

# SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, January 23, 2022

*Fourteenth Sunday of Luke*

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## The Divine Liturgy

*In compliance with the City of Minneapolis' current mask mandate, everyone entering the building for worship, fellowship, or other activities is required to wear a face mask.*

**Commemoration:** Fourteenth Sunday of Luke; Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; Agathangelus the Martyr; Righteous Father Dionysius of Olympus.

*Morning Gospel: Ninth*

*Tone: Plagal Second*

### *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 Second Tone***

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

#### ***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 Clement, Fourth Tone***

O Clement, according to your all-sacred name, you grew as a branch of holiness, a stem of martyrdom, a most sacred flower, and a luscious fruit given by God to the faithful. We pray you, who ran with Martyrs and shared the throne with hierarchs: 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 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.....I Timothy 1:15-17***

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

***Gospel..... Luke 18:35-43***

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

***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.*

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**Memorial Prayers** today are offered for **Stella Boosalis** (40 days); **Helen Peters** (40 days); **Barbara Apostolou** (40 days); **Susan Freeman** (40 days) mother of Julie Karos; **Theodore Pappelis** (1 week) brother of Ann Speredon; **George Zarifis** (15 years) father of Kathy Richardson and Mary Pappas; **Katherine** (2 years) & **Richard** (10 years) **D'Ambrogio**, aunt and uncle of Kathy Richardson and Mary Pappas.

Prosforo for today's Liturgy is provided by Christina Menter.

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Boosalis and Peters families in memory of Stella Boosalis and Helen Peters.

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## **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; Families Moving Forward; 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, Karrisia, 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 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

## Tuesday, January 25: Saint Gregory the Theologian

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall

## Wednesday, January 26

- 10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave
- 11:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

## Thursday, January 27

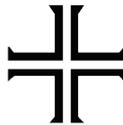
- 9:30 a.m. – FAITH Play Group, Great Hall and Terrace Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Edina Koinonia, Fireside Room
- 7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

## Saturday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Lecture Room
- 12:00 noon – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## Sunday, January 30: The Three Hierarchs

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



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# Announcements

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## Winter General Assembly Change

Please note we are rescheduling our Winter General Assembly to March. As a Parish Council we are trying new things to increase engagement and participation, and as a result we will be returning to our previous format of two General All-Parish Assembly Meetings per year – Spring and Fall. This will not only help us align with the Uniform Parish Regulations, but provide an opportunity for increased participation and engagement. We look forward to seeing you in March. Please contact our Parish Council Officers with any additional questions.

## House Blessings

During January and February, Fr. Tim and Fr. Jason are conducting house blessings. To schedule a blessing, please contact the Church Office: [stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org) or call 612.825.9595. Also, it is within our Orthodox tradition for laypeople to bless their own homes with bottled Holy Water, as it states in the Great Blessing of the Waters service: “For those who are sprinkled with it and take it for the blessing of homes; let us pray to the Lord.”

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

*Sundays, February 6, 20, 27*

Do you enjoy the after-Liturgy social time? We are in need of hosts for the Sundays listed above. How about taking a Sunday to host? It’s not a huge responsibility, but one that is well worth it! If you would like to host, or want to find out more about hosting, contact the Church Office. We have a step-by-step sheet available that will guide you through the process from set up through clean up.

## 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, FOCUS will not be accepting donations of clothing except winter outer wear (coats, boots, gloves, and mittens) until February 1.

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**FAITH Play Group ~ Thursday, January 27**  
9:30-11:00 a.m. — Great Hall and Terrace Room

## Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Hygiene items

*January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.*

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

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## 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!**

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## Philoptochos News

### Philoptochos Meeting TODAY after Church

Women are encouraged to come to the Terrace Room at 11:30 for the January Philoptochos Meeting. We will assemble IOCC Hygiene Kits, approve the 2022 budget, share volunteer opportunities, and enjoy good fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

### Annual Membership Drive Begins

The Annual Philoptochos Membership Drive will run from January through March. Women of the parish, watch for a letter in the mail inviting you to join!

### Women's Book Club

All women are invited to the Thursday, February 3, evening discussion of *Toolkit for Spiritual Growth: A Practical Guide to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving* by Father Evan Armatas. Books are available in the church bookstore. Watch for information on the format (in person, Zoom, hybrid).

### Vasilopita

The 25 loaves of Vasilopita are for sale in the Great Hall. The St. Basil Sweet Bread is fabulous, so get yours today. The full \$15 per loaf goes to St. Basil Academy.

## From the Fathers...on Sin

The entrance of the Lord into the soul of a person  
is prepared by expelling every sin from it.

—*Saint Nikon of Optina*

### Daily Bible Readings

*Monday, January 24*

*Xenia of Rome; Xenia of St. Petersburg*

Galatians 5:22 6:2 • Matthew 22:2-14

*Tuesday, January 25*

*Saint Gregory the Theologian*

Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2 • John 10:9-16

*Wednesday, January 26*

Romans 10:1-10 • Matthew 22:35-46

*Thursday, January 27*

Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2 • John 10:9-16

*Friday, January 28*

Galatians 5:22 – 6:2 • Luke 6:17-23

*Saturday, January 29*

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Mark 9:33-41

*Sunday, January 30*

*The Three Hierarchs*

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

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