

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 19, 2022

The Sunday of All Saints

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: The Sunday of All Saints; Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle and Brother of Our Lord; Holy Martyr Zosima; Our Righteous Father Zenonus; Paisius the Great of Egypt.

Morning Gospel: First

Tone: Plagal Fourth

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

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

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 All Saints, Fourth Tone

Throughout the world your Church is adorned with the blood of the martyrs as with royal purple and fine linen. Through them she cries out to you, Christ our God: Grant your lasting peace to all the world and bestow on our souls your 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 All Saints, Plagal Fourth Tone

To you, O Lord, Creator of the universe, the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of creation. Through their prayers, and through those of the Theotokos, keep your church in perfect peace, O Savior rich in mercy.

Epistle.....Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel.....Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them,

“Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

Communion Hymn

Exalt, you just, in the Lord. Exalt, you just, in the Lord; from the upright praise is fitting. Alleluia!

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 Ruta Kubits.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Barbara Apostolou** (6 months).

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Apostolou family in memory of Barbara Apostolou.

Sacraments This Week

Ordination to the Holy Diaconate

Luke Twito, June 18, 2022 — *Axios!*

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 19: All Saints; Father's Day

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

Monday, June 20

2:00 p.m. – Baklava Assembly, Kitchen

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall

6:00 p.m. – Greek Festival Meeting, Fireside Room

Tuesday, June 21

2:00 p.m. – Baklava Assembly (cut/clove/syrup), Kitchen

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

Wednesday, June 22

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

10:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave

11:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room

2:00 p.m. – Baklava Assembly (bake/syrup), Kitchen

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

Thursday, June 23

6:00 p.m. – YAL Wine Tasting, Lecture Room

6:30 p.m. – Edina Koinonia, Fireside Room

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Meeting Room 1

Saturday, June 25

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

Sunday, June 26: Second Sunday of Matthew

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

The Church Office will be closed Monday afternoon, June 20. If you need to contact the office during that time, please send an e-mail to david@stmarysgoc.org.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for June 26

Hygiene items, such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shaving needs

June's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Many Sundays during the upcoming summer months remain open for coffee hour hosts. If you would like to host a Sunday, please contact the church office to sign up and for hosting instructions. *Thank you for considering this enjoyable ministry!*

Baklava Baking Project

We are preparing for the Taste of Greece 2022! The baklava project continues this week... June 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. PLEASE NOTE: We may wrap up our work on Tuesday and cancel the Wednesday session. Call the Church Office before venturing to church on Wednesday!



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.

From the Fathers...on the Saints

In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
in contrition and in pity for the needy,
let us believers honor the saints,
as God too is much honored in this way.

–*Saint John of Damascus*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 20

Apostles Fast Begins Today

Romans 2:28 – 3:18 • Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

Tuesday, June 21

Romans 4:4-12 • Matthew 7:15-21

Wednesday, June 22

Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23

Thursday, June 23

Romans 5:10-16 • Matthew 8:23-27

Friday, June 24

Romans 13:11 – 14:4 • Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Saturday, June 25

Romans 3:19-24 • Matthew 7:1-8

Sunday, June 26

Second Sunday of Matthew

Romans 2:10-16 • Matthew 4:18-23

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