



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 24, 2023 — *First Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

First Sunday of Luke; Thecla the Protomartyr and Equal to the Apostles, Commemoration of the Miracle of the Theotokos Myrtidiotissis in Kythira; Silouan of Athos; Stephen the Martyr; The Most Holy Theotokos of Palianis; Coprios the Righteous; Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut, New Martyrs of Alaska.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Tone: Grave

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, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your 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 Miracle of the Theotokos at Kythira, Fourth Tone

Come forth now, O people, in faith let us clap our hands, and let us sing out many hymns to the Mother of God, whole-heartedly crying out: Hail to you, the protection of all those who entreat you, Hail to you, the salvation of those who freely give you honor, Hail to you who gave the reward of healing to the paralytic.

Hymn of the Saint Thekla, *Third Tone*

Through the teaching of a divine preacher, passion burned in you for your Creator, you turned away from all fleeting and worldly things, offering to God, yourself as a bright, holy sacrifice, and you defied many tortures and punishments, fellow traveler of the divine Paul, O Thekla, greatly honored and esteemed, entreat your Bridegroom Christ to grant great mercy to us.

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, *First 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* *II Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel* *Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful

man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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; Phillip Hibberd, 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, 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, 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 **Terri Leckas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Helen, John,**
and **Christie Geanakoplos**

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Senior GOYA in memory of Christie Geanakoplos.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for October 1

Canned Meal – large cans
(e.g. Chili / Pork and Beans)

October's recipient is Simpson House.

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



Pilgrimage of Discovery Discussion

After Liturgy Today, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Terrace Room

Deanna Kolas will be joined by an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to share about the *Pilgrimage of Discovery*. The presentation will include information about the Ecumenical Patriarchate, historical and current issues in Constantinople, and the big five issues and focuses of the Archons.



*Scan the Code
to Sign Up*

The Return of Parea Potlucks!

October 3, 10, 17, and 30

Sign up now for October Parea Potlucks! Register to host dinners by either scanning the QR code or at the table during the coffee hour. Parea (meaning company) Potlucks are a great opportunity to get to connected to other members of St. Mary's. Once you pick a date that works for you, the host will contact you about what you can bring for the potluck. Enjoy!

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, September 24: First Sunday of Luke

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

after Liturgy – Pilgrimage of Discovery Discussion, Terrace Room

11:30 a.m. – HOPE/JOY Kick-off, Youth Room

Tuesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Kick-off and Dinner Meeting, Terrace Room

Wednesday, September 27

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA Kick-off Gathering,
Great Hall and Terrace Room

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, September 28

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

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

Friday, September 29

YAL Connect Conference

Saturday, September 30

YAL Connect Conference

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

10:00 a.m. – Philoptochos Service Day Project, Lecture Room

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 1: Second Sunday of Luke

Twin Cities Marathon

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



Twin Cities Marathon

Next Sunday – October 1

The Twin Cities Marathon will take place next Sunday, October 1, starting at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Minneapolis. The route will run along the west side of Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun to the William Berry Parkway and south along the east side of Lake Harriet to the Minnehaha Parkway. If your drive to church takes you along this Marathon route, plan accordingly.

Philoptochos News

Little Orthodox Library

The Little Library seems to be a big hit! People are taking books and pamphlets. We still need more books so if you have some Orthodox books to donate, please bring them to the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or bring them to the church office during the week.

Kick Off Dinner & Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, Starting at 5:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheets will be at our table to attend as well as helping with set-up, serving, and clean up.

Want to Help?

*Scan the Code
to Sign Up*



Want to Attend?

*Scan the Code
to RSVP*



Service Project Day

Saturday, September 30 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Philoptochos is holding our annual Service Project Day on Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please come any time, for as long as you are available. We will be making items for various organizations; Reach & Restore, Sojourner Battered Women's Shelter, FOCUS, VA, and Days for Girls. There will be sewing, cutting material, ironing, and other tasks for everyone to do. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one. Feel free to bring your kids too (9 years and older). Hope to see you there!

Women's Book Club

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Book Club continued discussion of *Passions and Virtues* by St. Paisios the Athonite will be Thursday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will meet in the 7th and 8th grade classroom. This will be a hybrid event with the in-person discussion at church and a call-in option. All women are welcome. More information and a link will be sent to the distribution list. To have your name added to the list, contact Katherine Boosalis (katherine@boosalis.net).

Books are available in the church bookstore.

Missions and Outreach Fundraising Lunch

Sunday, October 8

Everyone is invited to a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, October 8, after Liturgy. Missionaries Michael and Meghan Jones will share their apostolic ministry in Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. They are working to complete the Church of St. George and to walk with the small group of Orthodox Tongans to share our life in Christ and thereby participate in building the true church – the body of Christ – as well as the new temple. Please come and help with this fundraiser.



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to Sign-up*

Grief Support Group Starting at St. Mary's

If you have experienced a loss and are looking for support with other Orthodox Christians, join us for Grief Explorations at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. This six-week series will be facilitated by Matushka Jenny Schroedel, a hospice chaplain specializing in grief support, along with Joni Snidarich. This group will begin on Tuesday October 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m., running on Tuesday evenings through November 7. Sign-up is through Realm Connect. Scan the code to register. You can also contact Joni with any questions 612.910.0855.

NOTE: The group is limited to 10 registrants.



*Learn More
about OCPM*

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)

OCPM is a unique opportunity to share in the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ. Why not consider joining the organization. Volunteers are needed at Shakopee and Lino Lakes prisons. Contact Carol Karos if you are interested or would like more information about this valuable ministry: cmkaros@gmail.com or 1-866-318-4238, type 7 to leave a message, or ocpm.mn@gmail.org



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Children's Glendi and Pizza Party* Saturday, September 30 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a Greek glendi for the children of the parish complete with pizza and dancing in the Great Hall! The Sioris family will provide music, pizza, and beverages with a recommended \$5 good will offering per person attending. All proceeds will go towards future costumes and needs of future dance troupes to continue fostering Greek dancers at St. Mary's! This glendi is for preschool and elementary aged children of the Parish and their families. RSVP and sign up (so we can get enough pizzas for everyone!)

**Please note this is not a drop-off event and parents are responsible for their own children.*

God Takes Care of Everyone...

“Do not say, ‘this happened by chance, while this came to be of itself.’ In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance...How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God?”

–St. Basil the Great

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 25

Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3 • Luke 4:38-44

Tuesday, September 26

I John 4:12-19 • John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Wednesday, September 27

Ephesians 3:8-21 • Luke 5:33-39

Thursday, September 28

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 6:17-23

Friday, September 29

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Luke 6:17-23

Saturday, September 30

I Corinthians 16:13-24 • Matthew 24:42-47

Sunday, October 1

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II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 • Luke 6:31-36



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