



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 12, 2023 — *Eighth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Eighth Sunday of Luke; John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria;
Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai; Leondos Styppi, Patriarch of Constantinople;
Martin, Bishop of Tours

Morning Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Tone: Plagal Second

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, Plagal Second Tone

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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 for Saint John, Plagal Fourth Tone

Through your patience you earned your just reward, holy Father, by persevering at all times in you praying, by loving the poor and providing for them; then intercede with Christ who is God, blessed John the Merciful, that our souls be saved.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Fourth Tone

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God’s glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim:
She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle.....II Corinthians 9:6-11

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 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

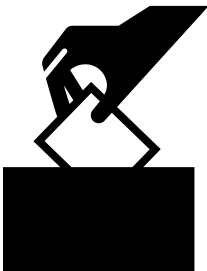
The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.



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; Lydia, Milton, Maureen, Andrea, Bryan, Haben (Matthew), 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, 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, 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.



Parish Council Elections

Sunday, November 19

Elections for the 2024 Parish Council will take place next Sunday, November 19, in the Great Hall following the final Dismissal. All pledged members in good standing are encouraged to vote. Those parishioners running for the board are: Benjamin Amundgaard, Andrew LeRoy, Athena Mihas, Nicholas P. Santrizos, and Maria Smith. A brochure was mailed to homes this past week.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patridge**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Elpida Ragavanis** (40 days)
sister of **George and Kostas Kosmides**

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary
in honor of Veterans' Day.

Today in the Great Hall following Liturgy is our annual Ministry Fair.
Stop by for a cup of coffee and see what's on offer at St. Mary's!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Kalista Mae, parents: **David & Jenna George**

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for November 19

Boxed Pasta / Pasta Sauce

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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



Orthodox Volunteer Corps Presentation Today!

After Liturgy~Terrace Room

Today, we welcome Michael Sider-Rose who is the CEO of Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC), an agency of the Assembly of Bishops. OVC provides young adults, ages 21-29, a year-long opportunity to serve with vulnerable neighbors. Join Michael in the Terrace Room for a special presentation about OVC's launch in Pittsburgh, their expansion next fall to Boston, and how you can get involved.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 12: Eighth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Ministry Fair, Great Hall
after Liturgy – Junior GOYA, Youth Room
after Liturgy – Orthodox Volunteer Corps Presentation, Terrace Room

Monday, November 13: Saint John Chrysostom

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 14

9:30 a.m. – FAITH Play Group, Great Hall
12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, Terrace Room
6:15 p.m. – Parish Council, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 15: Nativity Fast Begins

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing, Fireside Room
11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave Chapel
11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
6:15 p.m. – Parish Night
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

5:00 p.m. – Telos Meeting, Fireside Room

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers
Healing House Dinner and Bible Study

Sunday, November 19: Ninth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Parish Council Elections, Great Hall
12:30 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall
2:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall



Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

Saint Mary's Seniors' meeting and social will be held Tuesday, November 14, at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo and delicious cake from Queen of Cakes. This social will be a POTLUCK luncheon, and we respectfully request our members to please bring a potluck item to share, if possible. The program will feature historian and speaker, David Jones, who will make a presentation on the topic: "JFK Assassination: The Mystery and Legend." A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are welcome to join our lively group.



Daughters of Penelope

Bake and Craft Sale

Sunday, November 19

The Daughters of Penelope's annual Holiday Bake and Craft Sale is Sunday, November 19, in the Great Hall following Liturgy. Come stock up on a variety of gourmet treats and holiday gift items PLUS spanakopita and tyropita! Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, with proceeds going to many benevolent projects.



Sign up today!

Upcoming Harvest Pack Event

Sunday, December 3

St. Mary's Missions and Outreach Ministry is again sponsoring a meal pack event on Sunday, December 3, 2023, in the Terrace Room after Liturgy. We can use everyone's help to pack 15,000 meals. This is an excellent way to begin the giving season by giving a little of your time so that those who are less fortunate might have something to eat this coming Christmas season.

Your help needed:

8:00 a.m. – Setup (8 People Needed)

We need a few folks to help us unload the truck and set up the packing lines.

9:30 a.m. – Liturgy

11:15 a.m. – Pizza in Meeting Room 1 (after Liturgy)

11:30 a.m. (50 People Needed) – Pack!

Pick your spot in the Terrace Room: Instructions on how to pack, pack the meals! We expect to wrap-up about 1:30 p.m.

Philoptochos News



Come Help Decorate for Advent

Today 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m

Please join us in decorating the Nave for Advent along with the young ladies of St. Olympia Ministry. We will meet in the Narthex after church school.

Healing House Gifts for AHEPA Children's Christmas Party

Children from Healing House are invited to the AHEPA Christmas Party on December 16 at 11:00 a.m. We provide a gift for each child attending the party. Gift tags with information are available at the Philoptochos table in the Ministry Fair today. Pick up one or two, go shopping, and drop off the wrapped gift on either Sunday, December 3 or 10 at the Philoptochos table.



