

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Twelfth Sunday of Luke

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Twelfth Sunday of Luke; Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains; Righteous Hierodeacon Makarios of Kalogeras; Romilo the Monk of Mount Athos; Nicholas the New-Martyr of Mytilene; Peusippos, Elasippos, and Mesippos the siblings, and their grandmother Neonilla.

Morning Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Plagal 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, Plagal First Tone

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

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!

Repeat the Resurrection Hymn, above.

Hymn of Saint Peter, Fourth Tone

Without leaving Rome, you came to us, through the precious Chains that you wore, O President of the Apostles. As we venerate them in faith, we pray to you: By your intercessions with God, grant to us the great mercy.

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 Presentation of the Lord, First Tone

For our salvation you took flesh and you sanctified the Virgin's womb; you blessed the aged Simeon as you lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle..... Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel..... Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.



Memorial Prayers

Memorial Prayers today are offered for *Ekaterini Viktoros*.

Prosforo for today's Liturgy is provided by Giannoula Bakritzes.

Coffee will be available in the Great Hall follow the Liturgy.



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; 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; David, Joe, Tom, Gigi, Zossima, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Dreux, Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Joan, Carole, Patty, Archimandrite Dionysios, Karrisas, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Lamona, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Quinn, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., 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, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Avgi, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jaxon, 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

Sunday, January 16; Twelfth Sunday of Luke

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, Fireside Room
- 12:45 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Monday, January 17: Saint Anthony the Great

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

Tuesday, January 18: Saints Athanasios and Cyril

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall
- 6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Classroom #2
- 6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, January 19

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

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22: Saint Timothy

- 9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Lecture Room
- 12:00 noon – Boys’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. – Orthodox Game League, St. Mary’s Cathedral

Sunday, January 23: Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:15 a.m. – Prayers for the Unborn
- 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
- 11:30 a.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, Terrace Room
- 12:45 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall
- 2:15 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall



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Announcements

Parish Night ~ Wednesday, January 19

We begin with prayer at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner then a lesson. We wrap up by 8:00. All are welcome to attend! HOPE/JOY theme: Journey through the Parables: The Parable of the Ten Virgins; Junior GOYA theme: Be a Bee; Senior GOYA theme: Tending the Garden of Our Hearts with the discussion lead by Mr. Paul Karos will lead the discussion; adult theme: The Illness and Cure of the Soul.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets this Friday, January 21, 7:00 a.m., in the Fire-side Room. We will be praying and working through Psalm 6, the third of the Vespers Psalms. All men are welcome to attend.

Orthodox Game League Is Back!

Adults (age 18 years and older)... come to Orthodox Game League and enjoy time with each other, and play some fun games. The next Game Night is Saturday, January 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1701 - 5th Street NE, Minneapolis (we'll gather in the Parish Center across the street from the church). Bring a munchie or dessert to share. Questions? Contact *Nikki Beachamp*, 612.910.2943.

Winter General Assembly ~ Sunday, January 30

Our Winter General Assembly, budget approval, will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Copies of the budget and agenda will be available soon.

In the Bookstore

The bookstore now has a large selection of Mother Macrina's small icons, including icons of Christ, the Theotokos, the Holy Trinity, Archangels, Guardian Angels, Saints, and Noah's Ark. All are made with Mother Macrina's careful attention to detail and are blessed before she sends them forth.

FOCUS News and Needs

We are grateful for all of the generous clothing donations we have received these past few months. However, we need some time to catch up processing those donations. Because of this, we will not be accepting any donations of clothing except winter outer wear (coats, boots, gloves, and mittens) until February 1.

Immediate Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Diapers, wipes, tampons (not pads), toothbrushes, toothpaste, ramen

January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Our Church – Our Spiritual Home

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign is underway. If you haven't returned your completed card, please do so. Additional cards are available at the stewardship drop box in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to share with St. Mary's in 2022. We thank you for your generosity of **time**, **talent**, and **treasure**!

Church Office Update

As we transition to a new year, the church office will be closed to walk-ins on Mondays through February so the staff can concentrate on new initiatives, stewardship reports, and projects throughout the building. Phone calls will be answered from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on this day. We thank you for your understanding.

———— Philoptochos News ————

Buy Vasilopita

There are plenty St. Basil's Sweet Bread loaves for you to purchase. Each loaf is \$15, has a coin baked inside, and is perfect for New Year celebrations. All funds go to St. Basil Academy (stbasil.goarch.org), a home for children in need.

Philoptochos Meetings

- Philoptochos Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room.
- The Philoptochos General Meeting is Sunday, January 23, 11:30 a.m., in the Terrace Room.

Women's Book Club

The next Book Club Discussion will be Thursday, February 3. The location will be determined closer to the date. The book this month is *Toolkit for Spiritual Growth: A Practical Guide to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving* by Father Evan Armatas and is available for purchase in the church bookstore on Sundays or from the Church Office during the week.

From the Fathers...on Faith

The reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

—*Saint Augustine*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 17

Saint Anthony the Great

Hebrews 13:17-21 • Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, January 18

Saints Athanasios and Cyril

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

Wednesday, January 19

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Matthew 21:33-42

Thursday, January 20

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 6:17-23

Friday, January 21

Philippians 1:12-20 • Luke 12:8-12

Saturday, January 22

Saint Timothy

II Timothy 1:3-8 • Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Sunday, January 23

Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

I Timothy 1:15-17 • Luke 18:35-43

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