

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

The Divine Liturgy

In accordance with the City of Minneapolis' regulations and on the advice of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED for entry into our building for worship, fellowship, or other activities.

Commemoration: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Triodion begins; Martinian of Palestine; Apostles Aquila and Priscilla; Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria; Symeon the Myrrhbearer of Serbia.

Morning Gospel: First

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, Plagal Fourth 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.

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 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 Publican and Pharisee, Fourth Tone

Let us flee the proud boasting of the Pharisee, and learn the humility of the Publican's sighs. And let us cry out to the Savior: Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!

Epistle..... II Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel..... Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows by Godparents and Godchild

Priest Do you renounce Satan? and all his angels? and all his works?
and all his service? And all his pride? (3x)

All We do.

The Priest then asks the congregation to face the altar.

Priest Have you renounced Satan? (3x)

All We have.

Priest Do you unite yourselves unto Christ?

All We do.

Priest Have you united yourselves unto Christ?

All We have.

Priest Do you believe in Him?

All We believe in Him as King, our Lord and God.

Priest Have you united yourselves unto Christ?

All We have.

Priest Bow down also before Him.

All We bow before the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Trinity
One in essence, and undivided.

Priest Blessed is God, Who wants all men to be saved, and to come
to the knowledge of truth, now and ever, and unto the ages of
ages.

A Prayer of Reaffirmation

Priest Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord have mercy.

Priest Blessed are You, O Lord Almighty, Source of all good things,
Sun of Righteousness, Who sheds forth upon those who were in
darkness the light of salvation, through the manifestation of Your
Only Begotten Son, our God: and Who have given unto us, unworthy
though we be, blessed purification through hallowed water, and divine

sanctification, through life-creating Chrismation; Who have been graciously pleased to regenerate these Your servants through the only One Baptism by water and the Spirit, granting unto them remission of sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, and granting also unto them the seal of the gift of Your Holy, Almighty and adorable Spirit, and participation in the Holy Body and the precious Blood of Your Christ. Keep them in Your sanctification; reconfirm them in the Orthodox faith; deliver them from the Evil One and from his evil snares. And preserve them in purity and uprightness, through the saving fear of You. That they may please You in every one of their deeds and words, and may prove themselves to be children and heirs of Your heavenly Kingdom. For you are our God, the God of mercy and salvation, and unto You we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All Amen.

The Communion Prayers are found on page 5 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 for today's Liturgy is provided by Ruta Kubits.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for ***Aphrodite Rappos*** (6 months), mother of Kathy Rappos.

Philoptochos Hosts Sweet Sunday Social Hour

Our Sweet Sunday fundraiser is an easy and tasty way to support Philoptochos! After Liturgy, come to the Great Hall, give a free will donation, and enjoy a wonderful array of homemade cookies, breads, and other delicious goodies. All money raised will support Children's HeartLink. Thank you for your generous support!

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, February 13: The Publican and Pharisee

Tridion Begins

Godparent Sunday; Sweet Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Church School
after Communion – Parent Presentation, Terrace Room

after Liturgy – Philoptochos Sweet Sunday

4:30 p.m. – YAL Super Bowl Party, St. George Antiochian Church

Tuesday, February 15

6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, February 16

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

6:15 p.m. – Parish Night

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, February 17: Saint Theodore the Recruit

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

Friday, February 18

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

6:00 p.m. – JOY Lock-in

Saturday, February 19

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Lecture Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 20: Sunday of the Prodigal

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

11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, Fireside Room



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Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for Next Week

Pancake mixes and syrup

February's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Orthodox Parenting Talks

Today during Church School

Parents, please join us in the Terrace Room immediately after Holy Communion for a talk on spirituality in the home with children. Led by Fr. Jason.

YAL Super Bowl Party

Young adults ages 18-35 are invited to gather at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in West St. Paul for fellowship, food, refreshments, and football! Festivities are this afternoon, begin at 4:30 p.m., with kickoff at 5:30. Main dish and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Donation of two canned goods or non-perishable items for FOCUS are encouraged. RSVP to: twincitiesyal@gmail.com or at the link in the instagram bio (@twincitiesyal).

Parish Night ~ Wednesday, February 16

Join us for our February Parish Night (the last one until after Pascha!). 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; 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.

Discover OCF ~ February 25, 6:00 p.m.

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! The college students at the University of Minnesota want to meet YOU and share all about the Orthodox opportunities in college! Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a national organization for college students to explore their faith. OCF is inviting you to join them on Friday, February 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the University of Minnesota to get a sneak peek into the college experience. Please RSVP on our website under events at www.ocfumnn.com For parking instructions and meeting location, email ocf@umn.edu. See you there!

YAL Meet and Greet

YAL will meet at St. Mary's on Saturday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. for Vespers followed by a meet and greet with Fr. Tim. Twin Cities Young Adult League is for 18 to 35 year-olds, married or single.

For more about the Twin Cities Y.A.L. or would like to be added to our email list, please email us at twincitiesyal@gmail.com

Vacation Church School

Save the Dates! June 13-17 • 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos Membership Drive Is Underway

Did you know Philoptochos financially supports seven Twin Cities food shelves? We can't do this without you. Please consider joining us during our annual Philoptochos Membership Drive, which runs through March. Women of the parish, you should have received your membership packet in the mail, if not, extras are available at the Philoptochos table. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form and return it to the Church Office.

