

# SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 28, 2023

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Council*

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## The Divine Liturgy

**Commemoration:** Fathers of the First Council; Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene; Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon; Helikonis the Martyr; The Holy Hieromartyr Helladius; John the Russian of Evia; Theodora the Virgin-martyr and Didymos the Martyr; Venerable Bede.

*Morning Gospel: Tenth*

*Tone: Plagal Second*

### Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

#### *At the Second Antiphon*

Save us, O Son of God, who has ascended from us in glory into heaven, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

#### *At the Small Entrance*

#### *Hymn of the Ascension, Fourth Tone*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened your disciples by your promise of the Holy Spirit. And your blessing confirmed their belief that you are indeed God's Son, the Redeemer of the world!

#### *Hymn of Entrance*

Save us, O son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

#### *Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Second Tone*

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

*Repeat the Hymn of the Ascension, above*

***Hymn of the Holy Fathers, Plagal Fourth Tone***

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, 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 the Ascension, Plagal Second Tone***

When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured those who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us.

***Epistle..... Acts 20:16-18, 28-36***

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

***Gospel..... John 17:1-13***

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom

you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

“I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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

*Instead of “We Have Seen the Light,” we chant the **Hymn of the Ascension** on page 1 of the bulletin.*



# Today

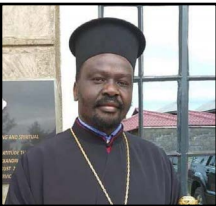
Prosforo is provided by Dena Angelos.

The coffee hour today is hosted by the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary in commemoration of Memorial Day.

## Prayer Ministry

*Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:* The family of Georgia Wiebe; 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.

## Welcome Bishop Neofitos!



We welcome to St. Mary's this morning Bishop Neofitos Kongai who is celebrating Liturgy and immediately afterwards will 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.

- Electronic donations can be made through your Realm account.

# Calendar of the Week

**Sunday, May 28: The Holy Fathers of the**

**First Ecumenical Council**

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy  
after Liturgy – Special Presentation with Bishop Neofitos Kongai  
**12:30 p.m.** – Cemetery Service, Lakewood Cemetery,  
St. Mary's Section (*Note time change*)

**Monday, May 29: Memorial Day**

*Church and Office closed.*

**Wednesday, May 31**

11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Georgia Wiebe  
*Visitation from 10:00 a.m. – Saint Mary's*  
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

**Thursday, June 1**

7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club Discussion & Potluck, Terrace Room

**Friday, June 2**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m. – Kolyva Workshop, Kitchen (see page 7 for information)

**Saturday, June 3: Saturday of Souls**

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

**Sunday, June 4: Holy Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy  
after Liturgy – Church School Teachers' Appreciation Lunch

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## **VCS 2023: The Fruits of the Spirit**

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

Kids ages 4 years old (and potty trained) through going into 6<sup>th</sup> 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 or Krissa at [Churchschool@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:Churchschool@stmarysgoc.org)  
To register: [tinyURL.com/Fruits-VCS-2023](https://tinyURL.com/Fruits-VCS-2023)

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# Announcements

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## Food Shelf Needs for June 4

Canned meals – large cans

*June's recipient will be Simpson Food Pantry.*

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

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## E-mail Scam Alert

Anyone receiving an e-mail from our clergy or staff members asking for some sort of assistance is asked to use caution. These are not legitimate requests. Please note that our clergy and staff would never make such requests, nor would we ask for money or gift cards by this means. If you have any questions about any e-mail you might receive from the church or staff, please contact the church office BEFORE replying.

## “What was her name again?”

Did you ever wonder what someone's name was right after you met her? Realm Connect can help you solve that problem! Our church directory will always be at your fingertips via the app for you to match a face to a name. But we need you to add your photo! Once you join Realm, add your photo in your profile by clicking on: “More,” then your name, then “My Profile.” Click on the pencil for instructions on adding a photo. When you do that, your new friends at St. Mary's, as well as your old friends, can easily find you. Need help? Send a chat to David Mertesdorf or Bettina Hanna, or email one of us ([david@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:david@stmarysgoc.org), or [bhanna25@gmail.com](mailto:bhanna25@gmail.com)).

## Women's Book Club Discussion and Potluck

The discussion of Steve Rakes' book, *Wisdom from the Holy Mountain: Life Lessons from the Monks of Mt. Athos*, will take place this Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m., in the Terrace Room. All women of the parish are welcome. Please bring a food item to share in our potluck. The book is available in the bookstore.

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour hosts are needed for the follow Sundays:

**June 4** and 11 • July 9 and 30 • August 13, 20, and 27

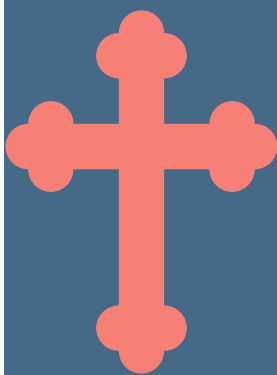
Please contact the Church Office if you'd like to offer to host.

*(Why not get a group of friends together to host a Sunday coffee hour?)*

# ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**RSVP**  
BY MAY 31  
LINK OR  
**QR CODE**

# KOLYVA WORK SHOP



**FRIDAY  
JUNE  
2ND**

**6:30 PM  
AT  
ST. MARY'S**

**telos**



**LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND - NOT JUST YOUNG ADULTS!**

## From the Fathers...on Jesus Christ

Look for Him who is above time—the Timeless, the Invisible,  
who for our sake became visible.

—*Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

### Daily Bible Readings

***Monday, May 29***

Acts 21:8-14 • John 14:27-15:7

***Tuesday, May 30***

Acts 21:26-32 • John 16:2-13

***Wednesday, May 31***

Acts 23:1-11 • John 16:15-23

***Thursday, June 1***

Acts 25:13-19 • John 16:23-33

***Friday, June 2***

***Leave-Taking of Holy Ascension***

Acts 27:1—28:1 • John 17:18-26

***Friday, June 3***

***Saturday of Souls***

I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • John 21:14-25

***Sunday, June 4***

***Holy Pentecost***



Acts 2:1-11 • John 7:37-52; 8:12

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