

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Palm Sunday

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Palm Sunday; The Holy Martyr Eupsychius of Caesarea; Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, and Olympias of Mytilene; Vadim the Righteous of Persia.

Morning Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Hymn after the Doxology, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey, to you we sing: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, First Tone

Before your passion you confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and we cry to you, the victor over death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hymn of Entrance

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat upon the foal of a donkey; to you we sing: Alleluia!

Another Hymn of the Great Feast, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of the Feast, Plagal Second Tone

In heaven upon your throne, while on earth riding the colt of a donkey, O Christ our God, you accepted the angels' praise with the songs of the children who cried out to you: Blessed is he who comes for the restoration of Adam.

Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel.....John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros

also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Megalyrnarion, instead of “It is truly meet”

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

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

Communion Hymn

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*Psalm 117:26*)

The Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, instead of “We have seen the light,” we chant the first hymn of the Great Feast on page 1 of the bulletin, “Before your passion...”



Today

Prosforo is provided by Barbara Nichols.

Today after Liturgy is the **Palm Sunday lunch** hosted by the choir. A few tickets are still available and may be purchased at the Great Hall entrance. Ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for young people ten and under.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of William Kordaris; 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; Stan, 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, Donarae, Samira, Mary K., 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, 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.

Sacraments This Week

Chrismation

Katherine Danielle Kohnen (fiancé of Theo Boosalis)

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Stewardship Update

To date, we have received 288 pledges totaling \$758,105.00 which covers 55% 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.

Text to Give

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

This number will never send unsolicited texts.

— Calendar of the Week —

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

Monday, April 10: Holy Monday

11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for William Kordaris, St. Mary's
Visitation from 10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11: Holy Tuesday

9:00 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 (The Twelve Gospels)

Friday, April 14: Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. – Royal Hours
Church School Retreat continues until 1:15 p.m.
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

Sunday, April 16: GREAT and HOLY PASCHA

12:00 midnight – Resurrection Service, Matins, Divine Liturgy
12:00 noon – Agape Vespers

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.

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.

Holy Week and Pascha Flowers

Today is the final day to make a donation towards our 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.

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.

Senior Citizens

Saint Mary's Seniors meeting and social will be held on Bright Tuesday, April 18, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room (please note we changed the date due to Holy Week and Easter). We will celebrate all March and April birthdays and anniversaries. The luncheon will be hosted by our Seniors' officers with a short meeting to follow. We will show a movie by Greek producer/actor Robert Krantz afterwards and collect 2023 dues of \$15. All St. Mary's members who are 55-plus are welcome to join our seniors group. For any further questions, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis.

Spring Parish Assembly

The Spring Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. The agenda and meeting packets will be sent via e-mail later this week and printed copies will also be made available. We encourage all members of St. Mary's to plan to attend.

Philoptochos News

Serve! Grow! Do!

SERVE! The Parish and The Community

Thanks to all who participated in our three Lenten meals...all were enjoyed! Philoptochos is now focused on Holy Week and Pascha needs, including decorating, baking koulouria, and Holy Friday morning activities. Stop by our table for more information, or review the sign-up genius form

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b44a9ab2babfd0-holy4#/>)

GROW! Your Faith and Your Friendships

Last call for the 2023 Membership Drive! Stop by our table to join!

DO! Hands-On Activities

Palm Sunday is the final day to donate to our Tandem Baby Bottle Drive. Stop by our table to make a donation.

Philoptochos Spring Calendar

Sunday, April 9 – Tandem Baby Bottle Fundraiser Ends

Tuesday, May 16 – Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18 – Kourambiethes Baking Session for the Taste of Greece

Thursday, May 18 – Ladies Night Out at Point of France, host Eleni George

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

Tuesday, May 23 – Spring Finale and Elections

Thursday, June 1 – Women's Book Club Discussion

Friday, June 9 – Day of Service, Lecture Hall

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**THURSDAY
APRIL 27
7-9 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
FR. DN. PAUL KALINA**

Join St. Mary's YAM
for fellowship and
discussion/Q&A
Session



We'll see you at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park!
Appetizers will be provided,
drinks available for purchase.

