

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 26, 2022

Second Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: David the Righteous of Thessalonika; Appearance of the Icon of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos of Tikhvin.

Morning Gospel: Second

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, First 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 Theotokos, Second Tone

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Epistle..... Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel.....Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by Carol Smith.

40-Day Churching: **Aiden**, parents: Alex & Jacklyn Amacci

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Elaine Smith** (40 days).

The coffee hour today is hosted by the family of Elaine Smith in her memory.

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, Efstratia, 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, Karrisra, 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.

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, June 26: Second Sunday of Matthew

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

Monday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

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

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

Thursday, June 30: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

Liturgy will not be held at St. Mary's this day.

Saturday, July 2

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

Summer Camp begins

Sunday, July 3: Third Sunday of Matthew

• ***“The Messenger” news item deadline, August issue***

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



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Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for July 3

Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat®

July's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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



Thursday, July 14 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

We're at the Westwood Hills Nature Center, 8300 W. Franklin Avenue, in Saint Louis Park. Meet at the Interpretive Center.

Contact *Lea Sullivan*, 952.200.6358, with any questions.

Wednesday, August 24 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Join us at Central Park of Maple Grove, 12000 Central Park Way, Maple Grove. Meet at the picnic tables by the shelter at 10:00 a.m. Playground and splash pad! Bring a swimming suit if you want to play in the splash pad. Bring your own picnic lunch.

Contact *Kyrsten Theodotou*, 641.629.0181, with questions.

Saturday, September 24 • 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Trolley ride, ice cream, and the playground at Lake Harriet, 4200 Queen Avenue, South, Minneapolis.

Meet at the trolley station to ride the trolley, then go for ice cream at the pavilion, and stick around at playground if you like!

Contact *Kyrsten Theodotou*, 641.629.0181, with questions.

FAITH Playgroup is for children from birth through pre-K and their parents/guardians. Grandparents, siblings, and caregivers are welcome, too!

Philoptochos News

Festival Baking

Melomakarona

Saturday, July 9 • 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sign up to help during the Sunday coffee hour.

Day of Service

(formerly Days for Girls)

Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Lecture Room

Please come for any portion of the day! Projects may include making pillowcases for Shriners Hospital and Reach and Restore, boxer shorts for FOCUS, pads for Days for Girls kits, and nightshirts for the Sojourner Battered Women's Shelter. Many types of tasks will be needed. If you want to sew on your own machine, feel free to bring it.

Questions? Contact Chair Sofia Johnson.

Youth News

Festival Volunteer T-Shirt Contest

Hey kids! — Don't miss out on the First Annual Volunteer T-Shirt Design Contest! Show off your creativity with your original design, drawing, or phrase of what you feel represents the Taste of Greece! The contest open to youth ages k-12.

Individual entries: one per person OR sibling entries: one per family

Themes: Greek heritage; Greece; St. Mary's GOC; or Taste of Greece Festival. The deadline to enter is Sunday, July 31, 2022. See the flyer in this week's Weekly Update e-mail for more information.



Taste of Greece Festival

September 9, 10, 11

From the Fathers...on Evangelization

As you move forward, attract others to go along with you.

Desire to have companions on the road to the Lord.

–Gregory the Great

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 27

Romans 7:1-14 • Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Tuesday, June 28

Romans 7:14 – 8:2 • Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday, June 29

Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

II Corinthians 11:21 – 12:9 • Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday, June 30

Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

Friday, July 1

I Corinthians 12:27 – 13:8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Saturday, July 2

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 1:39-49, 56

Sunday, July 3

Romans 5:1-10 • Matthew 6:22-33

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