



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 16, 2024 — *Holy Fathers of the First Council*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Fathers of the First Council; Tychon the Wonderworker;
40 Martyrs of Rome; Mark the Just of Apollonia

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us;
we sing to you, Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Ascension, Fourth Tone

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Hymn of Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Second Tone

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life.
O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Repeat the Hymn of the Ascension, above

Hymn of the Holy Fathers of the First Council, Plagal Fourth Tone

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith.
Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

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 Ascension, *Plagal Second Tone*

When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured those who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us.

Epistle*..... *Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel*..... *John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

After Communion, instead of “We have seen the light...,” we sing:

Hymn of Holy Ascension, Fourth Tone

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Today

Happy Father’s Day Prosforo is provided by **Nicholas Santrizos**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Kalju Kubits** (40 days)

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Ruta Kubits and family** in memory of her husband **Kalju Kubits**.

Announcements

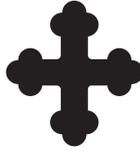
Food Shelf Needs for June 23

Hygiene items

(toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner)

June’s recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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



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; Donna, Betty, Dawn, Don, Nancy, Brad, Lee, Vangie, Jolene, Mikey, Aphrodite, James, Peter, Lyda, Owen, Michael, Johnny, Jaclyn Jereczek, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Nick, John, Demos, Kristina, Milton, Maureen, Andrea, Bryan, Nausika, Ron, Phillip Hibberd, Maria, Matt, Laura, Dorla, Susan, Elias, Constance, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, Stan, Helena, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Noel, Stephen, Alexey, Alexandra, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Athena, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Liz, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Zossima, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, 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, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Pat, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., 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, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 16: Fathers of the First Council

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

11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Monday, June 17

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, June 18

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

Wednesday, June 19

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

9:00 a.m. – Messenger Mailing, *Fireside Room*

Thursday, June 20

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

Friday, June 21

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

8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon – Vacation Church School

Saturday, June 22: Saturday of Souls

Bible Study is on break for the summer.

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers for Pentecost

Sunday, June 23: Holy Pentecost

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

after Liturgy – Harvest Pack, *Terrace Room*

5:00 p.m. – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost



Did you know?

Digital versions of our weekly Sunday bulletins can be found on our website? Just use the URL below or scan the QR code.

<https://stmarysgoc.org/resources/weekly-bulletins/>

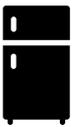
TWO HOURS = 15,000 MEALS

Next Sunday – After Divine Liturgy

Join the St. Mary's Missions and Outreach team on **Sunday, June 23**, after the Divine Liturgy for another Harvest Pack meal-packing event. The goal is to pack 15,000 nutritious meals that will go to those in need in our community. Everyone is welcome to help. It's a fantastic way to connect with our St. Mary's community while doing something that makes a difference. A pizza lunch will be available to volunteers. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that the team can plan accordingly. Sign up using the code. Thank you.



Philoptochos News



Monthly Refrigerator Clean Out

We are asking for ladies to help keep the kitchen refrigerator (front) cleaned of outdated food. There is a monthly sign up at the Philoptochos table for you to select a month you would be willing to do this. It would take about 15 minutes per month to complete. Stop by our table to learn more. This is a super quick and easy project!



FOCUS Children's Book Drive

Philoptochos is helping to restock the children's bookshelves at FOCUS. Please bring "slightly used" or new children's books (ages up to 18 years) to our collection bin at the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Please drop off your books anytime **before June 30**.



Our Little Orthodox Library Needs More Books!

The supply of books for our Little Library is OUT. We would love additional Orthodox books to help keep our stock full. If you have read a book recently and would like to donate it, please stop by our table and drop it off... or you can bring it to the church office during the week.



Saint George Antiochian Middle Eastern Festival

July 13 and 14

SIGN-UP
to Volunteer

Our brothers and sisters at St. George Antiochian Church invite the Minnesota Pan-Orthodox community to assist them with their annual Festival. They are looking for volunteers to help out at the festival on July 13 and 14, if you are available please review the online sign-up for the 2024 festival! Please feel free to share this link with friends and family as well! *Members of St. George have always helped out at our Festival, let's return the favor!* If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Michaels at Volunteers@gmail.com For more information on the festival, visit: MidEastFest.com



Last Call for Lost and Found Items

Are you missing a coat, sweater, or other item of clothing? We have accumulated a number of winter clothing items as well as other pieces of clothing such as sport coats and sweaters. Also, if you have in your possession a men's gray wool London Fog overcoat, but remember purchasing a Tommy Hilfiger, your coat is still in our coat area. Please make the swap as soon as you are able. **Unclaimed items will be prepared for donation to a charity later this month.**



Stay Informed about YAL Events

There are lots of ways to stay connected to YAL! Fill out our contact form to receive emails (scan the code), follow @twincitiesyal on Instagram, and join our GroupMe for event reminders!

“And so let us be glad and bear with patience everything the world throws at us, secure in the knowledge that it is then that we are most in the mind of God” — *Saint Basil the Great*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 17

Acts 21:8-14 • John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, June 18

Acts 21:26-32 • John 16:2-13

Wednesday, June 19

Jude 1:1-25 • John 14:21-24

Thursday, June 20

Acts 25:13-19 • John 16:23-33

Friday, June 21

Acts 27:1-44; 28:1 • John 17:18-26

Saturday, June 22

Saturday of Souls

I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • John 21:14-25

Sunday, June 23

Holy Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 • John 7:37-52; 8:12



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7

On recommendation from the Stewardship Committee and after discussion and deliberation in the Parish Council we have decided that it is time for our parish to eliminate the collection of funds through the passing of trays. Even though this action has been recognized as a staple experience of a church service and it creates a sense of immediate satisfaction, it also creates fears and in some cases anxiety for some parishioners and seekers. Our worship services include both parishioners who have been at St. Mary's Church for three or four generations as well as people joining our worship for the first time in search of a deeper relationship with the Lord God. We want all people to experience an embrace of faithfulness to the Gospel teachings of Christ and we want to witness a commitment of faith that offers the ministry of the Church to all.

For the past two years our parish, led by the Stewardship Committee, embarked on educating ourselves toward a new manner of giving to our home church for the ongoing needs of our daily functionality as well as future planning and community well-being. Our parishioners have responded lovingly and generously to the invitation to an increased and more deliberate and disciplined stewardship giving concept. Thank YOU!

Moreover, in the Epistle to the Corinthians we learn that the attitude that accompanies our giving is truly valuable in our relationship with God. The Lord loves us for the fact that we love giving, and that we are proactive in our giving. We firmly believe that all of us at St. Mary's truly desire for our church community to prosper in all facets of life, including financially. All of our joyful giving to St. Mary's creates and provides meaningful ministries and healing assistance to life-long parishioners as well as to strangers. Therefore we encourage and urge you to continue with your continued generous gifts either on Sundays in the trays stationed at the entrance into the church nave or through electronic giving systems.

May God bless all of you richly for your love and generosity!

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Timothy Sas', written in a cursive style.

Fr. Timothy Sas