

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 19, 2023

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare)

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday); The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and Onesimus; Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens; Niketas the Younger.

Morning Gospel: Third

Tone: Third

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, Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world 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 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 Last Judgment, First Tone

When you come to the earth, O God, in your glory, all creation will tremble and a river of fire will flow before your throne of judgment. The books will be opened and the secrets of all will be revealed. On that day, O just Judge, deliver me from eternal flames and make me worthy to stand at your right.

Epistle.....I Corinthians 8:8—9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel.....Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his

left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by Ruta Kubits.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **George Coin** (40 days) father of Jennifer Coin.

The coffee hour today is hosted by Jennifer Coin in memory of her father.

Sacraments This Weekend

Chrismation

Jennifer Daravingas (Genevieve of Paris), Sunday, February 19

Baptism

Zelda (Anna), parents: James and Erica Delles, Sunday, February 19

Stewardship Update

To date, we have received 227 pledges totaling \$642,360.00. Have you submitted your pledge form yet? If you need a form, you'll find additional ones and a drop box at the display in the narthex.

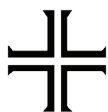
Text to Give

Text **smgoc** to **73256**

This number will never send unsolicited texts.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Becka Dokos; the family of Sophia Mihas; 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, 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, 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.



Lenten Schedule

Clean Monday, February 27 - First Day of Great Lent

6:00 p.m. - Holy Confession

(Prayer service at 6:00 p.m. followed by individual confessions.)

Wednesdays (beginning March 1)

4:00 p.m. - Holy Confession

5:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

after Liturgy - Lenten Dinner

- Youth Groups and Activities

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Fridays (beginning March 3)

4:00 p.m. - Holy Confession

6:00 p.m. - Salutations to the Theotokos

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, February 19: Sunday of the Last Judgment (*Meatfare*)

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Committee, Fireside Room
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Visitation for Sophia Mihas,
Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel

Monday, February 20: Presidents' Day

Church Office closed today.

- 11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Sophia Mihas, St. Mary's
Visitation from 10:00 a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children

Tuesday, February 21

- 6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall
- 6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, February 22

- 11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave
- 11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave
- 7:00 p.m. – Metropolis Virtual Book Discussion, on Zoom

Thursday, February 23

- 6:30 p.m. – Edina Koinonia, Meeting Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

Saturday, February 25: Second Saturday of Souls

- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 26: Forgiveness Sunday (*Cheesefare*)

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 11:45 a.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, Terrace Room
- 5:00 p.m. – Forgiveness Vespers

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for February 26

Hygiene items

February's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Earthquake Relief

As the devastation of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria becomes more apparent, we are collecting monetary contributions for relief in those countries. If you wish to make a donation, ***please make your check payable to Saint Mary's*** and place it in the offering tray on Sundays or mail it to the church office. You may also donate through our giving platform on our website, using Disaster Relief in the account drop down.

In the Bookstore

Please come visit the bookstore for a large selection of books and resources for your Lenten journey, including many books for and activities to do with children. Complimentary copies of "A Rule of Prayer for Great Lent" are also available.

Metropolis Book Club

The Metropolis of Chicago presents "Engaging with Faith": A Metropolis-Wide Virtual Discussion of the book *For the Life of the World: Towards a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church* on Wednesday, February 22 (part 1), and Thursday, March 16 (part 2), 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The discussion is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis, co-author of *For the Life of the World*. More information about the book, Fr. Perry, and the Zoom link is in the Weekly Update e-mail. The book is available in our bookstore.

Lenten Dinner Hosts Needed

Would your organization or family like to host a Wednesday Lenten dinner and raise funds for a charity? Contact the church office to get on the schedule. Two dates this Lent remain open: March 8 and 22.

Philoptochos News

“Engaging Young Women” Discussion Next Sunday

Join us at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 26 in the Terrace Room as Sia Tortorelis presents and leads the discussion on Engaging Young Women in Philoptochos. Refreshments will be served, and a Philoptochos meeting will follow, including a conversation on our Lenten activities.

Fresh Fillo Sale Begins

From February 19 through March 5, order your fresh fillo for your spring and Pascha baking! Cost is \$5 per pound, with proceeds supporting the philanthropic work of Philoptochos. Stop by our table during the social hour on Sundays or contact Andrea Tiggas at adtiggas@msn.com.

Youth News

Discover OCF

Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! The college students at the University of Minnesota want to meet YOU and share all about the Orthodox opportunities in college. Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is a national organization for college students to explore their faith. We are inviting you to join us on Friday, February 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the University of Minnesota to get a sneak peek into the college experience.



Please RSVP on our website under events at z.umn.edu/discoverocf, or by scanning the QR code. For parking instructions and meeting location, email: ocf@umn.edu. See you there!

2023 Vacation Church School

The Fruits of the Spirit ~ June 12-16 ~ 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

Kids ages 4 years old (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade are invited to VCS! Register early. Also, middle and high school students and adults are needed to help! Join us for a fun filled tropical adventure as we learn about the wonderful fruits the Holy Spirit gives us. We will have crafts, singing, gym activities, snacks, and interesting lessons! Questions? Contact Dena Tortorelis or Krissa Rovolis at Churchschool@stmarysgoc.org
Register at: tinyURL.com/Fruits-VCS-2023 or scan the code.



From the Fathers...on Judgment Day

At the time of judgment, those who have lived rightly will be rewarded with eternal blessings, not on the basis of human opinion, but in accordance with the true nature of their life. May all of us attain these blessings through the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—*Saint Neilos the Ascetic*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, February 20

III John 1:1-15 • Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tuesday, February 21

Jude 1:1-10 • Luke 22:39-42, 45—23:1

Wednesday, February 22

Joel 3:12-21 • Joel 2:12-26

Thursday, February 23

Jude 1:11-25 • Luke 23:1-31, 33, 44-56

Friday, February 24

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Matthew 11:2-15

Saturday, February 25

Galatians 5:22—6:2 • Matthew 6:1-13

Sunday, February 26

Forgiveness Sunday

Romans 13:11—14:4 • Matthew 6:14-21

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