sunday of Luke

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Luke 10:25-37

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