

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 12, 2022

Holy Pentecost

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Holy Pentecost; Onuphrius of Egypt; Peter the Athonite; Holy Martyr Antonine; John the Soldier of Egypt.

Morning Gospel: John 20:19-23

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Good Comforter, to you we sing: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

Blessed are you, O Christ our God. You made wise men of poor fishermen by sending down upon them your Holy Spirit, and through them you caught the whole world. O Lover of mankind, glory to you.

Hymn of Entrance

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and chant of your mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, to you we sing: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of Pentecost, above.

Kontakion of Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

When he came down and confused the tongues of men, the Most High divided the nations. But in sending forth the parted tongues of flame he called all mankind to unity that with one accord we might glorify his all Holy Spirit.

Trisagion (instead of "Holy God...")

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

Epistle.....*Acts 2:1-11*

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel.....*John 7:37-52; 8:12*

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee

too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Megalynarion, Grave Tone

You conceived and gave birth in virginity; the Word who created all, through you became incarnate. O Mother who knew not man, Virgin Theotokos, the boundless One was held by you, the dwelling of your infinite Creator; we magnify you.

The Communion Prayers are found on page 4 of this leaflet.

Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia!

Instead of “We have seen the light,” we chant the Hymn of Pentecost, page 1 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.

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

Prosforo is provided by Presbytera Alexandra Houck.

40-Day Churching: **Zelda Ann**, parents: James and Erica Delles

Coffee will be available in the Great Hall following this morning's Liturgy.



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; Pamela, 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, 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, June 12: Holy Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, Fireside Room
- 5:00 p.m. – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost

Monday, June 13: The Holy Spirit

- 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School
- 6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice

Tuesday, June 14

- 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School
- 12:00 noon – Senior Citizens, Terrace Room
- 6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, June 15

- 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School
- 2:00 p.m. – Baklava Baking, Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. – Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, June 16

- 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

Friday, June 17

- 7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, Fireside Room
- 8:00 a.m. – Window Washing
- 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School
- 6:00 p.m. – Vespers

Saturday, June 18:

The Ordination of Luke Twito to the Holy Diaconate

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 10:00 a.m. – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 19: All Saints; Father's Day

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

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for June 19

Cereal – hot or cold

June's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

Saint Mary's Seniors will gather for the monthly meeting and social on Tuesday, June 14, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. Following our luncheon, we will be entertained by U of M violist and St. Mary's member Eleni Ciuta, who is also a member of our St. Mary's Choir. We will end our afternoon with a short business meeting and Bingo.

Alumni Dance Group Forming

Calling all Greek Dance alumni students! Are you interested in performing at our Festival in September (9-12)? If so, please contact Tessie Bourdamis by **today**, Sunday, June 12, at tbourdamis@comcast.net. Practices begin on tomorrow, June 13.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Nearly all the Sundays during the upcoming summer months are open for coffee hour hosts. If you would like to host a Sunday, please contact the church office or reply to the e-mail sent earlier this past week to sign up and for hosting instructions. *Thank you for considering this enjoyable ministry!*

Ordination Reception Help Sought

We are in need of help for Luke Twito's ordination next Saturday, June 18. Help is needed for the reception, both on Friday afternoon and Saturday with set up, serving, and clean up. Can you help? Please use the link in Friday's Weekly Update e-mail.

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.

Philoptochos News

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 and 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.



Young Adults

Young Adults: Please join us for a wine tasting event on Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's. This event is for ages 21-35. Please RSVP via the link in the Weekly Update e-mail.

Thank You, Church School Teachers!

We wish to extend a special thank you to our Sunday Church School teachers who so faithfully taught our children during this past year.

Georgia Andron • Birhane Baye
Julie Boosalis • Kathy Boosalis
Libby Cheolis • Vicky DiGiovanni
Presbytera Christa Dokos • Theo Estep
Nancy Gallos • Steve Gallos
Sam Hanna • Natalie Hideg
Amy Hoeft • Mark Johnson
Dka. Alexandria Kalina • Heather Koutroupas
Connie Kouzes • Cristina Nicklow
Vangie Nicklow • Katherine Pappas
Diane Powers • Krissa Rovolis
Kathy Richardson • Michael Richardson
Alexis Rouches • Stephanie Sarantopoulis
Ken Schwark † • Krisanthi Sikkala
Stephanie Stephenson • Krysten Theodotou
Justin Theodotou • Deano Tortorelis
Dena Tortorelis • George Tortorelis
Sia Tortorelis • Andrew Twito
Megan Twito • Amy Wehr • Kally Youngdahl

From the Fathers...on the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God is direct, authoritative,
the fountain of wisdom, life, and holiness.

–*Saint John of Damascus*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 13

Monday of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 14

Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 • Matthew 4:23 – 5:13

Wednesday, June 15

Romans 1:18-27 • Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 16

Romans 1:28 – 2:9 • Matthew 5:27-32

Friday, June 17

Romans 2:14-28 • Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 18

Leave-Taking of Holy Pentecost

Romans 1:7-12 • Matthew 5:42-48

Sunday, June 19

The Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2 • Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

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