



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 19, 2023 — *Ninth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Ninth Sunday of Luke; Obadiah the Prophet;
Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea; Martyr Heliodorus; Anthimos,
Thallalaeos, Christopher, Euphemia & her children, the Martyrs.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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 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..... Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel..... Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

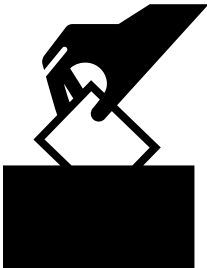




Prayer Ministry

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; The family of Margo Kosmas, The family of John Koutsoukos, Jim, Zach, Joyce, Kris, Lydia, Margo, 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, Donnarrae, 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, 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.



Parish Council Elections

Today, After Liturgy

Elections for the 2024 Parish Council will take place, 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 **Terri Leckas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Chloe Barnes** (13 years)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Forchas family in celebration of Jeanne Forchas' 99th birthday.
Χρόνια Πολλά!

Sacraments

Baptisms

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Maxwell Evan, parents: Megan Caldbeck & Trevor Arnold

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for November 26

Canned Meat (e.g., tuna / chicken)

November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.

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



Daughters of Penelope Bake and Craft Sale

Today, After Liturgy

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



Note from the Office

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church and office will be closed November 23 and 24. A blessed Thanksgiving to all!

Calendar of the Week

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

Tuesday, November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball, Great Hall
6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Board Meeting, Fireside Room

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Church and Office Closed

Friday, November 24

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Saturday, November 25: Saint Katherine

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, November 26: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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



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)

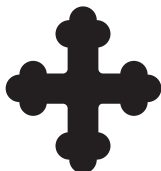
11:30 a.m. (50 People Needed) – Pack!

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.



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!



Year-End Giving

Electronic donations, via online giving or Venmo, ***must be made by Tuesday, December 26***. Online contributions take 3-5 days to process. Contributions made after December 26 cannot be guaranteed of being recorded as a current year gift. Please plan ahead when making your year-end contributions. Every dollar we receive before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, will be recorded and reflected on your Contribution Statement as stewardship income for 2023.



Christmas Card and Flowers Donations

Our annual collection for the parish Christmas card and Christmas decorations begins today. A form and envelopes are found in the narthex near the bookstore. The Christmas card (deadline is December 10) is to send greetings from you to fellow parishioners and the flowers donation (deadline is December 17) can be made in memory of departed loved ones.



Share the Good News... Double Your Impact on #GivingTuesday

Thanks to a generous donor, OCMC will match all gifts, \$1-for-\$1, up to \$15,000. From now until Tuesday, November 28, double your gift! All proceeds will help give OCMC's global partners a step forward in their good works and impactful initiatives through projects that are **Self-Sustaining**, emphasize **Theological education**, promote **Evangelism**, and are **Philanthropic**. The goal is to raise \$30,000. Please help spread the reach of Christ's message to all people in every nation.

Philoptochos News



Healing House Gifts for AHEPA Children's Christmas Party

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

Mark Your Calendars



FOCUS Presentation and General Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

Please join us on Tuesday evening, November 28, 7:00, in the Terrace Room, for a special meeting with Vera Proctor from FOCUS. Hear about what is happening and the ways we can help FOCUS. Come as early as 6:00 p.m. We will be making fleece blankets for FOCUS before the meeting and presentation begin.



Help Decorate the Trees!

Friday, December 1

Volunteers are needed to come and help decorate our five Christmas trees on Friday, December 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EVERYONE is welcome to help with this fun event. Come for as long as you can. The more volunteers we have, the faster the process goes.



Nativity Blanket Drive

The Count is Growing!

FOCUS Minnesota is collecting NEW blankets for distribution at the December 16 Food Shelf. They've already received 81—Help them meet their goal of 200 blankets! Size: Best is twin size, approximately 60/65" x 80/90". 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: Due to FOCUS House by Monday, December 11. Bring it yourself or leave it at St. Mary's Church drop-off area (in hallway to the office).



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



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.

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



Scholarship



Registration

Winter Camp Registration is Open! January 12 – 15, 2024 at Camp Courage

Winter Camp is for kids grades 6 through 12. It will be held at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN. This year's theme is, "Relentless, In our pursuit of faith, spiritual discipline, and seeking God." Use the registration link below to register online. The deadline to register is December 30. The cost for attendance, per student, is \$270. Payment can be made through Venmo or send a check to:

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral
c/o Lisa Tucci
414 17th Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55413



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Payment*

For questions contact Matushka Lisa Tucci at 612.599.0814 or at lisatucci71@gmail.com

Wisdom of the Divine Philosophers

“Desire and effort must come from you. God will provide the power and the result.”

— *Saint Paisios the Athonite*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 20

II Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

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

Wednesday, November 22

Philemon 1:1-25 • Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday, November 23

II Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5 • Luke 18:31-34

Friday, November 24

Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 • Luke 19:12-28

Saturday, November 25

Saint Katherine

Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 • Mark 5:24-34

Sunday, November 26

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 4:1-7 • Luke 18:18-27



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