

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 14, 2023

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman; Isidore the Martyr of Chios; Holy Hieromartyr Therapontus; Holy New Martyrs Mark and John; The Holy Martyr Glyceria; Sergios the Confessor; Alexandros the Martyr; Pausikakos, Bishop of Synnada.

Morning Gospel: Seventh

Tone: Fourth

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

Christ Is Risen

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

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

Hymn of PASCHA, Plagal First Tone

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Hymn of Entrance

Bless God in the churches; the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Resurrection Hymn, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

Hymn of Mid-Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

In the midst of the Paschal season, Savior, let my thirsty soul partake of the waters of true worship; for you call out inviting all: Let those who thirst come to me and drink. O Fountain of Life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 PASCHA, Plagal Fourth Tone

Into the grave you descended, Immortal One, yet you destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor you arose, O Christ our God; you proclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women a greeting of joy, you brought peace to your holy apostles, and to the fallen you granted resurrection.

Epistle..... Acts 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel.....*John 4:5-42*

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony. “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.”

Megalynarion of PASCHA, First Tone

The Angel spoke to her who is full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin, and again I say rejoice; your Son is risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Now dance and be glad O Sion; and you, O pure Theotokos, exalt in the rising of your Son!

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

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ, and taste him who is the fountain of immortality.

Instead of “We have seen the light...,” we chant “Christ is risen.”

Happy Mother’s Day!

Today

Prosforo is provided by Ruta Kubits.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Bill Kordaris** (40 days).

The coffee hour today is hosted by AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope in celebration of AHEPA Sunday.

The bookmarks given to the women of the parish today are an offering of Melpo Murdakes in memory of her mother Ann Nickolas.

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially: The family of Harry Youtsos; the family of Hope Kennedy; 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; Sofia, George K., Juan Cruz & family, Kristina, Charlie, Stan, Helena, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, 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.

Sacraments This Week

Baptism

Michael, parents: Fotis & Anna Bazakos, Saturday, May 13

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 14: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Mother's Day

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

Tuesday, May 16

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

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, Terrace Room

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Visitation for Hope Kennedy; Trisagion Service, 4:30 p.m.
Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel

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

6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing, Fireside Room

11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Hope Kennedy
Visitation from 10:00 a.m.

6:15 p.m. – Parish Night

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, May 18

6:00 p.m. – Ladies' Night Out, Point of France, Edina

Friday, May 19

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

12:00 noon – Kourambiethes Baking, Kitchen and Terrace Room

Saturday, May 20

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

2:30 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Women's Tea, Lecture Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Healing House Dinner

Sunday, May 21: Sunday of the Blind Man Saints Constantine and Helen

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

after Liturgy – Fun Jam

11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach, Fireside Room

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for May 21

Canned meals – large cans (chili, pork and beans, etc.)

May's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Have You Joined Realm Connect Yet?

Thank you to all who have joined Realm Connect this past week! If you have not yet joined, please check your inbox for your invitation, sent from St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. It just takes a few moments to get started. If you have questions or need help getting started, look for our table in the coffee hour this morning.

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Saint Mary's Seniors meeting and social will be held Tuesday, May 16 (note the date change to the *third* Tuesday of the month), at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo, a luncheon hosted by some of our members, and delicious cake from Queen of Cakes. Secretary Linda Stanton will lead a discussion on childhood memories and we will also have a guessing game. Please find a baby/childhood photo of yourself and give it to Tessie Bourdamis before our May meeting. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are welcome to join this lively group. Dues are \$15. For further questions, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis.

Summer Camp at Camp Wapogasset

July 1-7, 2023

Summer Camp registration is underway!

Standard Registration Fee: \$550.00, now through May 18

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour hosts are needed for the follow Sundays:

June 4 and 11; July 2, 9, 23, and 30; all Sundays in August.

Please contact the Church Office if you'd like to offer to host.

Stewardship Update

To date, we have received 333 pledges totaling \$946,187.00 which covers 68% 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.



Parish Night 2022-2023

Our final Parish Night for the season is this Wednesday, May 17, beginning in the Nave at 6:15 p.m. We wrap up our theme for the year, *Living a Sacramental Life*. Following our opening prayer service, will move to the Terrace Room for dinner and then we'll have breakout sessions for the adults and kids. Parish Night will end by 8:00 p.m.

Philoptochos News

Spring Fun with Philoptochos!

After Pascha, Philoptochos has just-for-fun activities plus ways to serve the church and others. Join us as you're able.

