



# ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 7, 2024 — *Second Sunday of Matthew*

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## THE DIVINE LITURGY

### *Commemoration*

Second Sunday of Matthew; Thomas the Righteous of Malea;  
Kyriake the Great Martyr; Akakios of Sinai; Willibald, Bishop of Eichstatt.

*Morning Gospel: Mark 16:1-8*

### **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, First Tone**

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

#### **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 Saint Kyriake, Fourth Tone**

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, “O Jesus, for You, my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. I die for You that I may also live in You. Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice as I offer myself to You with love.” At her entreaties and intercessions, save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

**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 3:23-4:5**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Gospel..... Matthew 4:18-23**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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

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# Today

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Prosforo is provided by  
**Presvytera Alexandra Houck and Dena Angelos**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for  
**Ken (father of Giulia Chatfield) 40 days;**  
**Theodore N. (54 years) & Theodora (10 years) Boosalis.**

The coffee hour today is hosted by  
**Boosalis and Estep families** in memory of their parents.

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## Announcements

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### **Food Shelf Needs for July 14**

**SPAM**

*July's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota.*

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

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### **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/>

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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 Apostolos (Tolly) Kizilos, Kelly, Charidimos, Jeanette, Mary, Ann, Marilyn, 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 and Eugenia, Kristina, Milton, Maureen, Andrea, Bryan, Nausika, Ron, Maria, Matt, Laura, 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, 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

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## **Sunday, July 7: Second Sunday of Matthew; Saint Kyriake**

*“The Messenger” news item deadline*

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

1:00-3:00 p.m. – Visitation for Apostolos (Tolly) Kizilos,  
*Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel*

## **Monday, July 8**

11:00 a.m. – Funeral service for Apostolos (Tolly) Kizilos,  
Visitation from 10:00 a.m., *St. Mary’s*

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

## **Tuesday, July 9**

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

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

## **Thursday, July 11: Saint Euphemia; Saint Olga**

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:30 p.m. – YAL Barbecue, *Terrace Room*

## **Friday, July 12**

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

## **Sunday, July 14: Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

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

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**SIGN-UP**  
*to Volunteer*

## **Saint George Antiochian Middle Eastern Festival**

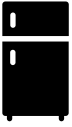
**July 13 and 14**

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](mailto:Volunteers@gmail.com). For more information on the festival, visit: [MidEastFest.com](http://MidEastFest.com)

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# Philoptochos News

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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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## 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.



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## Sign Up to Help at our Table on Sundays

We would love for you to help at our table on Sundays. Please stop by and sign up to sit at the table on a specific Sunday to assist in answering questions and encourage individuals to sign up for activities happening in the coming weeks. We only need ladies to be there after Liturgy until about noon.



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## More Festival Baking!

Our next baking session will be Saturday, July 20, from 12:00-7:00 p.m. We will be baking and honeying melomakarona. Come for a couple hours or all day. Sign up at the Philoptochos table or on the Sign Up Genius site. ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!

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## Young Folks Greek Dance Practice Beginning Sunday, July 21

Greek dance practice for kids ages 4-6 years old will begin Sunday, July 21. We will be teaching in the Lecture Room immediately after Liturgy for 30 minutes. Please register if you are interested in having your child participate. Use either the QR code or the link in this week's update e-mail to access the online registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Angelea Hoeft, [angelea.hoeft@gmail.com](mailto:angelea.hoeft@gmail.com)



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Register



## St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry (YAM), fueled by Telos

This past year saw a surge in the participation and engagement of the young adults here at St. Mary's. We would like to keep this momentum going as we have some exciting plans in the works. If your passion is to help young adults improve their engagement in all areas of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, we are looking for YOU! We are looking for 3-5 new people to join our YAM team who possess one or more of these qualities: 22-35 years old, good communicators, responsible, committed, creative, leaders, team players, flexible with their time, passionate for the growth of the church. If you are interested in knowing more about St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry, please contact Fr. Jason Houck at [frjason@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:frjason@stmarysgoc.org) who will connect you with current team members.



## Annual YAL BBQ Thursday, July 11

Join us and invite your friends for the YAL BBQ on Thursday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church! This event is for young adults aged 18-35. We will provide burgers and drinks. Please RSVP for the BBQ so we can get an accurate count for food!



## 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!

“Life is spiritual warfare. If you’re not fighting, you’re losing.”

— *Saint Cosmas Aitolos*

## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, July 8*

I Timothy 4:9-15 • Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21

### *Tuesday, July 9*

Romans 7:14-8:2 • Matthew 10:9-15

### *Wednesday, July 10*

Romans 8:2-13 • Matthew 10:16-22

### *Thursday, July 11*

*Euphemia the Great Martyr; Saint Olga*

II Corinthians 6:1-10 • Luke 7:36-50

### *Friday, July 12*

Romans 9:6-19 • Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1

### *Saturday, July 13*

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

### *Sunday, July 14*

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Council*

Titus 3:8-15 • Matthew 5:14-19



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