



# ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 21, 2024 — *Twelfth Sunday of Luke*

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## THE DIVINE LITURGY

### *Commemoration*

Twelfth Sunday of Luke; Maximus the Confessor; Martyrs Neophytos, Agnes, Patroclus, Maximus the Greek and Eugene of Trebizond; Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea

*Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25*

*Tone: 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, Fourth 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 for Saint Maximus, Plagal Fourth Tone**

Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

**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 Presentation of Christ, First Tone**

For our salvation you took flesh and you sanctified the Virgin’s womb; you blessed the aged Simeon as you lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all your people,  
O only lover of mankind.

**Epistle.....Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

**Gospel.....Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’s feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him: “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

*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; The family of Byron Zotaley; Nicholas, John, Johnny, Demos, Kristina, Cleopatra, Demetra, Milton, Maureen, Andrea, Bryan, 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, 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.

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## Stewardship

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### 2024 Stewardship Pledges

Please take a moment to prayerfully complete a 2024 pledge form and return it to the church office as soon as possible. All members should have received their 2024 Stewardship packet. If you need a form, it is available online (scan the code), or contact the church office.

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### Digital Donation Options

**Text to Give\*:** Text smgoc to 73256 • **or Scan to Give**

*\*This number will never send unsolicited texts.*



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# Today

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Prosforo is provided by Barbara Nichols.

The coffee hour today is hosted by David & Julie Rist.

Today is Godparent Sunday, join your godchild and receive Holy Communion together. You are also invited to join your school-age godchildren in Church School class today.

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## Announcements

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### Food Shelf Needs for January 28

#### *Coffee and Tea*

*January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.*

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

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*Registration*

### Intro to Orthodox Christianity Catechism Course

Join us for our MEOCCA catechism course, Intro to Orthodox Christianity, **beginning on Monday, January 22**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Catechism is open to all; people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians as well! Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in person (1111 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN) or online via Zoom. Register today by using the code or learn more at [www.meocca.org](http://www.meocca.org)

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### March For Life

**Monday, January 22**

MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) March for Life takes place tomorrow, January 22, beginning at the St. Paul Cathedral. St. Mary's has a reserved pew for the prayer service at the front right section under the cantor's microphone. Those attending, please arrive at the Cathedral by 10:20 a.m. The march to the Capitol follows the service. For more information, please stop by our Welcome and Information Table in the Great Hall after Liturgy this morning. It is hoped that many from St. Mary's will be able to attend this very moving service for all the unborn children.

# Calendar of the Week

## **Sunday, January 21: Twelfth Sunday of Luke; Godparent Sunday**

Prayers for the Unborn

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

11:30 a.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, Terrace Room

11:30 a.m. – St. Olympia Event

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

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

2:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Visitation for Byron Zotaley; Trisagion Service at 6:00 p.m.,

Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, Highway 100 and Vernon Avenue

## **Monday, January 22: Saint Timothy**

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

10:20 a.m. – March for Life begins at St. Paul Cathedral

11:30 a.m. – Funeral Service for Byron Zotaley

7:00 p.m. – Intro to Orthodox Christianity Catechism Course,  
St. George GOC, St. Paul

## **Tuesday, January 23**

6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball, Great Hall

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

## **Wednesday, January 24**

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave Chapel

11:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room

## **Thursday, January 25: Saint Gregory the Theologian**

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. – YAM Telos Faithtree Liturgy Course, Terrace Room

6:30 p.m. – Koinonia, Meeting Room 1

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, Fireside Room

## **Saturday, January 27**

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

10:00 a.m. – Prosforo Worship, Kitchen

10:00 a.m. – FAITH Play Group, Great Hall

12:30 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:15 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## **Sunday, January 28: Fifteenth Sunday of Luke**

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

11:45 a.m. – Church School Teachers' Meeting, Fireside Room

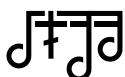


## St. Mary's Women's Book Club

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.

This year there is an exciting list of books that the Women's Book Club will be reading. We'll begin the new year on Thursday, February 1 with Fr. Anthony Coniaris' book, *The Greatest of All Sciences: To Know One's Self*. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. (following Great Vespers for the Presentation) in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade church school room. The book can be purchased in the church bookstore for \$21.

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## FOCUS Benefit Concert

Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministry (POCM) is performing a benefit concert, "My Soul, Arise!" for FOCUS at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at St. Mary's OCA Cathedral. Anyone interested in singing in the concert, or would like more information, feel free to contact Mark Wesche at [POCM@stmarysoca.org](mailto:POCM@stmarysoca.org). Rehearsals begin Friday, January 19, 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral.

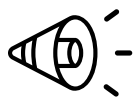
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## Lenten Dinners

Before long we will be in the Lenten season. Our first Wednesday Lenten dinner is March 20. We are scheduling hosts for several of the Lenten Wednesdays. The open dates at present are: April 3, 17, and 24. Contact the Church Office to schedule a meal.

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## Save the Dates! Vacation Church School

June 17-21, 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration coming soon! For children age 4 to those attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Also, middle and high school youth are needed for staff support.

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# Philoptochos News

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## Vasilopita Bread Sales Today

Loaves of Vasilopita bread are available! We hope to sell the remaining loaves this week. Proceeds from the sales of the bread support St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York. The cost is \$15 per loaf. Cash and checks are accepted. Stop by our table to purchase a loaf or two.

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## General Meeting Today after Liturgy

Don't miss our first meeting of the new year! We will be approving the annual budget at this meeting and will need all members to attend to establish a quorum. Please come to the Terrace Room after Liturgy as the meeting will start promptly at 11:30. (NOTE: food and coffee will be provided at the meeting)

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## Prosforo Workshop

**Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.**

Would you like to learn how to make prosforo (Divine Liturgy bread)? Philoptochos will be holding a workshop on Saturday, January 27, in the church kitchen. Stop by our table today to sign up to attend. A registration link is in the weekly e-mail or sign up at today's Philoptochos meeting.

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## Our Little Orthodox Library Needs You

We are still 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. Please stop by the Philoptochos table on Sundays to see how you can help. We would also love additional Orthodox books to help keep our stock full.

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## Membership Drive Is Starting

January is the start of our Philoptochos Membership Drive which runs through March. Letters and instructions on how to sign up will be sent to all the women of our parish this month. Watch for your packet and stop by our table if you have questions about our amazing philanthropic organization that does so much for so many and how you can get involved.

## **Pride versus Humility...**

“Pride is trying to imagine a world and live in it. Humility receives the world as God created it.”

— *Saint Sophrony of Essex*

### **Daily Bible Readings**

***Monday, January 22***

***Saint Timothy***

II Timothy 1:3-8 • Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

***Tuesday, January 23***

Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 • Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5

***Wednesday, January 24***

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Matthew 14:22-34

***Thursday, January 25***

***Saint Gregory the Theologian***

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

***Friday, January 26***

I Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 22:2-14

***Saturday, January 27***

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

***Sunday, January 28***

***Fifteenth Sunday of Luke***

I Timothy 4:9-15 • Luke 19:1-10



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## SESSION 1

Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Dinner provided

## SESSION 2

Thursday, February 1, 2024

After participation in Festal Vespers  
at 6:00 p.m. • Dinner provided

## SESSION 3

Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Dinner provided

## SESSION 4

Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Dinner provided



**RSVP BY JANUARY 22**

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**Thursday, Feb. 8**

Event Program 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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