

SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 4, 2023

Holy Pentecost

The Divine Liturgy

Commemoration: Holy Pentecost; Our Father Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; Sophia of Thrace, The Mother of Orphans; Lucillian of Byzantium, four martyred Youths and Paula the Virgin; Athanasios the Wonderworker; Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough.

Morning Gospel: John 20:19-23

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Good Comforter, to you we sing: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

Blessed are you, O Christ our God. You made wise men of poor fishermen by sending down upon them your Holy Spirit, and through them you caught the whole world. O Lover of mankind, glory to you.

Hymn of Entrance

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and chant of your mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, to you we sing: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of Pentecost, above.

Kontakion of Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

When he came down and confused the tongues of men, the Most High divided the nations. But in sending forth the parted tongues of flame he called all mankind to unity that with one accord we might glorify his all Holy Spirit.

Trisagion (instead of “Holy God...”)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia.

Epistle.....*Acts 2:1-11*

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Gospel.....*John 7:37-52; 8:12*

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Phar-

isees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Megalynarion, Grave Tone

You conceived and gave birth in virginity; the Word who created all, through you became incarnate. O Mother who knew not man, Virgin Theotokos, the boundless One was held by you, the dwelling of your infinite Creator; we magnify you.

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

Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia!

Instead of “We have seen the light,” we chant the Hymn of Pentecost.

Blessed are you, O Christ our God. You made wise men of poor fishermen by sending down upon them your Holy Spirit, and through them you caught the whole world. O Lover of mankind, glory to you.



Today

Prosforo is provided by Presvytera Alexandra Houck.

The coffee hour today is hosted by a wonderful group of parishioners who responded to our e-mail request this past Thursday - *Thank you!*

Sacraments Today

Chrismations

Sidney Grimmett

Michaelene Karlen (*fiancé of Harry Spell*)

Baptism

Noura, parents: Jonathan and Dina Williams

Prayer Ministry

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

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 4: Holy Pentecost

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Church School Teachers' Appreciation Lunch,
Terrace Room
5:00 p.m. – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost

Monday, June 5: The Holy Spirit

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, Great Hall

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

6:15 p.m. – Junior GOYA Mini Golf, Centennial Lakes

Friday, June 9

Day of Service originally scheduled for today has been postponed.

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11: Sunday of All Saints; Saint Nathanael

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
12:00 noon – Philoptochos Meeting (officer election), Fireside Room

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for June 11

Potatoes (boxed, instant, or canned)

June's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

E-mail and Text Scams

Anyone receiving an e-mail or text from our clergy or staff members asking for some sort of assistance is asked to be cautious. 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.

Realm Help and Support

Stop by our table at coffee hour after Liturgy this morning for a bit of help getting up and running on Realm, or any troubleshooting that you may need. Before you know it you can be part of what's happening on Realm.

***Don't Miss Out!* ~ 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 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 or Krissa at Churchschool@stmarysgoc.org

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

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.

Festival Baking ~ Baklava

Join the *Baklava Brigade!* We have baklava work sessions on several days...Wednesday, June 14, 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!

Harvest Pack Is Back!

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 at the right.



Collection for Bishop Neofitos

A huge thank you to all who so generously contributed to our collection for Bishop Neofitos and his newly-formed Orthodox diocese in Kenya. We will continue to accept donations until June 15. Electronic donations can be made through your Realm account or our online giving platform.

Philoptochos News

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office for the new Philoptochos Board will be administered next Sunday, June 11, at the end Liturgy. Officers will be elected at the meeting after Liturgy.

From the Fathers...on the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the plenitude of all gifts, and nothing is given in the Divinity without Him, because all the advantages that are received from the favor of God's gifts flow from this Fountainhead.

–*Didymus the Blind*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 5

Monday of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday, June 6

Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 • Matthew 4:23—5:13

Wednesday, June 7

Romans 1:18-27 • Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday, June 8

Ephesians 2:4-10 • Matthew 10:16-22

Friday, June 9

Romans 2:14-28 • Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday, June 10

Leave-Taking of Holy Pentecost

Romans 1:7-12 • Matthew 5:42-48

Sunday, June 11

The Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33—12:2 • Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

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