



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 26, 2023 — *Thirteenth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke; Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis; Nikon Metanoieite; Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia; George the New Martyr of Chios; Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in The Ladder; Innocent of Irkutsk.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Tone: Plagal 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, Forth Plagal Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Preparation for the Birth of Christ, Third Tone

Today the Virgin cometh, cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, Begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, Oh universe if thou should hear and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify him who by his will shall become a new-born babe and who is our God before all ages.

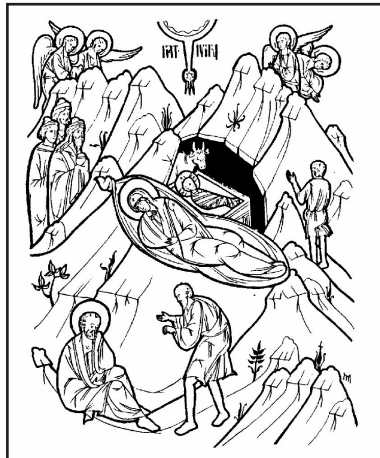
Epistle.....Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel..... Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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, 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, 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, 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.



Holy Unction

Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.

We will offer the Sacrament of Holy Unction on Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Maria Prassas**

40-Day Churching

Euphrosyne, parents: **Foteini Karali & Dimitrios Zermas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for

Florence (Fanny) Zubulake (10 years); **William & Catherine Poulos**;
Peter Poulos; **John Poulos**; **Chrisoula, Anthony, Cleo, Beth**

The coffee hour today is hosted by

the Hanna family in celebration of Lucas' Eagle Scout award.

Lucas appreciates the support and encouragement he received from so many of you, especially for his Eagle Scout project at the parish house.

Sacraments

Baptism

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Damian John, parents: **Angelo & Jennifer Demetriades**

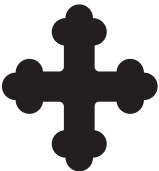
Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for December 3

Individually wrapped bars of soap

December's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES).

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



Year-End Giving Notice

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.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 26: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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

Monday, November 27

11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Margo Kosmas,
Visitation from 10:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 p.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, Terrace Room

Wednesday, November 29

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave Chapel
11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, November 30: Saint Andrew

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. – Timberwolves Game

Friday, December 1

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. – Deck the Halls for the Christmas Season

Saturday, December 2

Bible Study is on break and will return January 13, 2024
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 3: Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

* *"The Messenger" news item deadline*

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. – Harvest Pack, Terrace Room
11:45 a.m. – HOPE/JOY Party
12:30 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall
2:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall



Greek Consulate General to Visit St. Mary's Sunday, December 10

The Greek Consulate General in Chicago will be with us at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 10. After Liturgy that morning, he will make a presentation in the Terrace Room regarding Greek citizenship and other consular matters. More information will be made available closer to the date.



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.



Sign up today!

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!



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.



Read *Whatever Happened to Truth*

by Anthony M. Coniaris

Whatever Happened to Truth examines the moral relativism of our age with the multitude of clashing truths. The message is powerful and relevant in today's secular society. Now available in print in the Saint Mary's Book Store. Pick up your copy today!



Book Fair

Sunday, December 3

The Saint Mary's Bookstore will have many children and teen books and gifts for everyone for sale on large carts outside of the Church School Hallway after Holy Communion. Find great gifts for your children, godchildren, grandchildren, or yourself for Christmas, name day gifts, or the upcoming Godparent Sunday!



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.



Toys for Tots Donations

Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, a Toys for Tots collection box will be available after Thanksgiving. Please help those children in need during the upcoming Holiday season. You may also bring your toy donations to the church during weekday office hours. The last day to drop off toys is Monday, December 18.



Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12

Saint Mary's Seniors Christmas celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 11:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room. A delicious luncheon will be catered by Tony Nicklow. We will be entertained by the Edina Singing Seniors. Festivities will also include door prizes, group photo, cake from Queen of Cakes, and December birthday and anniversary celebrations. Flyers with further ticket price and information will be distributed to all Seniors members, or check at our Seniors table at church next Sunday for further details.

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



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

On Hope in the Lord...

“The Lord called Himself and is the ‘good Shepherd’ (John 10:11). If you believe in His guidance, then you will understand by your heart that as a zealous shepherd when feeding his flock does not allow the sheep to disperse, but gathers them together, so also the Lord pastures our souls, not allowing them to wander in falsehoods and sins, but gathering them on the path of virtue, and not allowing the mental wolf to steal and scatter them.”

— *Saint John of Kronstadt*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 27

I Timothy 1:1-7 • Luke 19:37-44

Tuesday, November 28

I Timothy 1:8-14 • Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday, November 29

I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15 • Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, November 30

Saint Andrew

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:35-51

Friday, December 1

I Timothy 4:4-8, 16 • Luke 20:19-26

Saturday, December 2

Galatians 3:8-12 • Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, December 3

Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Luke 18:35-43



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