



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 18, 2023 — *Second Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Second Sunday of Matthew; Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus the
Martyrs of Syria; Leontios the Myrrh-Streamer of Argos;
Aitherios the Martyr of Nicomedia.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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 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, Second Tone

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith.

Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication,

O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Epistle *Romans 2:10-16*

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ

Gospel *Matthew 4:18-23*

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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



Today

Prosforo is provided by Ruta Kubits.

The coffee hour today is hosted by George and Connie Kouzes
in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

May God grant them many years!

Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

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; Dion, Annali, Alicia K., 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.



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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 18: Second Sunday of Matthew; Father's Day

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

Monday, June 19

2:00 p.m. – Baklava Assembly

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 a.m. – Baklava (Cut, Clove, Syrup)

12:00 p.m. – Senior Citizens, Terrace Room

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

Wednesday, June 21

9:00 a.m. – Baklava (Bake, Syrup)

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing

8:30 p.m. – Webinar: *The Triumph of Orthodoxy in the Digital Age*

Thursday, June 22

6:30 p.m. – Edina Koinonia, Meeting Room 1

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

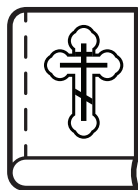
Saturday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 25: Third Sunday of Matthew

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

11:30 a.m. – Harvest Pack Event, Terrace Room



NOTE: Saturday Bible Study will take the rest of summer off. We will get back together in September after the Festival.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for June 25

Hygiene Items (e.g. toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

June's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Festival Baking ~ Baklava

Join the *Baklava Brigade!* We have baklava work sessions on several days...Monday, June 19, Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21. Go to the sign up site (link is in the Friday e-mail) and offer your help!

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Saint Mary's Seniors' meeting and social will be held Tuesday, June 20 (note the date change to the third Tuesday of the month), at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate June birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo, a luncheon, and delicious cake from Queen of Cakes. We will be entertained afterwards with a musical performance by the Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra. A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are welcome to join our lively group. Dues are \$15. For further questions, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis.

Upcoming Webinar

The Triumph of Orthodoxy in the Digital Age: What can icons teach us about being Orthodox in an increasingly virtual world?

Wednesday, June 21 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a presentation focusing on the role of icons in this digital era.



To register, scan the code or email cooper@duck.com



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Our New Church Directory, Now on Realm Connect.

That's right. Realm Connect creates a directory that you can access and immediately reach out to anyone in our parish. All you must do to make this possible is create a profile on Realm Connect—either through the mobile app or online. Scan the code to get started. If you need help setting up your profile, reach out to either Niko Kouzes or Bettina Hanna.

There's Still Time to Sign Up for Harvest Pack!

St. Mary's Missions and Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a meal pack event on Sunday, June 25, 2023, in the Terrace Room. We can use your help to pack 15,000 meals. This has been a good way to get together, while helping those who struggle to put food on the table.

Your help is needed:

- 8:00 a.m. Setup (8 folks) - We need a few folks to help us unload the truck and set up the packing lines.
- 9:30 a.m. - Liturgy
- 11:15 a.m. (after Liturgy) - Pizza in Meeting Room 1
- 11:30 a.m. (pack, 50 folks) - Pick your spot in the Terrace Room

Instructions on how to pack, pack the meals!

We expect to wrap up about 1:30 p.m.

The sign up link is in the Friday e-mail, stop by the Welcome Table today and let them know you'll help, or scan the code to the right.



Philoptochos Book Club

Passions and Virtues, the fifth volume of the Spiritual Counsels of Saint Paisios the Athonite, is the next read for the Philoptochos Book Club. This book will be discussed in the September, October, and November meetings. Copies are available for purchase in the bookstore.



The Summer Activity Schedule for the Saint Mary's Faith Playgroup has been set up. Here's the upcoming schedule:

July 15, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Westwood Hills Nature Center St. Louis Park

August 17, Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Splash Pad at Eden Prairie, Round Lake

September 21, Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Como Zoo in St. Paul

Check the Friday email and The Messenger (July issue) for details.

St. Mary's Faith Playgroup is a parent/child playgroup geared towards families with children ages birth through pre-K. It is a wonderful way to meet other young families at our parish. Grandparents, caregivers, and siblings welcome!

Seeking Hostas

The church is wanting to put some more plants in our rain garden. If you have any extra hostas (any type) in your own garden that you would like to donate to the church, please text or call Annette Legeros to schedule drop off of your plants.

Watch Your Step

We have had a floor crack in the hallway outside the bookstore for some time. It has occurred where the original building and the new construction of the Great Hall meet. We are addressing the issue and hope to come up with a solution soon. In the meantime, we ask everyone to use caution when walking through that area.

From the Desert Mothers...

“Just as it is impossible to be at the same moment both a plant and a seed, so it is impossible for us to be surrounded by worldly honor and at the same time to bear heavenly fruit.”

–*Amma Syncretica of Alexandria*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 19

Jude 1:1–25 • John 14:21–24

Tuesday, June 20

Romans 7:14–8:2 • Matthew 10:9–15

Wednesday, June 21

Romans 8:2–13 • Matthew 10:16–22

Thursday, June 22

Romans 8:22–27 • Matthew 10:23–31

Friday, June 23

Romans 9:6–19 • Matthew 10:32–36; 11:1

Saturday, June 24

Nativity of the John the Baptist

Romans 13:11–14; 14:1–4 • Luke 1:1–25, 57–68, 76, 80

Sunday, June 25

Third Sunday of Matthew

Romans 5:1–10 • Matthew 6:22–33



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