Pumpkin Bars to Support a Mission Priest

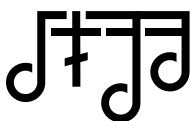
You can help subsidize an Orthodox Mission Priest serving in a far away land. Stop by the Missions and Outreach table after Liturgy for a pan of freshly baked pumpkin bars for only \$10.00. They will be available every Sunday at the Missions and Outreach table until December 20, or by special order from Terri Leckas, 612.710.0609. 100% of the proceeds go directly to OCMC's Support a Mission Priest Program!



Upcoming Parish Night

Wednesday, November 15

We continue with our theme of *Understanding the Liturgy*. Parish Night is a parish-wide event for Kindergarteners through adult that occurs monthly on a Wednesday from October through March. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with a brief prayer service in the Nave, followed by dinner in the Terrace Room and breakout sessions for the adults and kids. Parish Night ends by 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Future dates are: December 13, January 10, February 21, and March 13, 6:15-8:00 p.m.



Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministry

Today at 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Calling all singers! The Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministry is excited to host its first Composer's Showcase today, Sunday, November 12, from 3:30-5:30 at St. Mary's OCA Cathedral. Come and see (and sing) what our local composers have been working on! All singers welcome, whether they are adults or youths, experienced or not.



St. Mary's Night at the Timberwolves Thursday, November 30

Join us when the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Utah Jazz on Thursday, November 30. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome to join! The cost is \$30 per person. After the game, we will go down to the court and shoot a free-throw!

Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets and then enter the promo code: 23STMARYSGREEK24



URGENT! OCF Dinner Sponsors Dates Needed: 11/16 and 11/30

Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a student organization on many college campuses around the United States. The University of Minnesota chapter is fortunate enough to attract students from some smaller colleges around the Twin Cities and we have a really nice community on campus. One of the things we offer to club members is a meal at our biweekly meetings, We still have two available dates left in the semester. If you or your family would be interested in cooking or sponsoring a meal, please check out the information in the QR Code or contact Vasili Nicklow at nickl093@umn.edu



Registration

Orthodox Christian College Conference Midwest—Ages 18-25 December 27–30, St. Iakovos Retreat Center

Registration is open now! There are scholarships offered by the National OCF. In addition to the needs-based scholarships from the National OCF, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church will partially reimburse members or active attendees of our parish. Please first apply to the National OCF scholarship before requesting reimbursement from St. Mary's.



Scholarship

If you have any questions regarding reimbursement, please contact Fr. Jason at frjason@stmarysgoc.org



Orthodox Advent Wreaths

The Advent wreath, beloved by many in the Catholic and Protestant traditions, has not been considered an Orthodox tradition, but years ago Father Anthony Coniaris sought to change that. In his book *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home*, Father Anthony adopted the idea of an Advent wreath and adapted it for Orthodox by giving each week of our Fast a theme and writing a brief service related to the theme for families to pray and celebrate together, including a different colored candle to light each week—the candle color related to the theme. A member of St. Mary’s parish made an Orthodox Advent candle ring and after using it for many years, he has made several more in two sizes, available now for purchase in the bookstore. Using repurposed pine from a piece of furniture that has been in his family for generations, these Advent rings are beautiful. The parishioner included the different colored candles for each week and packaged them together with the pine ring. Also included in these Advent kits are a copy of *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* and an embroidered bookmark of Christ and the Theotokos marking the start of the Advent section in the book. The supply is limited, so please stop in the bookstore soon.



Nativity Blanket Drive

FOCUS Minnesota is striving to collect 200 blankets to provide warmth and love for those in need. They will be distributed at the December 16 Food Shelf. **SIZE:** Big enough for an adult to wrap up in (approximately 60” x 80” and no bigger than 90” x 100”). For reference, a twin comforter is about 68” x 88” and a full about 84” x 88”. **TYPE:** Commercial or handmade. **NEW** gifts only, please. **STYLE:** Tied fleece, wool blanket, quilt, or comforter...any style so long as it’s cozy! **WRAP IT:** Roll it up and tie it with a festive ribbon. **DELIVER IT:** Bring it to FOCUS House by Monday, December 11 or to the church office by December 8.



Trivia Night Sponsored by FOCUS Monday, November 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Join FOCUS Minnesota for beer, pub snacks, and trivia at **Indeed Brewing Company—711 15th Avenue NE, Minneapolis.** After hosted minimum is reached, cash bar will be available. Free will donations are welcome!

From the Fathers...on Fasting

“Fasting of the body is food for the soul.”

— *Saint John Chrysostom*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 13

John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

Tuesday, November 14

Philip the Apostle

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:43-51

Wednesday, November 15

Thessalonians 4:1-12 • Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 16

Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2 • Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, November 17

I Corinthians 12:7-11 • Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4

Saturday, November 18

II Corinthians 11:1-6 • Luke 9:57-62

Sunday, November 19

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 2:14-22 • Luke 12:16-21



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