



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 25, 2023 — *Third Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Third Sunday of Matthew; Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist; The Righteous Martyr Febronia; Methodius of Nevritos.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Tone: Second

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, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 5:1-10*

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel *Matthew 4:18-23*

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so

clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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



Prayer Ministry

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

All victims of wars throughout the world; 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; The family of Stella Lake; Evdoxia, Marina, 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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by Barbara Nichols.

Memorial Prayers are offered for Hope Kennedy (40 days)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Pre-K 4 and 5 year olds and parents

Meal Packing Event After the Liturgy

Today, immediately following the Liturgy, St. Mary's Missions and Outreach is hosting a meal packing event in collaboration with Harvest Pack. If you haven't signed up, but are available to participate, your help is greatly needed. To date, volunteers from our parish have packaged 144,080 meals from previous events. Today, we are planning on adding 15,000 more meals to the total. It should take only two hours time. If available, please report to Larry Dunham in the Terrace Room.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for July 2

Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

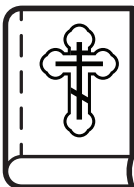
July's recipient is FOCUS, MN.

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

Sacraments This Week

Baptism

Declan, parents: Cooper and Jessica Buss - June 25, 2023



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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 25: Third Sunday of Matthew

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

Monday, June 26

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

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Visitation for Stella Lake; Trisagion at 6:30 p.m.
Willwerscheid Funeral Home
1167 Grand Avenue, St. Paul

Tuesday, June 27

10:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Stella Lake
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

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

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

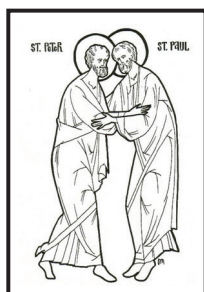
9:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Friday, June 30: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 2: Third Sunday of Matthew

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





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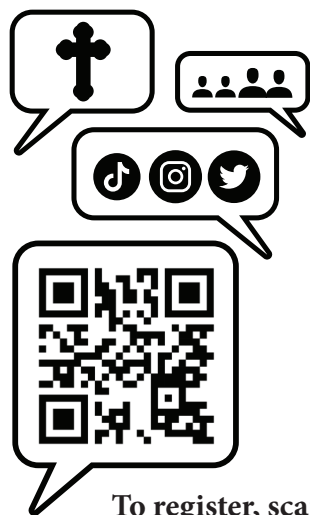


Have You Seen Me in the New Church Directory?

If you haven't created your St. Mary's Realm Connect profile, that includes a picture of you, then we won't be able to see you. And it's always good to connect a face to a name. Realm Connect provides a directory that you can access and immediately reach out to anyone in our parish. Make sure to add a photo to your 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.

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.



Upcoming Webinar

Ask Us Anything - Orthodoxy, Technology, Social Media, and Parenting

Wednesday, June 28 – 8:30 p.m.

Join Fr. Tim Sas and Cooper Buss for a lively discussion about Orthodoxy and how we can better live the Life of Christ in an increasingly digital world. We might even get into AI! Come prepared with your questions and ideas!

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



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

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

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!

Kids (Ages 3-5) Dance Group

Starting Sunday, July 9, we will be teaching Greek dance in the Lecture Room immediately after liturgy, for 30 minutes. The goal of this group is to teach our kids the basics of dance and an appreciation of Greek culture. The kids will be performing at the Festival (September 8-10). All kids are welcome but required to attend at least four practices if they would like to participate in the performance. Please contact Lea Hoefft, angelea.hoefft@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thank You for the Hostas

A special Thank you to all those who donated and dropped off Hostas for our rain garden. They look lovely and will help with erosion.

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 a treasure that is exposed loses its value, so a virtue which is known vanishes. Just as wax melts when it is near fire, so the soul is destroyed by praise and loses all the results of its labor.”

–*Amma Syncletica of Alexandria*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 26

Romans 9:18-33 • Matthew 11:2-15

Tuesday, June 27

Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2 • Matthew 11:16-20

Wednesday, June 28

Romans 11:2-12 • Matthew 11:20-26

Thursday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9 • Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, June 30

Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

Saturday, July 1

Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries

Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Sunday, July 2

Third Sunday of Matthew

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Matthew 8:5-13



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