- Tuesday, May 16 – Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room.
- Thursday, May 18 – Ladies' Night Out hosted by Eleni George 6:00 p.m., Point of France Party Room.
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- Friday, May 19 – Kourambiethes Baking Session for the Taste of Greece, 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 20 – Pan-Orthodox Women's Tea, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Lecture Room. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- Tuesday, May 23 – Spring Finale: Dinner and Elections 5:30 p.m., Terrace Room.
- Thursday, June 1 – Women's Book Club Discussion, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 9 – Day of Service, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Lecture Room.

**Fun Jam!
for
Everyone!**

**Sunday,
May 21,
after Liturgy**

Hot dogs & chips
Cupcakes and ice cream
compliments of
Harry Legeros Memorial

Face painting
inflatable obstacle course
animal kingdom
4 sports speed zone

*If you'd like to help staff a station, food, or clean up,
please contact Georgia Andron:
greekborba@hotmail.com or 612.978.2793*

Greek Dance Practices Resume

Greek dance practices will resume in June and continue through the summer months with the final rehearsal in September before our Festival. All youth ages 6 to 18 years old, plus any Greek dance alumni (young adults) are welcome to join the Greek dance program and perform at the Festival, September 8-10. Please contact *Tessie Bourdamis* by May 31 to register students or if you have questions.

Bishop Neofitos Kongai to Visit St. Mary's



Bishop Neofitos Kongai will be visiting St. Mary's on Sunday, May 28. He will be celebrating Liturgy and immediately afterwards offer a brief talk and slide show in the Terrace Room on his newly-formed Orthodox Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya. His Grace is raising awareness, financial, and spiritual support for this newly-formed diocese and its philanthropic work. Donuts and coffee will be served.

Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, May 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Eleni George at

Point of France Party Room

6566 France Ave. South, Edina

All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend
a casual get together to enjoy each other's
company, some food, and drinks

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share
Beverages will be provided by Philoptochos



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!

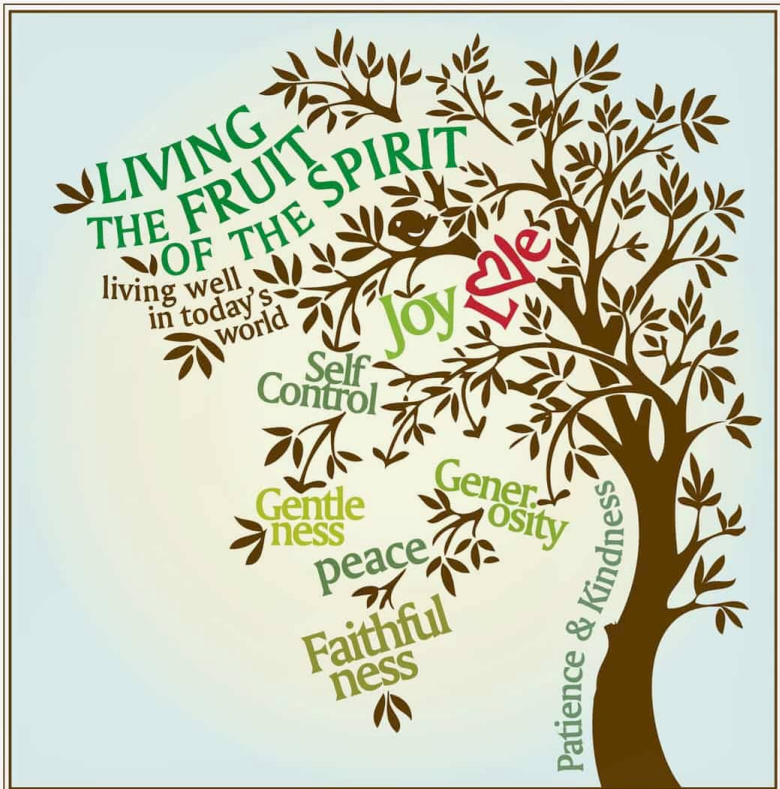
Questions? Contact Dena Tortorelis or Krissa Rovolis at...

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 Mother of God

The Panagia is the salvation of the whole world, she is the only mother for all Christians. She has much love for the human race, especially for sinners.

–*Saint Anthimos of Chios*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 15

Acts 12:12-17 • John 8:42-51

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 12:25—13:12 • John 8:51-59

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 13:13-24 • John 6:5-14

Thursday, May 18

Acts 14:20—15:4 • John 9:39—10:9

Friday, May 19

Acts 15:5-12 • John 10:17-28

Saturday, May 20

Acts 15:35-41 • John 10:27-38

Sunday, May 21

Sunday of the Blind Man

Acts 26:1, 12-20 • John 9:1-38

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