



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 13, 2023 — *Tenth Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Tenth Sunday of Matthew, Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Transfiguration, Maximus the Confessor, Our Righteous Fathers Sergius, Stephanus, Castor and Palamonus, Dorotheus, Abba of Gaza, and Tikhon of Zadonsk.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14

Tone: First

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor.
Save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Great Feast, Grave Tone

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, you showed your disciples your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light, glory to you!

Hymn of Entrance

For with you is the fountain of life, O Lord, and in your light we shall see light. Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor.
We sing to you: Alleluia!

Repeat the Hymn of the Great Feast, above.

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 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!

Epistle* *I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel* *Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Megalynarion

Your birth-giving was shown to be undefiled. You gave birth to God incarnate. He was seen upon the earth and dwelt among us.
We magnify you, O Theotokos.

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

Communion Hymn

We will walk in the light, we will walk in the light of the glory of Your face,
O Lord, forever (Psalm 88:16-17). Alleluia!

Instead of “We have seen the light,” we sing the Hymn of the Great Feast, “When you were transfigured...,” on page 1 of the bulletin.



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; Susan, Elias, The family of Peter Pappas, Constance, Peter, Evdoxia, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, 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, 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, Karrisra, 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 today are offered for
Chrisoula “Goldie” Helgens (40 days); mother of Dena Angelos;
Joan Spell (1 year); **Chris Muzetras** (4 years).

The coffee hour today is hosted by the **Chresand family**
in memory of **Joan Spell**.

We welcome **Fr. Harry** and **Presvytera Kerry Pappas** home to St. Mary’s this weekend. Father Harry will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy today.

Sacraments This Week

Chrismation

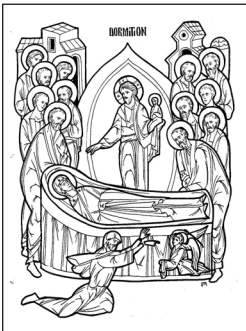
Congratulations to **Alicia Kouzes** who will be chrismated today!

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for August 20

Hygiene items
(toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

August’s recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES).
Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.



Dormition of the Theotokos

All are encouraged to attend the beautiful services this week for the Dormition, the feast day and namesake of our church. We will gather on Monday at 6:00 p.m. for Great Vespers, with a light reception immediately following the service. Then, on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. for Orthros and 9:30 a.m. for Divine Liturgy. After the service, brunch will be hosted by Philoptochos.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 13: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
After Communion – Kids’ Greek Dance Practice, Lecture Room
After Liturgy – Philoptochos Dormition Preparations

Monday, August 14: Eve of the Dormition

5:30 p.m. – Akathist/Nurturer of Children
6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers
Reception following Vespers

Tuesday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Reception following Liturgy
6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. – Messenger Mailing, Fireside Room
1:00 p.m. – FAITH Playgroup Event, at Splash Pad in Eden Prairie
6:30 p.m. – FOCUS MN Fundraiser Event, at St. Mary’s

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

6:15 p.m. – YAL Boat Cruise

Sunday, August 20: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
After Communion – Kids’ Greek Dance Practice, Lecture Room
11:30 a.m. Missions & Outreach Meeting, Fireside Room



Akathist to the Mother of God “Nurturer of Children”

Join us in the nave for prayer at 5:30 p.m. (sharp) this Monday prior to the Eve of the Dormition Vespers (6:00 p.m.). Please contact Cindy Karos, 612.701.7320, or Popie Rakes, 952.393.4180, with questions.

Philoptochos News

Stop by Our Table at the Coffee Hour

We have lots going on right now and could use your help. There are baking sessions coming up later this month to prepare for our festival bake sale. You can sign up for any one of these sessions at the table today!



Volunteers Needed for Dormition Celebrations

Philoptochos is hosting two receptions to celebrate our parish feast day, The Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary:

Monday, August 14

After Great Vespers, a light fasting snack will be served.

Tuesday, August 15

Following the Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Artoclasia, brunch will be served.

Event planning and help is needed for both days. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to volunteer.

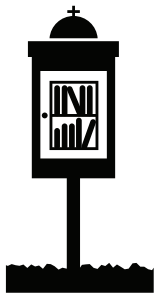
Adopt-a-Preschooler Today!

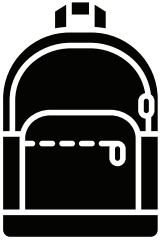
Each year, Philoptochos provides backpacks and school supplies for the elementary, middle and high school students of Healing House Moms, and we're grateful to have people making these purchases for us. There are also 7 preschoolers at Healing House, and we'd like them to get something, too. If you'd like to adopt-a-preschooler, stop by the Philoptochos table. We ask that you spend no more than \$10, include at least one book, and return items by Sunday, August 20. Thank you!

Gently Used Orthodox Books Wanted

Coming soon to Irving Avenue...a Free Little Orthodox Library filled with books for anyone to take and enjoy. Our library will contain only Orthodox material as a way to share our faith with neighbors and the community. Philoptochos is managing this project, including stocking and maintaining the library with donated books.

If you have Orthodox books to donate, please bring them to the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or bring them to the church office during the week.





Operation Classroom: Supply Drive for Bancroft Elementary School

Now is the time to gather supplies for students at Bancroft Elementary in South Minneapolis. We are supporting kindergarteners through fifth graders needing supplies to be successful in school. Please bring your contribution to the Philoptochos table today and next Sunday, August 20.

Items needed:

- Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 count)
- Crayola Crayons (16- and 24-packs)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Wooden lead pencils (Ticonderoga #2 preferred)
- Pink erasers
- Kid-sized Fiskars scissors
- Backpacks



Early Bird Registration Ends this Tuesday!

Registration for Family Camp is underway. Take advantage of the Early Bird price of \$155 per person by registering by August 15! 2023 Family Camp is October 6-8 at Camp Courage in Maple Lake. Learn more about family camp, our guest speaker, or to register, scan the code.



stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/

Young Women's Bible Study – Fall 2023

Continuing our spring session, we will regroup this fall to study the stories and people of the Old Testament. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, September 19, October 3, 17, and 31, from 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please sign-up by September 4th with Patty Christopoulos at 952.200.9566.



Event This Week

Thursday, August 17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Splash Pad at Eden Prairie *The event sign-up is in the weekly email.*

From the Desert Mothers...

“Give the body discipline and you will see it is for
the one who made it.”

–*Amma Theodora of Alexandria*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 14

II Corinthians 2:3-15 • Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 15

Dormition of the Theotokos

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Wednesday, August 16

I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 • Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22

Thursday, August 17

II Corinthians 4:1-12 • Matthew 24:13-28

Friday, August 18

II Corinthians 1:12-20 • Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51

Saturday, August 19

I Corinthians 1:3-9 • Matthew 19:3-12

Sunday, August 20

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 9:2-12 • Matthew 18:23-35



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