

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 29, 2022
Sunday of the Blind Man

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: The Sunday of the Blind Man; Theodosia the Virgin-Martyr of Tyre; Theodosia, Virgin-Martyr of Constantinople; Seven New Martyrs of Kastoria; Andrew the New Martyr of Argentes; John of Smyrna the New Martyr.

Morning Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Plagal First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Christ Is Risen

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

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

Hymn of PASCHA, Plagal First Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Hymn of Entrance

Bless God in the churches; the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia

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 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 Pascha, Plagal Fourth Tone

Into the grave You descended, Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor You arose, O Christ our God; You proclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women a greeting of joy, You brought peace to Your holy apostles, and to the fallen You granted resurrection.

EpistleActs 16:16-34

In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed

their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel..... *John 9:1-38*

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and

said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

Megalynarion of Pascha, First Tone (instead of "It is truly meet")

The Angel spoke to her who is full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin, and again I say rejoice; your Son is risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Now dance and be glad O Sion; and you, O pure Theotokos, exalt in the rising of your Son!

The Communion Prayers are found on page 5 of this leaflet.

Communion Hymn

Receive the body, the body of Christ; drink from the font of immortality.

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.

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.

Today

40-day Churching: **Theodore Christopher**, parents: Ross & Karen McHugh

Prosforo is provided by Maria Prassas.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos** (5 years); **Perry Pero** († May 19, 2022) *uncle of George Martin*.

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary in honor of Memorial Day.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; for the people of Ukraine; 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; Margie, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Maria, Dave Ruesink, Liz, Efstatia, Jordan, 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, 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, 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, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.



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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 29: Sunday of the Blind Man

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

12:00 noon – Memorial Service, Lakewood Cemetery

(St. Mary's section)

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Church and Office closed.

Tuesday, May 31

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

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

Wednesday, June 1: Leave-Taking of Holy Pascha

6:00 p.m. – Vespers for Ascension

6:00 p.m. – Grief and Loss Support Group, Fireside Room

6:15 p.m. – Junior GOYA at Grand Slam in Burnsville

after Vespers– Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, June 2: Holy Ascension

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

7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club (*location tba*)

Friday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 4

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room

Sunday, June 5: Sunday of the Holy Fathers

• *"The Messenger" deadline - July issue*

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

after Liturgy – Church School Teachers' Luncheon, Lecture Room

Lost and Found

Are you missing an item of clothing or a child's toy or a pair of reading glasses? We have quite a number of items found around the building over the past few months. Some have been left in the coat areas for several weeks and others were found in the pews after a service. Please take a look at the cart outside the church office to see if any of these items belong to you. Unclaimed items will be discarded after June 15.

Announcements

Food Shelf Immediate Needs for June

Spaghetti noodles, BBQ sauces, and mustard

May's recipient has been Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

June's recipient will be Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Grief and Loss Support Group

Wednesday Evenings, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

June 1-July 6

Led by Fr. John & Presbytera Janis Kostas

Loss is a sad but inevitable part of the human condition. What grieves us most is the loss of a loved one. But we experience other losses as well.

Our group will be devoted to supporting each other with encouragement, shared experience, and, most importantly, by simply listening to each other. We will explore especially how to cope with the death of a beloved parent, spouse or child. Yet we also welcome those who feel saddened or troubled over the loss of health, or a sense a failure or regret over past actions.

We will begin with a short reflection over the Psalms of Lament as a wellspring of comfort. We will also benefit from insights from *How to Survive the Loss of a Loved One*, by Fr. Anthony Coniaris. (Copies are available in the bookstore and at our first meeting.)

Sensory Saturday

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church invites families from around the Twin Cities for Divine Liturgy on **Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.**, in a sensory friendly environment followed by fellowship for families and individuals with disabilities.

Dimmed lights, no microphones, quiet chanting are a part of this special Liturgy. Adaptive equipment, such as chairs, beanbags, etc., are welcome

Stay afterwards in the hall for fellowship, snacks, and to connect with other special needs families in the Twin Cities. Please RSVP: bit.ly/stgeorgess or with the QR code.



By the Grace of God
and through the Laying on of Hands by
His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago,
the Servant of God

Luke Randy Twito

will be ordained into the Holy Diaconate

on

Saturday, June 18, 2022,

at

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Avenue South

Minneapolis

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Luncheon in the Great Hall to follow.

Your presence and prayers are requested.

Please RSVP prior to Friday, June 10, to:
david@stmarysgoc.org or call, 612.825.9595

The Ordination Service will be live-streamed on
St. Mary's YouTube channel.

Philoptochos News

Women's Book Club Discussion

The next Women's Book Club discussion will be Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m. The book *Philokalia* by Father Anthony Coniaris is available in the bookstore. Watch your e-mail for details regarding location and format.

Festival Baking Supplies Moving

We're moving the Festival baking supplies from the basement to a church school room on Tuesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. The move isn't expected to take too long! Sign up to help in the Great Hall this morning.

Baklava Baking Project

We are preparing for the Taste of Greece 2022! Baklava chair Elena Gabor has scheduled June 15, 20, 21, and 22 for assembly and baking. Please consider signing up for a shift or two. Many hands lighten the load. You can volunteer on the Sign Up Genius link (in the Weekly Update e-mail) or contact Elena directly at elenagabor14@gmail.com or 952.288.3011.

Tandem Celebration

At Tandem, we believe that a single thread of hope is still a very powerful thing. In the wake of COVID and the riots that forever changed our community, this year is a season of restoration and hope for the families we serve.

For the last 45 years, Motherhood has been the intersection where we meet the women and children we serve.

Tandem has been their soft place to land, offering a full spectrum of support and resources to equip these families in breaking the cycle of crisis and poverty. And thanks to you, we haven't done it alone.

We invites you to come to the table with us, to join this community of hope as we celebrate, plan and dream big for the mamas in the program!

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. | Program & Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The Metropolitan Club | 5418 Wayzata Boulevard | Golden Valley

Tickets are complimentary for this event.

Please RSVP at tandemevents.org - or call/text Kimberly at 612.290.5582

Sometimes hope is all a single mom in crisis has to hold on to.

Youth News

The **Junior GOYA** will go mini-golfing at Grand Slam in Burnsville this Wednesday, June 1, 6:15-8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jon at: jon@stmarysgoc.org

SUPER HEROES SUPER SAINTS

ST. MARY'S VCS

JUNE 13TH-17TH, 2022 8:45- 12:00 NOON

4 years old (potty trained) - Entering 6th grade in the fall

7th-12th grade needed for helpers (please register)



Children 4 years old (and potty trained) through those entering grade 6 in the fall. Also needed are helpers/crew in grades 7-12 and adult. Registration link: tinyurl.com/stmarysVCS2022

From the Fathers...on Obedience

Obedience is a greater virtue than chastity, however perfect.

Chastity carries within it the danger of pride,
but obedience has within it the promise of humility.

—Anonymous (*Sayings of the Desert Fathers*)

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 30

Acts 17:1-9 • John 11:47-54

Tuesday, May 31

Acts 17:19-28 • John 12:19-36

Wednesday, June 1

Leave-Taking of Holy Pascha

Acts 18:22-28 • John 12:36-47

Thursday, June 2

Holy Ascension

Acts 1:1-12 • Luke 24:36-53

Friday, June 3

Acts 19:1-8 • John 14:1-11

Saturday, June 4

Hebrews 7:26 – 8:2 • John 10:1-9

Sunday, June 5

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 • John 17:1-13

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