

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 28, 2022

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew; Moses the Black of Scete; Diomedes and Laurence the Martyrs; 33 Martyrs of Nicomedeia; Job of Pochaev; Synaxis of the Kiev Cave Fathers.

Morning Gospel: Eleventh

Tone: Second

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, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 Birth of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death’s corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

Epistle..... I Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresh-er thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel.....Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants

saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

The coffee hour today is hosted by the University of Minnesota OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) students.

Sacraments This Week

Marriage

Theo Beauchamp to Audrey Ingram, August 27, 2022

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.

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; the Muñoz family, Charlie, Nuala, 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, Chrysanthi, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, 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, 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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Bringing a little bit of
Greece to Minneapolis.



SEPT. 9, 10, & 11

Enjoy authentic Greek food, music, and cultural experiences while supporting philanthropy!

FRIDAY: 2pm-9pm, SATURDAY: Noon-9pm, SUNDAY: Noon-5pm

Greek Dancing • Live Greek Music • Greek Boutique • Greek Pastry Sale • Church Tours • Orthodox Bookstore
Food Drive to Support Local Food Shelf—Donate 3 Non-perishable Food Items and Receive a Complimentary NA Beverage

We are now a cashless event. Credit and debit cards only.

Minneapolis Greek Festival Volunteer Sign-up

WE NEED YOU! Please sign up for as many spots as you can. Please review all areas as some still require many volunteers. Try a new area this year!

... Don't wait in line today -
scan the QR code and go directly to the sign up site ...



Scan this to help set up.

Scan this to help during the Festival.





New This Year *Gift Cards!*

This year, we will be a cashless Festival. At the various venues we will be accepting credit and debit cards only.

We are offering gift cards for you to give as gifts to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, clients, and anyone else to whom you'd like to give something a little special! You can purchase the cards in any amount you wish. They are used just like a debit card during the Festival. This year's food prices run from \$6.00 for small items to \$13.00 for dinners and pastries are in the \$1.00-\$8.00 range. The cards are available at the Festival table in the Great Hall this morning.

~ Publicize the Festival ~

The Festival publicity posters and flyers have arrived.

Stop by the Festival table and grab a few items and display them around town!



A Taste of Greece

Friday, September 9 — 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10 — 12:00 noon-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11 — 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

— Calendar of the Week —

Sunday, August 28: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Altar Servers' Retreat
12:00 noon – Fill salad dressing cups for Festival, Kitchen

Monday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

6:00 p.m. – Sauce Cup Preparations, Great Hall

Thursday, September 1: Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

Friday, September 2

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship
9:00 a.m. – Diples Honeying, Kitchen

Saturday, September 3

No Bible Study

Sunday, September 4: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

• “*The Messenger*” News Item Deadline

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
12:00 noon – Baklava Sundae Preparations, Kitchen

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for September 4

Canned fruits or vegetables

September's recipient will be Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Blessing of the Backpacks...

To help you be fully ready to return to school!

Bring your school bag or backpack to church to have it blessed this morning. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, students (preschool through college) will be invited to the solea with their backpacks for a sprinkling of holy water and a prayer for a successful school year. Additionally, we invite all teachers and professors to come forward for a special blessing as well.

Men's Retreat at the Karos' Cabin

September 16-18

A few spaces still remain for this year's Men's Retreat at the Karos' cabin. Our speaker will be Fr. Cyprian Sas, brother of Fr. Tim Sas. This year's retreat dates are September 16-18 and is for all men of St. Mary's over the age of 18. Your check for \$75, made payable to St. Mary's (memo: men's retreat), is your confirmed spot for the weekend.

Sunday Church School

Mark your calendars for the start of Church School!

Sunday, September 18

Growing Young Assessment - Telos Gamma

In order to help us better understand the culture of our church, we are inviting all parish members to complete a brief online assessment. This survey is based on the work of the Fuller Youth Institute, specifically the research presented in the book *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. You can access the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/ParishSurvey2022> or by scanning the QR code. Your participation and feedback are greatly appreciated! Please respond by September 18.

Kostas at the State Fair

Woodcarver Kostas Papadakis is celebrating his 54th year as an exhibitor at the Minnesota State Fair. You can see him there on Thursday, September 1, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Creative Activities Building. He will be demonstrating four different types of wood carving.

Philoptochos News

Summer Baking Sessions

Festival baking continues! As a parish community, working together is fun and essential in order for the Festival bake sale to be a success, so we're asking for your help. Bake sale sessions are scheduled as follows:

Diples – Friday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (*honey*)

Final Prep: Cut baklava, honey melomakarona, set up bake sale areas

Tuesday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign up at the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or on Sign Up Genius.

September Metropolis Luncheon Raffle Tickets

The Metropolis September Luncheon and Raffle on September 24 in Chicago is the biggest fundraiser of the Metropolis Philoptochos. Raffle tickets are available for purchase this morning at the Philoptochos table. The grand prize is \$1,000 with four smaller cash prizes. Donation is \$10 per ticket or three for \$25. The raffle benefits Hellenic College/Holy Cross, St. Iakovos Retreat Center, and Metropolis philanthropic endeavors. Everyone is invited to support the work of Philoptochos by purchasing raffle tickets!

Women's Book Club Discussion

The first discussion group for the fall season will be Thursday, October 6. The book for discussion is C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. It is available in the Bookstore.



Save the Date . . . Tuesday, September 27

Philoptochos Fall Kick Off Dinner and Meeting

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35

BONDING OVER BREWSKIS

Kick back, connect and join us as we
build a stronger more exciting young
adult community at St. Mary's

THURS, SEPTEMBER 15TH

6:30 PM

BAUHAUS BREW LAB

1315 Tyler St NE,
Minneapolis, MN 55413



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From the Fathers...on Forgiveness

“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

What if God should answer.... Why do you ask me to do what I have promised, when you refuse to do what I have commanded?

–Saint Augustine, “The Lord’s Prayer, Explained”

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 29

Beheading of John the Baptist

Acts 13:25-33 • Mark 6:14-30

Tuesday, August 30

II Corinthians 5:15-21 • Mark 1:16-22

Wednesday, August 31

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Thursday, September 1

Ecclesiastical New Year

I Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 4:16-22

Friday, September 2

Romans 8:28-39 • Mark 2:18-22

Saturday, September 3

I Corinthians 1:26 – 2:5 • Matthew 20:29-34

Sunday, September 4: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 15:1-11 • Matthew 19:16-26

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Family Camp 2022

Prayer!

October 7-9

Family Camp Early Bird Special Ends This Week ~ Don't Delay!

If you haven't signed up for Family Camp do it today for best pricing! With a focus on understanding and improving our prayer life, Family Camp looks to be a wonderful weekend for our Minnesota Orthodox family. It is a fabulous time to unplug from the world and enjoy nature. Activities are designed for kids aged 4 and older but you don't need to bring a family! Everyone is welcome. Check out the website for more information about our speakers, Fr. Andrew Jaye and David Benson, a sample schedule and answers to many of your questions. stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/. Hope to see you there!



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