



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

October 8, 2023 — *Third Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Third Sunday of Luke; Pelagia the Righteous Pelagia the Virgin-martyr of Antioch; Phillip, Bishop of Gortyna; Taisia the Harlot of Egypt.

Morning Gospel: John 20:1-10

Tone: First

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, 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 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 Pelagia, Plagal Fourth Tone

In you, O Mother, was preserved the Divine Likeness perfectly for you took up the Cross, and by this you did follow Christ, and by your deeds you taught us to look down on the flesh, for it passes away, while tending the soul with greatest care, for it is everlasting. And so, along with the angels your spirit sings, O righteous Pelagia, with greatest joy.

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, *Second 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 Corinthians 8:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel* *Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

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; Andrea, Bryan, Haben (Matthew), Marion, Nausika, Ron, 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.



Midwest OCF Fall Retreat

October 27-29

Registration is now open for the 2023 Midwest Fall Retreat! The retreat is for college students from around the Midwest. We'll discuss how we can best control our thoughts, practice patience in dealing with God's will, and regain a proper presence in our spiritual lives. The retreat will be at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin. Spots are filling up quickly! St. Mary's will reimburse \$45 of the registration for students who are active members of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Costas & Barbara Nichols**
in celebration of 60th wedding anniversary. *May God grant you many years!*

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for October 15

Pancake Mix & Syrup

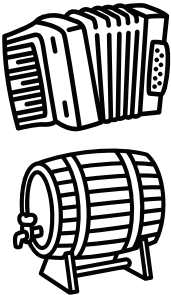
October's recipient is Simpson House.

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



Mixer for Newcomers Today!

The St. Mary's Missions & Outreach Committee New Member Mixer is today in the Terrece Room after Liturgy.



Senior Citizens' Oktoberfest Meeting

Tuesday, October 10

Saint Mary's Seniors meeting and social will be held this Tuesday, October 10, at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate October birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo, a luncheon, and delicious cake from Queen of Cakes. Come and enjoy an Oktoberfest celebration. A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are welcome to join our lively group. Dues are \$15 payable to St. Mary's Seniors. For further questions, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis.



Missions and Outreach Fundraising Lunch Sunday, October 15

Everyone is invited to a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, October 15, after Liturgy. Missionaries Michael and Meghan Jones will share their apostolic ministry in Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa, via ZOOM. 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.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, October 8: Third Sunday of Luke

Family Camp concludes

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

after Liturgy – Newcomer Mixer, Terrace Room

Tuesday, October 10

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, Terrace Room

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, Fireside Room

6:30 p.m. – Grief Support Group, Classroom #2 (Seventh and Eighth Grade)

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

7:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA at Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, October 14

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

1:00 p.m. – HOPE and JOY at Sever's Fall Festival

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 15: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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

after Liturgy – Missions and Outreach Fundraising Luncheon, Terrace Room

11:45 a.m. – Saint Olympia the Deaconess meeting, Lecture Room

12:30 p.m. – GOYA Basketball Practices, Great Hall

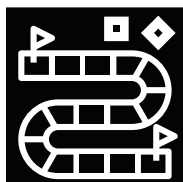


Kalo Taxidi:

An Evening of Original Music

Sunday, October 15 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Chris Granias, along with fellow composers and musicians, have worked hard to make the annual Kalo Taxidi Concert a fun and memorable experience! As part of the concert event, Dr. Granias has planned a *Do It Yourself Fundraising* event to help improve the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS). The money raised will help fund progress in MS research, as well as programs and services that ensure people affected by MS can live their best lives. The concert will be held at the MacPhail Center for Music, 501 South Second Street, Minneapolis.



Orthodox Game League

Saturday, October 21~ 6:00 p.m.

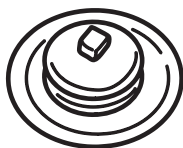
Orthodox Game League resumes the fun on **Saturday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.**, at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in the Lecture Room. Please bring an interesting munchie or dessert to share. Game League is for adults ages 18 years and older to enjoy time with each other and play games. Contact Nikki Beauchamp, 612.910.2943, with questions or for more information. Please enter the building at the flagpole (far south) entrance.



Church School News

Sunday, October 22

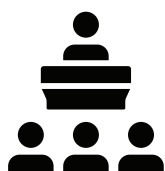
There will be regular classes on Sunday, October 22 - MEA weekend. Please inform your teachers if you will be absent and out of town so we can plan accordingly.



Pancake Brunch Fundraiser

Sunday, October 29

The Church School students are hosting a pancake brunch on Sunday, October 29, in the Great Hall promptly after Divine Liturgy and before General Assembly Meeting and Vikings game. Free will donation.



Fall General Assembly

Sunday, October 29

Saint Mary's Fall General Assembly will be held Sunday, October 29, 2023, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. A detailed agenda will be available soon.