RSVP @ link in bio, at
<https://tinyurl.com/AprilOOT>
or use the QR code pictured.



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Come and see!

**Come learn about
the ancient Christian faith
and experience its worship**

**A short evening Vespers service
will be followed by a
presentation and refreshments**

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
Saturday, May 6, 2023
5:00–7:00 PM

3450 Irving Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Vacation Church School 2023

The Fruits of the Spirit

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

June 12-16, 2023 • 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Kids ages 4 years old (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade (fall 2023) are welcome. 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 that the Holy Spirit gives us. We will have crafts, singing, gym activities, snacks, and interesting lessons!

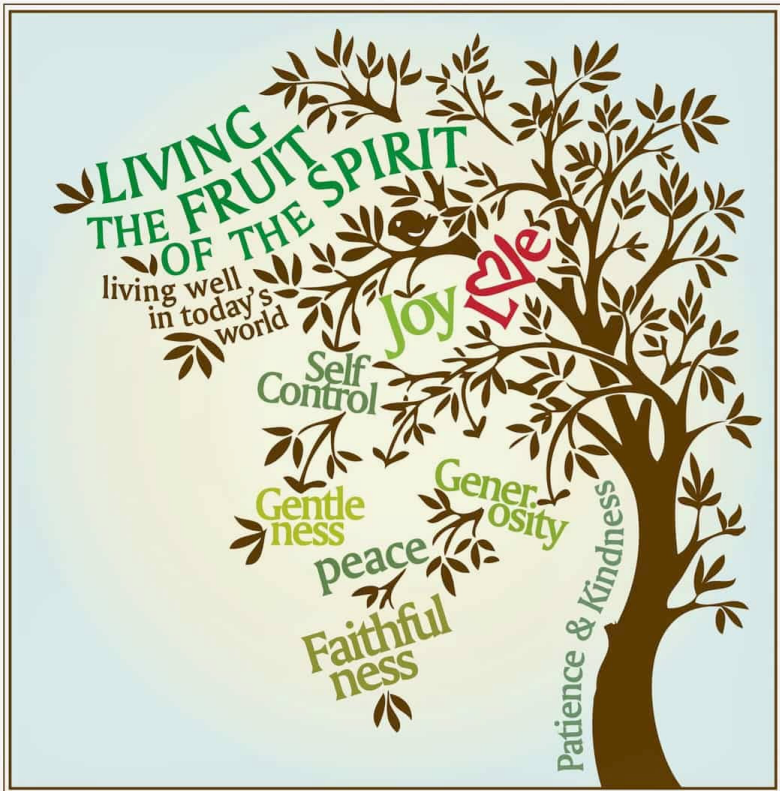
Questions? Contact Dena Tortorelis or Krissa Rovolis at...

Churchschool@stmarysgoc.org

Hope to see you there!

To register: tinyURL.com/Fruits-VCS-2023

Or scan the code at the right on your phone.



From the Fathers...on the Cross

The Cross is wood which lifts us up and makes us great...

The Cross uprooted us from the depths of evil
and elevated us to the summit of virtue

—Saint John Chrysostom

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 10: Holy Monday

Matthew 21:18-43 • Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday, April 11: Holy Tuesday

Matthew 22:15—23:39 • Matthew 24:36—26:2

Wednesday, April 12: Holy Wednesday

John 12:17-50 • Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday, April 13: Holy Thursday

Luke 22:1-39 • I Corinthians 11:23-32
Matthew 26:1-20 • John 13:3-17 • Matthew 26:21-39
Luke 22:43-44 • Matthew 26:40—27:2

Friday, April 14: Great and Holy Friday

I Corinthians 5:6-8 • Matthew 27:62-66

Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday

Romans 6:3-11 • Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, April 16: GREAT and HOLY PASCHA

Acts 1:1-8 • John 1:1-17

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