



# ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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June 9, 2024 — *Sunday of the Blind Man*

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## THE DIVINE LITURGY

### *Commemoration*

Sunday of the Blind Man; Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria;  
Three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Five Nuns beheaded in Persia: Thecla,  
Mariamne, Martha, Mary, and Enmatha; Righteous Father Columba of Iona;  
Righteous Father Cyril of Belozersk.

*Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18*

### **Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy**

#### *Christ is Risen!*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

*Hristos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas,  
ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisamenos.*

#### *At the Second Antiphon*

Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead; we sing to you, Alleluia!

#### *At the Small Entrance*

#### **Hymn of Pascha, Plagal First Tone**

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and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

#### **Hymn of Entrance**

Bless God in the churches; the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us,  
O son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

#### **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 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 Pascha, Plagal Fourth Tone**

Into the grave you descended, Immortal One, yet you destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor you arose, O Christ our God; you proclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women a greeting of joy, you brought peace to your holy apostles, and to the fallen you granted resurrection.

**Epistle..... Acts 16:16-34**

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

**Gospel..... John 9:1-38**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know

where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him.

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### **Megalynarion of Pascha, First Tone**

The Angel spoke to her who is full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin, and again I say rejoice; your Son is risen from the grave on the third day. Shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Now dance and be glad O Sion; and you, O pure Theotokos, exalt in the rising of your Son!

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

### ***Communion Hymn***

Receive the Body of Christ, and taste him who is  
the fountain of immortality.

*Instead of “We have seen the light...,” we chant “Christ is risen.”*

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## **Today**

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Prosforo is provided by **Nicholas Santrizos**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Andrew Karigan (40 days)**

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## **Announcements**

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### **Food Shelf Needs for June 16**

***Cereal (both hot and cold)***

*June’s recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.*

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



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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; Karen, Betty, Dawn, 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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### ***Digital Donation Options***

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

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





## 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.**

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## Coffee Hour Hosts Still Needed!

We need coffee hour hosts for most Sundays this summer. The dates currently available are Sundays, June 23 and 30; July 21 and 28, and all of August. To host, or to find out about hosting, please contact David in the Church Office.

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## Senior Citizens' Meeting

**Tuesday, June 11**

Saint Mary's Seniors' meeting and social will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. This will be a POTLUCK luncheon so you are welcome to bring an item to share. We will celebrate all June birthdays and anniversaries with a delicious cake from Queen of Cakes, and a group photo will be taken. A program will be confirmed soon so stay tuned for further details. A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are welcome to join our lively group. Dues are \$15 payable to St. Mary's Seniors. For further questions, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.

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## Ascension Day Potluck Coffee Hour

Following our Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy, we'll move to our beautiful courtyard for a potluck coffee hour! Make your most decadent dessert to share with fellow worshippers as we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven. Please bring your dessert/pastries to the Fireside Room before Liturgy and we'll organize the "buffet" so everything will be ready once Liturgy concludes.

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## 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!

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# Calendar of the Week

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## Sunday, June 9: Sunday of the Blind Man

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

## Monday, June 10

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

## Tuesday, June 11

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, *Terrace Room*

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, *7th & 8th Grade Classroom*

## Wednesday, June 12: Leave-Taking of Holy Pascha

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12:00 noon – Baklava Assembly, *Kitchen*

6:00 p.m. – Vespers

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

## Thursday, June 13: Holy Acension

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

after Liturgy – Festive Potluck Coffee Hour, *Courtyard*

11:00 a.m. – Baklava (cut, clove, and syrup), *Kitchen*

## Friday, June 14

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

## Saturday, June 15

*Bible Study is on break for the summer.*

## 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*

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## St. Olypia Upcoming Events

### *Future Events*

Help with the **baking for the Taste of Greece Festival!**

Bring a parent or more to help!

**Baklava:** Come for an hour or more. It's fun to learn how to make it.

- **Assembly on Wednesday, June 12:** Anytime from noon-8:00 p.m.
- **Cut and clove on Thursday, June 13:** 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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# Philoptochos News

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## Festival Baking Continues!

### 2024 Taste of Greece Festival Bake Sale

Our baking continues for the 2024 Festival Bake Sale! In June we are making baklava and we'd love your help to make the work lighter. Please volunteer at the Philoptochos table on Sundays or through Sign Up Genius.



*Sign Up!*

- Wednesday, June 12 - Baklava assembly
- Thursday, June 13 - Cut, clove, and syrup baklava

Novice and experienced baklava makers are welcome, as are friends. You can come for an hour or for an entire session. Every gift of time is valued. Thank you!

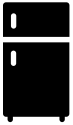
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## Philoptochos Closet Reorganizing

We are looking for a few ladies to help with reorganizing and cleaning our closet. We may need to make a list of items needed as well. If you would like to help with this project on Monday, June 10, starting at 3:30 p.m., please sign up at our Philoptochos Table today after Liturgy.

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## 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!

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## 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**.

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## 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.



**To date, St. Mary's volunteers have packed**

**174,000  
MEALS.**

*With only 2 hours of  
your time, we can add*

**15,000  
MORE.**



## **Sunday, June 23 – 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.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



“Nothing is more praised or loved by God like a gentle, humble and grateful soul.”

— *Saint John Chrysostom*

## Daily Bible Readings

***Monday, June 10***

Acts 17:1-9 • John 11:47-54

***Tuesday, June 11***

***Saint Nathanael (Bartholomew)***

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

***Wednesday, June 12***

***Leave-Taking of Holy Pascha***

Acts 18:22-28 • John 12:36-47

***Thursday, June 13***

***Holy Ascension***

Acts 1:1-12 • Luke 24:36-53

***Friday, June 14***

Acts 19:1-8 • John 14:1-11

***Saturday, June 15***

Acts 20:7-12 • John 14:10-21

***Sunday, June 16***

***Fathers of the First Council***

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 • John 17:1-13



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