



# ST. MARY'S

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 5, 2023 — *Fifth Sunday of Luke*

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### THE DIVINE LITURGY

#### *Commemoration*

Fifth Sunday of Luke; Galaktion and his wife Episteme,  
the Martyrs of Emesa; Hermas, Patrobos, Gaios, Linos, and Philologos,  
Apostles of the 70; Holy Martyr Pamphilos; Philoptochos Sunday.

*Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25*

*Tone: Plagal 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, Plagal First Tone**

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin  
for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be  
lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead  
by his glorious resurrection.

##### **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 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..... Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**Gospel..... Luke 16:19-31**

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to them, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

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



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## Prayer Ministry

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*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; 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, 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.

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### Cancelled—Visitation Ministry Team Meeting

The Visitation Training Session scheduled for today has been cancelled. However, Doria is happy to train potential visitors by appointment. Please email her at [Doria@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:Doria@stmarysgoc.org), or call during office hours, 612.968.7681. Training only takes about an hour, and depending on the size of the group, even 45 minutes. We will always need, and welcome, more visitors to our St. Mary's Visitation Ministry Team!

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# Today

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Prosforo is provided by **Ruta Kubits**

Artoclasia is provided by **Maria Prassas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Judith Hibberd** (3 years)  
sister of **Paul Hibberd**

The coffee hour today is hosted by  
**Philoptochos in celebration of Philoptochos Sunday.**

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## Sacraments

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*Baptism*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

**Theros**, parents: **Christian Rieck** and **Claire Nordquist**

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## Announcements

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### Food Shelf Needs for November 12

**SPAM**

*November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.*

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

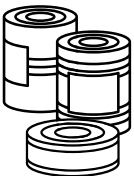
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### Realm and the High School Graduate

Have you noticed that your high school graduate is not in your Realm family profile? It's because at age 18 they are to be considered adults and set up as their own household. We do the moving process during the summer after graduation and Summer Camp. (Even though the Church considers them adults, they are still eligible to live at home and be on your insurance!) Please don't re-enter your graduate in your family's profile, it will cause reporting issues for us.

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### Veteran Food Drive

**Next Sunday, November 12**

St. Mary's GOYA is putting on a one day food drive on November 12 for the Community Resource and Referral Center in Minneapolis for Veterans. Please consider dropping food items at the youth table during the Ministries Fair.

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# Calendar of the Week

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## Sunday, November 5: Fifth Sunday of Luke

*“The Messenger” news item deadline, December 2023 issue*

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

11:45 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, Fireside Room

12:30 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

5:00 p.m. – Sr. Vassa Presentation, Terrace Room (note room change)

## Tuesday, November 7

6:30 p.m. – Grief Support Group, Fireside Room

## Wednesday, November 8: Synaxis of the Archangels

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

6:15 p.m. – Senior GOYA, Terrace Room

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

## Thursday, November 9: Saint Nektarios

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Dessert and Drinks with IOCC, Terrace Room

## Saturday, November 11

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

11:30 a.m. – HOPE and JOY at Feed My Starving Children

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

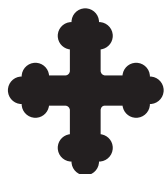
6:00 p.m. – Appreciation Glendi, Great Hall

## 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



## Upcoming Parish Night

### Wednesday, November 15

You won’t want to miss this parish-wide event for kindergarteners through adults. This year’s theme, “Understanding the Liturgy,” provides great insights and perspective on life in Christ. 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. Remaining dates: November 15, December 13, January 10, February 21, and March 13.



## **Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministry**

**Sunday, November 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

*Calling all singers!* The Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministry is excited to host its first Composer's Showcase on Sunday, November 12, from 3:30-5:30 (note new time) 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. Please contact Mark Wesche at [POCM@stmarysoca.org](mailto:POCM@stmarysoca.org) if you have questions.

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## **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.

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## **YAL Friendsgiving**

**Tuesday, November 14**

Young Adults (ages 18-35) are invited to a "friendsgiving" potluck meal on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's OCA Parish Center. The YAL board will provide turkey and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share with the group. Give thanks and enjoy a feast before the Nativity fast while spending time with other young adults! RSVP/sign up for a dish using the code or the link in the @TwincitiesYAL instagram bio.

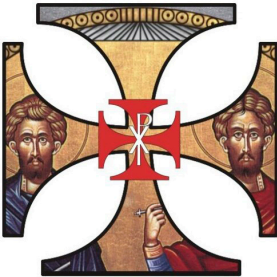


## **YAL Chicago Conference**

**Registration Open!**

The Metropolis of Chicago's annual YAL conference will be taking place this President's Day Weekend (February 16-19) in Chicago. This conference is filled with inspiring speakers, fulfilling workshops, service projects, amazing glendies and many opportunities to connect with Orthodox young adults from across the country. Registration opened last Wednesday. Register now as we will sell out!

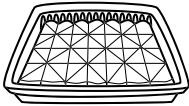
# Philoptochos News



## Today we honor Saints Cosmas and Damian for Philoptochos Sunday

Philoptochos will be hosting the coffee hour today in recognition of Philoptochos Sunday. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, a free will offering will be collected and donated to the Patriarchate.

National Philoptochos Sunday is celebrated every year to honor the thousands of women throughout our Archdiocese who are a part of this vibrant ministry.



## Filo is Here!

Look for Andrea Tiggas to pick up your filo orders in the Great Hall after Liturgy today.



## Come Help Decorate for Advent Sunday, November 12 - 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.

## BOOK TALK WITH SISTER VASSA



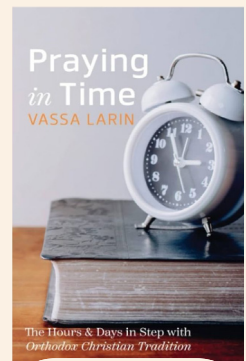
**TODAY  
at 5:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Greek  
Orthodox Church**

*Terrace Room*  
3450 Irving Ave S,  
Minneapolis, MN 55408



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purchase at the event



## 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

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## OCF Dinner Sponsors Needed

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](mailto:nickl093@umn.edu)

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## 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.*



*Sign up today!*





## 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.

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## 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.

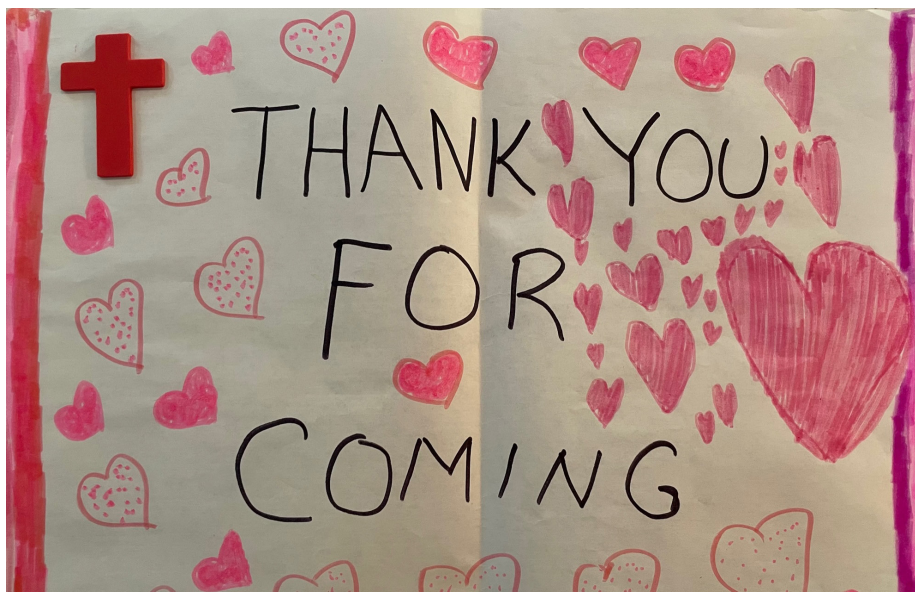
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## Trivia Night Sponsored by FOCUS

**Monday, November 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Join FOCUS Mineesota 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!



Hello St. Mary's Parishioners,

Last Sunday we had a joint Pancake Brunch Fundraiser for our Church School, along with our Fall Parish Assembly Meeting, and it was a wonderful experience! The students set a fun tone wearing their aprons and retro, food service paper hats, and they also set each table with handmade placemats (see photo).

The experience was so wonderful because it created community engagement. It gave the children an opportunity to work together and serve the community, parents of young children liked it because it made it easier for them to attend the meeting, it raised money for the Church School program, and the outcome was a record number of people in attendance for the Parish Assembly where we approved the 2024 Ministries and Operations budget.

The Parish Council and I want to give a BIG thank you to our Church School Director, Dena Tortorelis, the teachers, the students, and all the volunteers who helped make the Pancake Brunch Fundraiser a success! And thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the Fall Parish Assembly meeting, we appreciate it!



God Bless,  
Jeannie Possis  
Parish Council President



St. Mary's Parish Council and Stewardship Committee  
cordially invite you to attend the complimentary



# APPRECIATION GLENDI



**Saturday, November 11, 2023**  
6:00-9:00 p.m. ~ St. Mary's Great Hall

Enjoy an evening with dinner, dancing, and great  
company in appreciation of your pledged gifts of  
Time, Talent, and Treasure to St. Mary's.

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP HERE

We are looking for help with a variety  
of projects throughout the day,  
from set up in the morning through  
dishwashing at night. We have  
something for everyone!



**RSVP  
TODAY**



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“Let us not submit our free will to the will of sin. Let us not consent to whatever is contrary to the moral law. Let nothing soften our heart. May the most caressing words prove our heart to be tougher than steel. May the tears, sighs, promises, and threats make no impression on us. Let us stand firm and unshakable in our mindset, so that we do not—after a short period—wet our dismal cheeks with tears of fruitless, unproductive regret.”

— Saint Nektarios (*Repentance and Confession*)

## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, November 6*

Hebrews 8:1-6 • Luke 12:8-12

### *Tuesday, November 7*

I Thessalonians 1:6-10 • Luke 12:42-48

### *Wednesday, November 8*

#### *Synaxis of the Archangels*

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

### *Thursday, November 9*

#### *Saint Nektarios*

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12

### *Friday, November 10*

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Luke 13:31-35

### *Saturday, November 11*

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 9:37-43

### *Sunday, November 12*

#### *Eighth Sunday of Luke*

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 10:25-37



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