

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 2, 2023

Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt; Titus the Wonderworker; Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine; Amphianos and Aedesios the Martyrs of Lycia.

Morning Gospel: Ninth

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 Saint Mary of Egypt, Plagal Fourth Tone

In you, holy mother Mary, the image of God shone forth, for you took up your cross and followed the Lord. By word and example you taught us to live in the spirit while still in the flesh. Therefore your spirit rejoices with the angels forever.

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, Plagal Fourth Tone

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

Epistle..... Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel..... Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for

whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by Yana Patridge.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **John Leckas** (2 years).

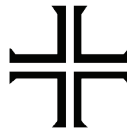
The coffee hour today is hosted by Terri Leckas in memory of husband, John.

Father Tim is in Duluth this weekend for the ordination of David Benson at Twelve Holy Apostles Church.

Sacraments This Week

Baptism

SusieMarie, parents: Greg and Briana Maimares, April 1, 2023



MEOCCA-Sponsored Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

- Each Sunday during Great Lent at 5:00 p.m.

April 2 Holy Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church
703 W. Center Street, Rochester, MN 55902

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; Helena, 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, 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.



Stewardship Update

To date, we have received 264 pledges totaling \$703,855.00 which covers just over 50% of our 2023 ministries and operations budget of \$1,389,820.00. The goal is to have pledges covering 100% of the budget, so please submit your pledge form at your earliest convenience. If you need a form, you'll find additional ones, and a drop box, at the display in the narthex.



Holy Week and Pascha Flowers

Donations are now being accepted for Holy Week and Pascha flowers. Your generous donation helps us beautify our worship space for this most holy season. A large number of flowers and greens is needed for the various services. Forms and envelopes are found in the narthex.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 2: Saint Mary of Egypt

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- after Liturgy – Realm Leader Training, Terrace Room
- 5:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

Holy Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, Great Hall and Terrace Room
- 6:15 p.m. – Parish Council, Fireside Room
- 7:15 p.m. – Young Women's Bible Study, Christopulos' home

Wednesday, April 5

- 4:00 p.m. – Holy Confession
- 5:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. – Church School Confessions, Grade 2
- 6:30 p.m. – Junior GOYA, Youth Room
- 7:10 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, April 6

- 7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club Discussion,
Fireside Room and on Zoom

Friday, April 7

- 7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, Fireside Room
- 11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave
- 11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room

Saturday, April 8; Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday Bible Study will not meet this day.

- 9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- after Liturgy – Family Service Day
- 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- after Liturgy – Palm Sunday Lunch, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Saint Mary's Holy Friday Retreat



Walk with Christ to the Cross

Friday, April 14 • 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Pre-K (4 year old) through 12th grade

>> Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2023> <<

Please join us for an engaging day in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time.

Parents: The retreat ends at 1:15 p.m., so please be here at that time to check out your child(ren) and accompany them for the Taking Down from the Cross Vespers.

Please register early so we can plan accordingly for helpers, supplies, space, and food ordering/packaging.

Adults: we could use additional help with set up/clean up and food preparation.

To volunteer or with questions, contact Dena Tortorelis.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Saturday, April 8: Saturday of Lazarus

9:00 a.m. - Orthros; 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Orthros; 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 10: Holy Monday

6:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11: Holy Tuesday

9:30 a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
6:00 p.m. - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 12: Holy Wednesday

4:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Unction
6:00 p.m. - Matins of the Mystical Supper with Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13: Holy Thursday

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
6:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Passion

Friday, April 14: Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. - Royal Hours
1:30 p.m. - Vespers of the Descent from the Cross
6:00 p.m. - Service of Lamentations

Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. - First Resurrection Divine Liturgy
11:30 p.m. - Midnight Office, Resurrection Service, Matins, Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 16: Great and Holy PASCHA

12:00 noon - Agape Vespers

Friday, April 21: Bright Friday; Life-Giving Font of the Theotokos

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



*We worship your Passion, O Christ.
Show us also your glorious Resurrection.*

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for April

Individually wrapped bars of soap, individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo

April's recipient will be Community Emergency Service (CES).

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

Realm

St. Mary's Realm Connect is our new online community where we can stay connected as a church community. It will be our one place for news, ministry updates an online directory and more. Please look for an email invite from St. Mary's in the coming days, with information on how to join, help getting started, and future training dates. Group Leader training will take place today in the Terrace Room after Liturgy.

Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day

~ *Saturday, April 8* ~

We invite everyone to take part in our Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day. Orthros – 9:00 a.m. • Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m. Following Liturgy, we will join together for a potluck lunch. Please bring a Lenten dish to share. The Service Day projects will follow and include cleaning and preparing the church for Holy Week and plaiting palm crosses. It's a joy filled day! A Sign Up Genius link was sent by e-mail on Friday.

Palm Sunday Lunch

Our annual Palm Sunday lunch, hosted by the choir, takes place on Sunday, April 9, after Liturgy. This year is a fish lunch. Tickets are on sale today - \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for young people ten and under.

Agape Vespers Readers

Are you able to read a unique language such as and Asian or African language? If so, would you consider reading for the Agape Vespers at noon on Pascha? Please contact *John Luhman* if you are interested in reading, 612.212.9684.

St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Save the Date ~ Thursday, April 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Orthodoxy on Tap will meet at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Paul Kalina. Sponsored by Telos.

Philoptochos News

Serve! Grow! Do!

SERVE! The Parish and The Community

Today Philoptochos is serving dinner at FOCUS Minnesota. If you made food, please place it in the front refrigerator or bring it to the north lot of the church by 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your participation!

GROW! Your Faith and Your Friendships

1. ***Your Faith*** – Attend the hybrid Women’s Book Club discussion of *Saint Nektarios: The Saint of Our Century* by Sotos Chondropoulos on Thursday, April 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Stop by the bookstore to pick up your copy.
2. ***Your Friendships*** – Working together to help others, support the parish, and grow in faith is a great way to build friendships. All these things happen in Philoptochos. To join, stop by our table during Sunday social hours, or send in the membership form (mailed to the homes of all women in the parish).

DO! Hands-On Activities

Financially Support Mamas and Littles at Tandem

Tandem “provides a community for women to pursue the struggle of life together” through educational classes, medical care, counseling and support, material needs like food, clothing and diapers, life coaching, and childcare. Stop at our table in the Narthex or Great Hall and take a baby bottle to fill with coins and dollars or put your gift in a provided envelope. Please return gift by Palm Sunday, April 9.

Philoptochos Spring Calendar

Sunday, April 2 – Serve Dinner at FOCUS MN

Thursday, April 6 – Women’s Book Club Discussion

Sunday, April 9 – Tandem Baby Bottle Fundraiser Ends

Friday, May 5 – Ladies’ Night Out

Tuesday, May 16 – Board Meeting

Saturday, May 20 – Pan-Orthodox Women’s Tea in Lecture Hall

Tuesday, May 23 – Spring Finale and Elections

Quote for Today

May God defend us from the evil one and from his designs,
for fierce is his struggle against us.

–*Saint Mary of Egypt*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 3

Isaiah 48:17–49:4 • Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday, April 4

Isaiah 49:6-10 • Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21

Wednesday, April 5

Isaiah 58:1-11 • Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16
Proverbs 21:23–22:4

Thursday, April 6

Isaiah 65:8-16 • Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15–24:5

Friday, April 7

Isaiah 66:10-24 • Genesis 49:33–50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday, April 8

Lazarus Saturday

Hebrews 12:28–13:8 • John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9 • John 12:1-18

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