



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 3, 2023 — *Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew; Anthimos, Bishop of Nicomedeia;
Holy Father Theoctistus and his fellow struggler Euthymius the Great;
Polydorus the Martyr of New Ephesus; Translation of the relics of St.
Nectarius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentopolis;
Chariton the Martyr; Phoebe the Deaconess.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Tone: Fourth

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, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with 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 Saint Anthimos, First Tone

O Godly-minded one, of your flock, a firm protector, readily you poured forth your blood for the sake of those who followed you, and since you did not become dismayed by the ones who showed hostility to you, you rejoice now in your heavenly home above, attending to the Three-Sunned Godhead.

Glory to Christ who gave you strength, glory to your good courage,
glory to your martyr-like patience, O Anthimos.

Hymn of Saint Theoktistos, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighing made your labor fruitful one hundredfold. You became a star shining over the world with miracles, our holy Father Theoktistos; intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Birth 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* *I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel* *Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed

him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

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; Baby Theo, Maria, Matt, Laura, Dorla, Susan, Elias, 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 **Yana Patridge**

40-Day Churching

Damian, parents: Angelo & Jennifer Demetriades

The coffee hour today is hosted by **the Makres family**.

Enjoy the fellowship with each other!

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for September 10

Cereal (Both Hot and Cold)

September'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. This book will be discussed in the September 12th (Fireside Room), October 5th, and November 2nd meetings. Copies are available for purchase in the bookstore.

Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, September 19 ~ Note Date Change

St. Mary's Seniors' meeting and social is Tuesday, September 19, (the third Tuesday of September), at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate September birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo, a luncheon, and delicious cake from Queen of Cakes. The program features Seniors' member and author Peter Georgas who will speak about his new book entitled *Mayhem at the Manor*. This book as well as his other books will be available for purchase. 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.

Calendar of the Week

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

Monday, September 4: Labor Day

Church and Office closed.

Tuesday, September 5

4:00 p.m. – Hummus Cups Preparation, Great Hall

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7: Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Friday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

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

2:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Taste of Greece Festival, Day 1

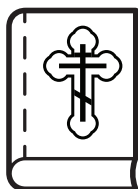
Saturday, September 9

12:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Taste of Greece Festival, Day 2

Sunday, September 10: Sunday Before Holy Cross

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

12:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Taste of Greece Festival, Day 3



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



Philoptochos News



Festival Baking Help

Final preparations for the Festival this coming week!

- 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.

To sign-up, scan the code above or visit us at our table in the Great Hall after church.

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. Our new Little Library will be set up this coming week outside so look for it!

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.



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



OCF Dinner Hosts Needed

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is a college organization that helps Orthodox college students connect at campuses across the country. We are blessed with a large local chapter with members from several colleges around the Twin Cities. The group meets every two weeks for fellowship and discussions over a meal donated by the local church parishioners. If you are able, please consider signing up to donate a meal to the chapter. Scan the code to sign up. Contact Vasili Nicklow (nickl093@umn.edu) with any questions.

Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program Gala

Sunday, September 24, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

The 2023 LOMCP Gala will be at the Korluka Equestrian Farm in Stillwater. Dress is casual! Bring the kids and grandkids. Accompanied children under 18 attend free. Tickets are limited this year so purchase them early at www.lomcp.com

From the Desert Mothers...

“This present age is a storm, and it is only through many trials and temptations that we can obtain an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven”

–*Amma Theodora*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 4

II Corinthians 12:10-19 • Mark 4:10-23

Tuesday, September 5

II Corinthians 12:20-21; 13:1-2 • Matthew 23:29-39

Wednesday, September 6

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

Thursday, September 7

Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5 • Mark 5:1-20

Friday, September 8

Nativity of the Theotokos

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

Saturday, September 9

I Corinthians 2:6-9 • Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1

Sunday, September 10

Sunday Before Holy Cross

Galatians 6:11-18 • John 3:13-17



Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408-3399

612.825.9595 | stmarysgoc.org



[@stmarysgoc](https://www.instagram.com/stmarysgoc)

*Fr. Timothy Sas, Fr. Jason Houck, Fr. John Kostas
Fr. Paul Kalina, Deacon; Fr. Luke Twito, Deacon*

**URGENT!
HELP
NEEDED!**

**ONLY
5
DAYS
AWAY!**



**~300
VOLUNTEER
SHIFTS
STILL
NEEDED!**

**ASK A FRIEND?
SIGN UP FOR ONE MORE SHIFT?**



GREATEST SHIFT NEEDS:

- *Saturday 6:00 p.m.**
- *Sunday 2:30 p.m.**



Volunteers get a \$5 chip for each shift completed to spend on food or drink at the festival.

**SCAN FOR
VOLUNTEER
SIGN-UP**

**SIGN UP HERE >>
NOW IS THE TIME
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**





COME

SEE

GREAT VESPERS • PRESENTATION • REFRESHMENTS

**Saturday,
September 23, 2023**

5:00–7:00 p.m.

**Come experience the
Ancient Christian Church
and learn about the faith.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend, who has been interested or curious about your Orthodox Christian Faith, to a short evening Vespers service. Afterwards there will be a brief presentation and refreshments. We hope to see both familiar and new faces.

We encourage registration for attendance by September 17 to accurately plan for the reception. Scan the code to Register.



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3450 IRVING AVE. SOUTH, MPLS, MN 55408 | www.stmarysgoc.org