



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 11, 2024 — *Seventh Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Seventh Sunday of Matthew; Euplus the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Catania; Our Holy Father Niphonus, Patriarch of Constantinople; Commemoration of St. Spyridon's Miracle in Corfu against the Turkish invasion of 1716; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Blane, Bishop of Bute.

Morning Gospel: John 20:1-10

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor,
save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Transfiguration, Grave Tone

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, you showed your disciples your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light, 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!

Resurrection Hymn, Plagal Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Repeat the Hymn of the Transfiguration, above

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 Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could bear, so that when they see you crucified they will know that you suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Epistle.....Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel..... Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, 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.

Today

Prosforo is offered by **Barbara Nichols**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Saint Mary's Young Adults**

Sacraments This Weekend

Adult Baptism: **Kemal Hadley**, Saturday, August 10, 2024

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for August 18

Hygiene items

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

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

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



Saint Mary's Seniors' Meeting

Tuesday, August 20

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet and socialize on Tuesday, August 20 (please note this is the third Tuesday of the month) at 12:00 noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate August birthdays and anniversaries followed by a group photo of celebrants, a delicious buffet luncheon, and cake by Terri Leckas. We will be entertained by talented actor/singer and St. Mary's choir member, Seth Steidl, along with guest accompanist. There will be a short business meeting and announcements following our program. All St. Mary's Seniors (55+) are welcome to join our lively group. Dues are currently \$15 annually. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.



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

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; Laura Norring, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, 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.



Men's Fall Retreat

September 20-22

There are just a few spots remaining for the annual Men's Fall Retreat at the Karos Cabin taking place Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, 2024. Plan now to attend. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Make your check (\$80.00) payable to St. Mary's, marked for Men's Retreat. Your check is your reservation.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 11: Seventh Sunday of Matthew

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

Monday, August 12

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Tuesday, August 13

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

Wednesday, August 14: Eve of the Dormition

2:00 p.m. – Dormition Retreat

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers, *followed by a reception in the Terrace Room*

Thursday, August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos

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

A lunch will be served in the Great Hall following Liturgy.

Church Office Closed.

Friday, August 16

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

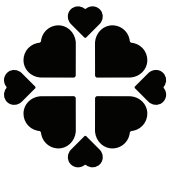
Saturday, August 17

11:00 a.m. – Amygdalota cookie baking, *Kitchen*

Sunday, August 18: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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

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



Koinonia Ministry Re-launch!

Koinonia is a Greek term meaning “fellowship” or “community” and St. Mary’s is excited to announce a re-launch of this beautiful small group ministry in September. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Christ-centered discussions and build friendships with fellow parishioners in a face-face environment. To learn more about this enriching opportunity, and to see what’s new about this program, please visit the Koinonia Ministry table during coffee hour or contact Lani McCollar (lanimccollar@gmail.com) or Christine Buss (cmariebuss@gmail.com). Whether you’re new to St. Mary’s or have been here for years, we look forward to welcoming you into a Koinonia group.



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YAL Twin Cities Boat Cruise

Thursday, August 22

Join the Orthodox Young Adults for an evening on a cruise of the Mississippi River! We will meet at the dock at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 22. Each ticket includes two drink tokens, additional drinks may be purchased at the cash bar. Appetizers will be provided. Last call tickets are available until August 10. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the code.



Connect Conference 2024

October 4-6

This year the Connect Conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee, October 4-6. It is a conference for anyone ages 21 to 39 looking to better connect us to our faith, the church, and each other. This year's theme will be: Person to Person: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength and with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself" Luke 6:31-36. You can find more details and registration or follow their Instagram account @Connectorthodox.



Early Bird Registration Ends this Thursday!

Registration for Family Camp is underway. Take advantage of the Early Bird price of \$160 (+processing Fees) per person by registering by August 15! 2024 Family Camp is October 4-6 at Camp Courage in Maple Lake. Learn more about family camp, our guest speaker, or to register, scan the code.



stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/



Stay Informed about YAL Events

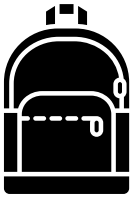
There are lots of ways to stay connected to YAL! Fill out our contact form to receive emails (scan the code), follow @twincitiesyal on Instagram, and join our GroupMe for event reminders!



Youth Dormition Retreat

Wednesday, August 14

Our annual Dormition Retreat for the rising K-12th graders will be on Wednesday, August 14. This year, the retreat will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue until the end of Great Vespers (approximately 7:00 p.m.). Check-in will be in the North Hallway by the Terrace Room and we will have fun activities for the kids in the afternoon. We will breakout into a couple different groups where we will have a lesson about the Theotokos, crafts, hang time, play in the gym, and have light dinner. Please RSVP your child/ren on Realm.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 25

Start out the school year on a blessed note. Bring your backpacks, satchels, and book bags to church on Sunday, August 25. At the end of Liturgy, Father will sprinkle them with holy water and say a prayer for a wonderful year. This blessing is for students of all ages as well as teachers and little ones going to daycare.



Children's Glendi and Pizza Party

Saturday, September 28

Join us for a Greek glendi for the children of the parish (preschool and elementary aged children of the parish and their families are welcome.), complete with pizza and dancing, on Saturday, September 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m.! The Sioris/Kempf family will provide music, pizza, and beverages with a recommended \$10 free-will offering per person attending. All proceeds will go towards future costumes and needs of future dance troupes to continue fostering Greek dancers at St. Mary's! Please RSVP by Sunday, September 22, to:

<https://tinyurl.com/5yrce65t>



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Please note - this is not a drop-off event, and you are responsible for your own children.

Philoptochos News



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We Need You!! Please sign up to help with the Dormition meals on August 14 and 15

Philoptochos will serving meals after the Dormition services on Wednesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 15. We need help with these events so please sign up at the Philoptochos table or on the SignUpGenius site.



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More Festival Baking!

The next sessions coming up will be:

Saturday, August 17 – Amygdalota cookies at 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sign up at the Philoptochos table or on the SignUpGenius site.



Operation Classroom Drive for the 2024-2025 School Year

The time has arrived to look ahead to school needs for fall 2024! We are supporting kindergarteners through fifth graders needing supplies to be successful in school at Bancroft Elementary in South Minneapolis. In addition to the supplies listed below, gently used winter coats, mittens, hats, and boots are also being accepted.

- Plastic pencil boxes (especially needed)
- Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 count)
- Crayola Crayons (16- and 24-packs)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Wooden lead pencils (Ticonderoga #2 preferred)
- Pink erasers
- Kid-sized Fiskars scissors
- