



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

December 10, 2023 — *Tenth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Tenth Sunday of Luke; Menas, Hermogenes, and Eucraphos, Martyrs of Alexandria; Thomas the Righteous of Bithynia.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Tone: 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, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, 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 of St. Menas, Plagal Fourth Tone

When they had deadened burning impulses and movements of sinful passions by their self-control and virtue, then the Martyrs of Christ were given the divine grace of driving away the illnesses of the sick and working wonders, alive and after their death. Paradoxical miracle it is indeed, that naked bones should pour out cures abundantly. Glory be to our only God.

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 newborn babe and who is our God before all ages.

Epistle.....Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel..... Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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; Demetra, 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, 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, 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.



**The Christmas
Card deadline
is today!**

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. The Christmas card (**deadline is today**) 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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Presvytera Alexandra Houck**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Christina Danigelis Encelewski (1 year) mother of Kathy Wahlers,
Yiayia of Will and Jack Wahlers.

The coffee hour today is hosted
**the Hadjiyanis, Boosalis, and DiGiovanni families in celebration of
Demos Hadjiyanis' 100th birthday. Χρόνια Πολλά**



Saint Nicholas Celebration Today

We celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas this morning!
Our children will process in the Great Entrance and offer
gifts to St. Nicholas to donate to the children at FOCUS
Minnesota. We will put out our shoes during Church
School to see if St. Nicholas will give us a gift!



Greek Consul General Visits St. Mary's Today

The Greek Consul General in Chicago is with us this
weekend. After Liturgy today, he will make a presentation
in the Terrace Room regarding Greek citizenship and
other consular matters. Everyone is welcome.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for December 17

Hygiene items

(Individually wrapped toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

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

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, December 10: Tenth Sunday of Luke

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

after Liturgy – Greek Consul General’s Presentation, Terrace Room

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

2:30 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

Tuesday, December 12: Saint Spyridon

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. – Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party, Terrace Room

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

Wednesday, December 13

6:15 p.m. – Parish Night

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, Nave

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15: Saint Eleutherios

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

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 16

Ⓢ *Bible Study is on break and will return January 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.*

11:00 a.m. – AHEPA Family Christmas Party

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

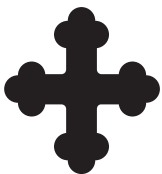
Sunday, December 17: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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. – Boys’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall



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 2023 contribution. Please plan ahead when making your year-end contributions. Contributions placed in the offering tray on Sunday, December 31, will be credited as 2023 contributions.



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!



Toys for Tots Donations

Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, Toys for Tots collection boxes are located throughout the building. 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.



Church School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17

Church School Christmas Program for the congregation will be on December 17 following Divine Liturgy. All students from age 3 to grade 12 are in the program with readings, singing, chanting, and acting. Contact Dena Tortorelis with any questions.



Visit the St. Mary's Bookstore

Please visit the bookstore for your Christmas gift giving. You will find a large selection of books and icons and other items that will be truly meaningful presents. Gift certificates are also available.



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!



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 for further details.



Registration

Register for Winter Camp Today!

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
Payment*

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



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

Wrap It: Roll it up and tie it with a festive ribbon.

Deliver It: Due to FOCUS House by tomorrow, Monday, December 11.

Philoptochos News



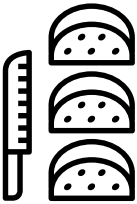
Vasilopita Pre-Sales have Begun

Philoptochos is pre-selling loaves of Vasilopita (sweet bread) for New Year's. Proceeds from the sales of the bread will be going to St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York. The price is \$15 per loaf. Please pay by cash or check when ordering. Place your order today at the Philoptochos table. Loaves will be ready for pickup on December 17.



Healing House Christmas Gifts Drop Off—Today

If you picked up a gift tag in the previous weeks, please remember your gifts are due this Sunday, December 10. Thank you for helping make this Christmas a wonderful one for the Healing House families.



Vasilopita Cutting—Saturday, January 6

Following the *Blessing of the Waters* Divine Liturgy on January 6, we will be cutting the loaves of bread for distribution on Sunday. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to sign up to help. Many hands lighten the load! All volunteers are welcome.



Our Little Orthodox Library Needs You

We are looking for several volunteers to help with the management of our new Little Library outside the church. Sign up for a month, check it weekly, make sure it is stocked and that only Orthodox materials are there. We would also love additional Orthodox books to help keep our stock full. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to see how you can help.



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The Metropolis of Chicago **Vision for Growth:**
“Unity in Christ cultivates relationships with family,
friends, and neighbors bearing fruit for vibrant
communities and a flourishing Church.”



At the 2023 Clergy-Laitly Assembly, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael unveiled the Metropolis of Chicago’s Vision for Growth, an expression of what our faith community wants and wishes to achieve.



The Vision for Growth has five core priorities - **Develop Clergy, Support Parishes, Expand Philanthropy, Increase Engagement, and Fuel Growth** - and the Vision Fund was created to support and advance them. Help us make our Vision for Growth a reality!

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On Peace...

“We must begin with ourselves and not try to change others. The Holy Fathers say that we must correct ourselves—to work on our salvation and many around us will be saved. We must strive to always be kind, good, and quiet—at peace so that people will always feel peace and quietness in our presence. We know that we can either attract people with our thoughts or drive them away from us.”

— Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 11

II Timothy 2:20-26 • Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday, December 12

Saint Spyridon

Ephesians 5:8-19 • John 10:9-16

Wednesday, December 13

II Timothy 4:9-22 • Mark 8:30-34

Thursday, December 14

Titus 1:5-14 • Mark 9:10-15

Friday, December 15

Saint Eleutherios

II Timothy 1:8-18 • Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5

Saturday, December 16

Ephesians 1:16-23 • Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, December 17

Eleventh Sunday of Luke

Colossians 3:4-11 • Luke 14:16-24



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