

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 5, 2023

The Publican and Pharisee

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Agatha the Martyr; Polyeuktos, Patriarch Of Constantinople; Antonios the New Martyr of Athens; Theodosios, Archbishop of Chernigov; Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple; Theodosios of Antioch.

Morning Gospel: First

Tone: First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of the righteous Simeon; we sing to you, Alleluia!

Hymn of the Presentation of Christ, First Tone

Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection.

At the Small Entrance

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!

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.

Repeat the Hymn of the Presentation of Christ, page 1 of bulletin.

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 γενήσῃ τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσῃ 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 iparhusa
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 the Presentation of the Lord, First Tone

For our salvation you took flesh and you sanctified the Virgin's womb; you blessed the aged Simeon as you lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle..... II Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel..... Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector,

standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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



Today

Prosforo is provided by Presvytera Alexandra Houck.

There is no coffee hour today due to the championship basketball game taking place in the Great Hall after Liturgy.

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, 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, 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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Welcome basketball players, families, fans, and friends!

We're glad you are with us today.

———— Calendar of the Week ————

Sunday, February 5: The Publican and Pharisee

Tridion Begins

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Championship Basketball Game, Great Hall

Monday, February 6: Saint Photios

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave

11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA, Youth Room

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, February 9

6:30 p.m. – OCMC Fundraiser Dinner, Terrace Room

Friday, February 10: Saint Haralambos

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 11

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 12: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Sweet Sunday hosted by Philoptochos, Great Hall

Stewardship Update

To date, we have received 209 pledges totaling \$594,235.00. 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.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for February 12

Potatoes (boxed, instant, or canned)

February's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Marriage Preparation Class

The marriage preparation class scheduled for this Wednesday has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Just one Sunday remains open for a coffee hour host between now and Pascha! Give the office a call if you'd like to host. The open Sunday is April 2.

Icon Classes

Session 2 of Deb Korluka's icon classes begins this Tuesday, February 7, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul as well as on Zoom. This session's icon is the *Protection of the Theotokos*. Classes are held on Tuesdays, February 7, 21, 28, and March 7, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tuition is \$145.00, plus materials. Please contact Deb at: akorluka@aol.com or arsenault003@gmail.com for registration. Session 3 begins on Saturday, March 4, at The Basilica of St. Mary.

Pan-Orthodox Dance

The 2023 Pan-Orthodox Dance is a dance event for EVERYONE! Bring the whole family. Parents, kids, and grandparents are all welcome to participate in the different dances from the cultures that make up our Orthodox faith. The Pan-O Dance is Saturday, February 18, 6:00 p.m., in our Great Hall. For food, there will be a potluck. Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact *Francine Perry*: fsperry1@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Office Volunteers

We are seeking a few more folks who can spare a half day each week for the foreseeable future to help in the church office by answering phones, taking messages, and welcoming visitors when they arrive at the office. Contact *Elena Gabor* if you would like to assist: 952.288.3011 or Elenagabor14@gmail.com

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.

Philoptochos News

February 12 is Sweet Sunday!

A beautiful social hour spread will be offered next Sunday, February 12, by Philoptochos as a fundraiser for Children’s HeartLink. Your free-will donations will be doubled, thanks to a match by the Medtronic Foundation. Plan to come hungry or take home some goodies! Cash or checks payable to Philoptochos are welcome. **Members:** stop by the Philoptochos table after Liturgy today to volunteer to bring something or help on the day.

Koliva Workshop

Friday, February 17, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Koliva and memorial prayers go hand-in-hand in the Orthodox church. In this hands-on workshop, you’ll create a tray of Koliva (memorial wheat) that will be used during the Saturday of Souls service the following morning, February 18. Please register for this free workshop at the Philoptochos table during social hour, or by contact Toni Bazakos, georg310@umn.edu or 612.554.7861. Participants should bring a small tray or bowl from home.

Annual Membership Drive has Begun

Save the Date!

Letters have been sent to all the women in the church, and we hope you’ll become a member in 2023! At our Sunday, February 26, meeting, we’ll be talking about engaging younger women in the organization. Save the date and plan to join us after church in the Terrace Room.

OCMC MINNEAPOLIS MISSIONS DINNER

Thursday, February 9

Doors Open at 6:00 PM CT

Evening Program & Dinner at 6:30 PM CT

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

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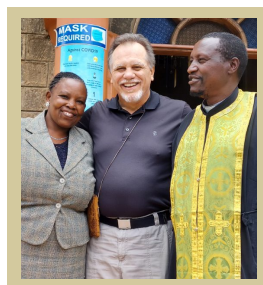
FREE WILL OFFERING ENCOURAGED

Come and learn about OCMC'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."*

Registration is online! Sign up by Feb. 6 at:
www.ocmc.org/Minneapolis-Dinner

For questions, please contact:

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From the Fathers...on Humility

Keep in mind the existence of your ego; it causes every evil. Humble yourself; strangle your ego, which comes like a venomous serpent to poison your soul. Do not allow any proud thoughts to remain with you; only this will you foil every activity of Satan.
—Elder Ephraim of Arizona

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, February 6

Saint Photios

Hebrews 7:26—8:2 • John 10:9-16

Tuesday, February 7

II Peter 2:9-22 • Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday, February 8

Ephesians 2:4-10 • Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday, February 9

I John 1:8—2:6 • Mark 13:31—14:2

Friday, February 10

Saint Haralambos

II Timothy 2:1-10 • John 15:17—16:2

Saturday, February 11

Hebrews 4:14—5:6 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Sunday, February 12

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

I Corinthians 6:12-20 • Luke 15:11-32

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