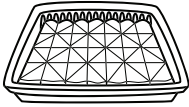
Fall Dinner Fundraiser Support

Saturday, October 21

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Mason City, Iowa, is having their Fall Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets are limited at \$20 for carryout meals. They are a small but mighty parish and would appreciate your support. If you can't make the drive, please consider making a donation to the church to support their efforts.

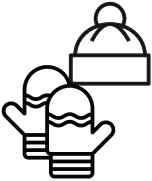
Philoptochos News



Fall Filo Sale

October 8-22

The annual Philoptochos filo sale begins today at the Philoptochos table in the Great Hall. Cost per pound is \$5.00. Payment is required at the time of order, cash and checks only. You may also contact Andrea Tiggas to place your order via email, adtiggas@msn.com. Pick up date is expected to be Sunday, November 5.



Bancroft Elementary School Winter Clothing Drive

October 15-29

Philoptochos will begin collecting coats, boots, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. next Sunday for elementary-aged children at Bancroft School. Please drop off new (or slightly used) items at the Philoptochos table or bring them into the church office during the week for this drive.



Philoptochos Serving FOCUS Meal Sunday, November 5

Philoptochos is coordinating a community meal for FOCUS Minnesota, a charitable outreach of the Orthodox Church community in the Twin Cities Metro area. A hot, healthy meal will be provided for approximately 250-275 people. The whole Saint Mary's community is invited and encouraged to participate, as their needs are great. We need individuals to help provide a rigatoni entrée, green bean casserole, homemade cookies, and in-person volunteers at church and at FOCUS. Watch for the sign up to help.

On the Scriptures...

“The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts.”

–St. John Chrysostom

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 9

James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8

Tuesday, October 10

Philippians 1:8-14 • Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 11

Acts 8:26-39 • Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, October 12

Philippians 1:20-27 • Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 13

Philippians 1:27-30; 2:1-4 • Luke 9:12-18

Saturday, October 14

I Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3 • Luke 6:1-10

Sunday, October 15

Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Titus 3:8-15 • Luke 8:5-15



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Fr. Paul Kalina, Deacon; Fr. Luke Twito, Deacon



Announcing a New Ministry for Girls!

SAINT OLYMPIA ✧ THE DEACONESS ✧

Saint Olympia the Deaconess is a new ministry at St. Mary's for girls of our parish, grades 3-12. This new ministry aims to involve our young women in areas of service to the Church and the poor, which Saint Olympia exemplified. We will offer events each month. *Saint Olympia the Deaconess* is led by Elena and Zoe Gabor.

OUR FIRST UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 ~ 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTORY MEETING/TALK

Meet in the Lecture Room immediately after church school.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ~ 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Meet in the Narthex immediately after church school.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ~ 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HELP WITH HARVEST PACK

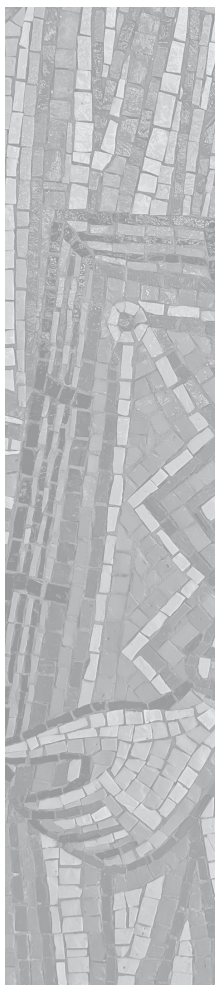
Pack meals as a group for local food shelves. Meet in the Terrace Room after church school. A light lunch will be served.



For more information, please contact either
Elena at: elenagabor14@gmail.com | 952.288.3011
Zoe at: zozo4@comcast.net | 952.693.5339



Parishioners Ages 18–35 Are Invited to Participate in the **TELOS PROJECT SURVEY**



Last year, St. Mary's embarked on a journey with the *Telos Gamma Project*, which aims to explore the relationships between Orthodox Christian young adults and the Orthodox Church throughout the United States. Our parish would like to have a more vibrant young adult community and is working to strengthen the young adult involvement in the ministries of St. Mary's. Our Telos Team is beginning the second year of the Telos Project and we would love to hear from you!

We invite our 18–35 year old parishioners to participate in this survey that will enable St. Mary's to better understand how we can possibly help meet your needs and those of other young adults. This information is critical to the planning and implementation of the work of the Telos Team.

The survey is 21 questions and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary; your answers will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone other than authorized members of the Telos Project.

Thank you for your time and cooperation,
Telos Project Team

If you have any questions regarding the survey or the Telos Project, please contact Katerina Marcoulides Barbour at YAministry@stmarysgoc.org

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