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, Nino, 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, Karrisa, 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.

Godparents and Godchildren

The institution of godparents (*nouna* and *nouno*) is one that dates back to the first century of the Christian Church. Baptism has been called Illumination and brings us out of the darkness of sin and into the light of Christ, therefore, the role of the godparent is critical. The godparent must ensure that the Light of Christ continues to shine in the soul of the godchild. Thus, this role as godparent is an awesome responsibility, and is not to be considered a one-day event.

Responsibilities of the Godparent

From the moment you accept the duty and role of a godparent, you are a special person in that adult or child's life. You are family.

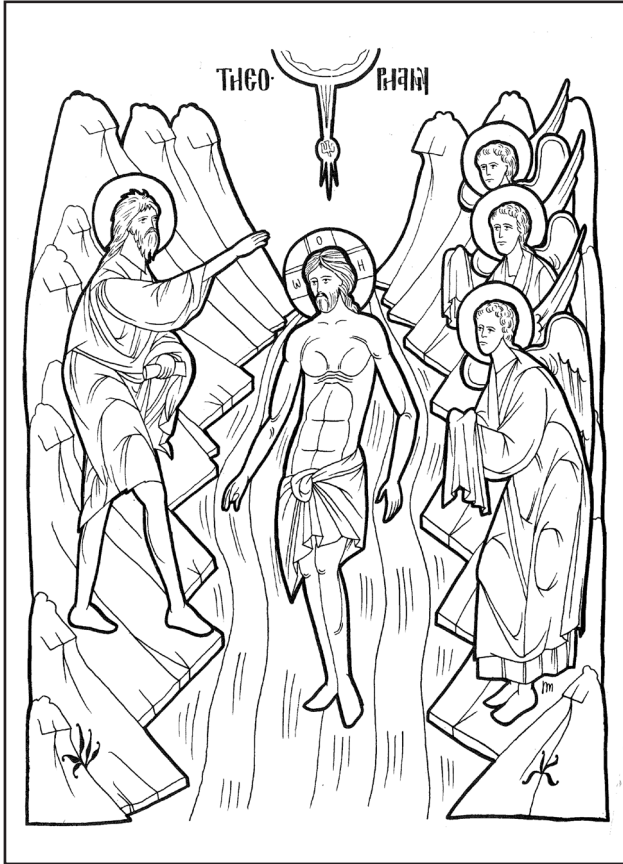
1. **Acknowledge them each time you see them.** Go out of your way to show them affection and be involved in their life. They will grow up seeing you as a spiritual example and somebody who looks out for them and cares about them.
2. **Pray for them.** As a godparent, you are interceding on their behalf and asking God to look out for them in their journey through life. Don't take this lightly. Remember them daily in your prayers.
3. **Remember them on holidays, their birthday, and their name day.** Learn and teach your godchild about their patron saint.
4. **Be an inspiration and good example.** Go to church. Regularly! Take your godchildren to communion, talk to them every Sunday. Invite them (and their family) over. Be there for them when they need you.
5. **Don't disappear.** Keep in touch, don't let your godchild think you've forgotten them, even into adulthood. Ask them what they are learning in church school, how school or their job is going, what is going on in their lives. Keep in touch through email, phone calls or texts if you live far apart. If you're busy, do what you can. It's better than not doing anything.



Responsibilities of the Godchild

1. **Pray for your Godparent and his/her family.**
2. **Keep in contact, treat them with love and respect.** When greeting one's Godparent, you should feel the love and familiarity that you have with your own parents. It is acceptable to hug or kiss your godparents, as you would your own parents.
3. **Light a candle for them at church and pray for your Godparents.** The Godchild should observe the Godparents names day. Celebrate with them or call or send a card. Prayer and love in Christ know no distance!
4. **Keep in touch, keep close to them.** There will come a time in which your Godparents have aged and are less able to be fully present with you due to illness or perhaps a nursing home placement. Remember to continue to pray for them and visit or write them often to maintain your relationship. Ask for their advice even though you have grown up.
5. **Finally there will come a day** in which your Godparents will repose in the Lord, maintain your image of your Godparents in your mind to help bring peace and memories of love and wisdom. Pray for your Godparents and offer memorial services in their memory, do works and offer alms in their name. And pray for them as they will continue to do for you in heaven.





*As many of you as have been baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia.*

From the Fathers...on Humility

Yes, my dearly beloved children, truly we lack this most holy virtue, humility. Egotism, this evil wickedness, has caused all the sufferings of man. Indeed, humility is holiness!

—Elder Ephraim of Arizona

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, February 14

II Peter 1:20 – 2:9 • Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday, February 15

Philemon 1:1-25 • Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday, February 16

II Peter 3:1-18 • Mark 13:24-31

Thursday, February 17

Theodore the Tyro, Great Martyr

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 20:46 – 21:4

Friday, February 18

I John 2:7-17 • Mark 14:3-9

Saturday, February 19

I Timothy 6:11-16 • Luke 20:46 – 21:4

Sunday, February 20

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

I Corinthians 6:12-20 • Luke 15:11-32

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