



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 27, 2023 — *Twelfth Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Twelfth Sunday of Matthew; Pimen the Great; Holy Martyr Phanurius;
Anthousa the Martyr; Poimen of Palestine; Hosisos the Confessor;
Liverios, Pope of Rome; Monica.

Morning Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Tone: Third

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 Third Antiphon

This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world his great mercy.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

Epistle..... Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel.....Matthew 18:23-35

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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; Maria, Matt, Laura, Dorla, Susan, Elias, 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, 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, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, 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 **Yana Patridge**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Socrates & Evangeline Stoyanoglow, parents of **Elaine Theis**

40-Day Churchings

Michael Themistocles, parents: Parker & Anastacia Mullins

Mia, parents: James & Maggie Menter

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the **OCF Real Break Egypt**

Earlier this summer, St. Mary's sent seven college students on the OCF Real Break Egypt trip: *Alexandra Nicklow, Vasili Nicklow, Kelsey Skoog, Elias Wehr, Anastasia Friesen, Alexis Friesen, and Audrey Friesen*. Please join us for coffee hour to share in the experiences of our pilgrimage! Our trip was spiritually invigorating and we are excited to share what we learned with our community. We'll have a traditional Egyptian dessert, photos, and time to share stories from our journey! Thank you to the St. Mary's Foundation and all the individuals who made financial contributions to the trip, we are blessed to have your support.

Sacraments This Week

Baptisms

Theodore Lucas - parents: Andrew & Amy Gruber, August 23, 2023

Calvin - parents: Steven & Cassandra Janke, August 27, 2023

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for September 3

Ramen Noodles

August's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

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

Women's Book Club Discussion

First Discussion: Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Passions and Virtues, the fifth volume of the Spiritual Counsels of Saint Paisios the Athonite, is our next reading for the Book Club. The first discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the bookstore.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 27: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; Blessing of the backbacks
After Communion – Kids’ Greek Dance Practice, Lecture Room
12:00 noon – Festival Salad Dressing Preparations, Kitchen

Monday, August 28

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice
11:30 a.m. – Memorial Service for Maria Nashopulos Karagiannis,
at St. Mary’s

Tuesday, August 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball, Great Hall

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 a.m. – Thiples Frying, Kitchen
4:00 p.m. – Tzatziki and Feta Cups Preparations, Great Hall

Thursday, August 31

9:00 a.m. – Thiples Honeying and Packaging, Kitchen

Friday, September 1: Ecclesiastical New Year

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship, Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 3: Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
After Communion – Kids’ Greek Dance Practice, Lecture Room
The Messenger Deadline



Dormition Offering

Thank you to all who have so generously given to our Feast Day collection. If you haven’t made an offering yet, you may still do so. You may also give online by scanning the code or going to our giving site (URL below) and choosing Dormition Offering from the drop down menu.

<https://onrealm.org/StMarysGreekOrt/-/form/give/now>

Philoptochos News



Festival Baking Help

We're in the midst of our final Bake Sale preparations. Please join us! Come to part or all of these baking sessions:

Theples Frying: Thursday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Theples: Friday, August 31, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Help with preparations the week of the Festival

- **Cut and Package Baklava: Tuesday, September 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **Package Amygdalota and Kourambietes, Assemble 6-packs, Final Set Up: Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Little Orthodox Library

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.

Raffle Tickets

Buy Raffle Tickets for the Metropolis September Luncheon Fundraiser for IOCC, St. Iakovos Retreat Center, and Metropolis philanthropic projects. Tickets are for sale at the Philoptochos table on Sundays (\$10 each or 3 for \$25). Grand prize is \$1,000!

Youth News

Church School Kickoff Party

Saturday, September 16 (Parents and Students)

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Nursery through 6th grades

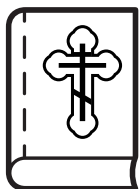
5:30-7:30 p.m. – 7th-12th grades

Meet your teachers, play games, socialize, eat, and drink - ice cream bar and treats. Parents: please attend to learn about several new events, protocols, and what your child will be learning this year. At the Tortorelis home: 7441 West Shore Drive, Edina.

First Day of Church School

Sunday, September 17

Please register your children on Realm for all youth activities for the school year. This will help us plan for teachers, books, and other resources for the year and you are assured of getting e-mails and notices of upcoming events.



Intro to Orthodox Christianity Course Fall 2023, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for our MEOCCA catechism course, Intro to Orthodox Christianity, beginning on Tuesday, September 12, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Catechism is open to all; people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians as well! Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in person (1111 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN) or online via Zoom. Register online by scanning the code or learn more at www.meocca.org



Connect Conference September 29 – October 1

This year's Connect Orthodox Young Adult Conference will be held in Minneapolis! Registration is open now through September 13. The theme this year will explore Christ's offer of Refuge: "Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). Scan the code or visit connectorthodox.org to learn more or register.

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 – 8:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please sign-up by September 4th with Patty Christopoulos at 952.200.9566.

The Return of Parea Potlucks!

Tuesday, October 3, 10, and 17, and Monday, October 30

Parea—meaning company—Potlucks are a great opportunity to get to connected to other members of St. Mary's! We're looking for parishioners who would be willing to host a dinner for 4-10 others this October. Hosts provide the space for gathering and the main entree for the potluck. If interested, contact: jessica.e.buss@gmail.com

From the Desert Mothers...

“It is good to give alms for men’s sake. Even if it is only done to please men, through it one can begin to seek to please God.”

–*Amma Syncretica of Alexandria*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 28

II Corinthians 8:7-15 • Mark 3:6-12

Tuesday, August 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Acts 13:25-33 • Mark 6:14-30

Wednesday, August 30

II Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7 • Mark 3:20-27

Thursday, August 31

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Friday, September 1

Ecclsiastical New Year

I Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 4:16-22

Saturday, September 2

Romans 8:28-39 • Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, September 3

Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 16:13-24 • Matthew 21:33-42



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