

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

January 8, 2023
Sunday after Theophany

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sunday after Theophany; George of Hozeva; Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople; Atticus and Cyrus, Holy Patriarchs of Constantinople; Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; Gregory of the Kiev Caves; Emilianos the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikos; Pega the Virgin, Hermitess of Peakirk.

Morning Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Plagal First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, to you we sing, Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Theophany, First Tone

When you, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan River, the worship of the Trinity was revealed. And the voice of the Father bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the Word as truth. O Christ our God, you have appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you.

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 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 *Hymn of Theophany* on page 1.

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!

Ἐν τῇ γενήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον
En ti gennisi tin parthenian efilaxas en ti kimisi ton kosmon
οὐ κατέλιπες, Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα
u katelipes, Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhousa
τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς
tis zois, ke tes presvies tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
psihas imon.

Kontakion of Theophany, Fourth Tone

You have revealed yourself to the world today, and your light shines forth on us, who sing your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; you are made manifest, O inaccessible Light!

Epistle..... Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel..... Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.

Today

The Oath of Office for the 2023 Parish Council will be administered at the end of today’s Liturgy.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Mildred Dress** (7 years), **Steve Dress** (31 years), **Steve Dress, Jr.** (31 years), **Faith Retounotes** (22 years).

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Dress, Biessener, and Pierce families in memory of departed loved ones.

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; Elpis Fotini, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Kristina, Noel, Stephen, John K., Alexey, Alexandra, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Athena, 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., 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, Carole, Patty, Karris, 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, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Vicki, Bill, Diana, 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, January 8: Sunday after Theophany; Vasilopita Sunday

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

12:45 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Monday, January 9

9:15 a.m. – Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children

Tuesday, January 10

6:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Budget Meeting, via Zoom

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, January 11

9:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, Great Hall and Terrace Room

Friday, January 13

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

GOYA Winter Camp begins and runs until Monday.

Saturday, January 14

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

7:00 p.m. – Game League, Holy Trinity OCA, St. Paul

7:00 p.m. – YAL New Year's Celebration, Terrace Room

Sunday, January 15: Twelfth Sunday of Luke

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

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, Fireside Room

12:45 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs

Immediate needs for January are diapers and wipes; toothbrushes and toothpaste; Ramen noodles.

January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

FAITH Playgroup

Our first FAITH Playgroup gathering for 2023 is this Wednesday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m., starting the Great Hall. All kids ages birth-pre-kindergarten (and parents/grandparents/caregivers) are invited. We gather for play time in the Great Hall, followed by a lesson and fellowship in the Terrace Room. It is a great place to socialize with other young families in our church.

Celebrate the New Year with Twin Cities YAL

Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to a semi-formal evening of celebration as we kick off the 2023 new year! The event is Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Terrace Room. Tickets cost \$10 which include appetizers, desserts, drinks and entry to win a raffle basket! Venmo (@SiaTortorelis) or cash at the door are accepted. Catering is provided by Boshra's Kitchen! To RSVP scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/TCYALNewYear23. We hope to see YAL there!

Saint Mary's at the Timberwolves Game

Join us when the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Toronto Raptors on Thursday, January 19. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome to join! Visit the link below and enter the promo code **22StMarys23** to purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. After the game, we will go down to the court and shoot a free-throw! Make sure you select the **Post-Game Free Throw** when checking out!

Link for the tickets: www.timberwolves.com/groupoffers

> *The deadline to purchase tickets is next Sunday, January 15.*

2023 Basketball Tournament Ad Book

Support the 2023 Western Region Family Basketball Tournament, held in Minneapolis this year, by placing a personal, family, or business ad in the tournament ad book. Various sizes and prices are available. More information is on the tournament's website: www.greekball.com/ad-book
The deadline for ad placement is next Sunday, January 15.

Online Giving for 2023

Our new online giving platform is up and running. We encourage everyone who plans to give an offering to St. Mary's to give it a try. You can make one-time contributions or set up a giving subscription for the year. Go to our website and click on the word **Give**.

Stewardship 2023

Our 2023 Stewardship Drive is underway. Please take a few minutes to fill out the 2023 time, talent, and treasure form and return it to the church as soon as possible. We hope to hear from *everyone!* Thank you for your support of St. Mary's!

Orthodox Game League

The first Game League night for 2023 will take place on Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 956 Forest Street North, St. Paul. We will meet in Archangel Michael Hall across from the street from the church. Please bring a munchie or dessert to share! Any questions, please contact *Nikki Beauchamp*, 612.910.2943.

Women's Book Club

The upcoming Women's Book Club discussion dates have been announced. Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 2, and Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. The February book is *How Are We Saved* by Bishop Ware and the April book is *Saint Nektarios*. Both books are in the bookstore.

OCMC Minneapolis Missions Dinner

Thursday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. ~ St. Mary's

Come and learn about Orthodox Christian Missionary Center's missionary efforts around the world. Hear the latest news and happenings from the mission field and how you can answer Christ's call to "go and make disciples of all nations." Dan Christopoulos, OCMC Development Director and first missionary, will be the featured speaker.

Registration is online! Sign up by Monday, February 6 at:

www.ocmc.org/Minneapolis-Dinner. For questions, please contact *Eleni Moser* at eleni_moser@hotmail.com. A free-will offering is encouraged.

Philoptochos News

Today Is Vasilopita Sunday!

The parish will celebrate Vasilopita Sunday today with the community cutting of the bread at the end of Liturgy. During the social hour, stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase a loaf or two of the delicious sweet bread for yourself. Made by our sacred baking team, loaves are \$15 each and all proceeds go to St. Basil Academy.

Save the Date...

Our first Philoptochos meeting of the new year is after Sunday Liturgy on January 22, 11:30 a.m. We will have a speaker from Bancroft Elementary School, one the of recipients of our Operation Classroom winter clothing drive. We will also approve the 2023 Philoptochos budget. *Plan to join us.*

Youth News

2023 Basketball Tournament

Saint Mary's is hosting the 2023 Western Region Family Basketball Tournament this February 3-5 and we are looking for athletes, both young and old! If you or your child is interested in playing, please complete the designated interest form.

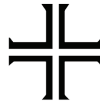
Adult Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BballAdult>

Youth Interest Form (ages 7-18 in high school):

<https://tinyurl.com/BballYouth>

If you have any questions, please contact either Jon Klein (jon@stmarysgoc.org) or Theo Boosalis (theo@boosalis.net).

All the links above can be found in the Weekly Update e-mail.



Iconography Classes Begin This Week

Iconographer Debra Korluka will be offering iconography classes this winter. Session 1 begins this Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 p.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul. For information, contact Deb Korluka: akorluka@aol.com or 612.889.5868

From the Fathers...on Baptism

Do not think of the font as filled with ordinary water,
but think rather of the spiritual grace that is given with the water.

–*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 9

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Mark 1:9-15

Tuesday, January 10

Ephesians 4:7-13 • Luke 3:19-22

Wednesday, January 11

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Luke 4:1-15

Thursday, January 12

Acts 18:22-28 • John 10:39-42

Friday, January 13

Galatians 3:23—4:5 • Luke 20:1-8

Saturday, January 14

Ephesians 6:10-17 • Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, January 15

Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Colossians 3:4-11 • Luke 17:12-19

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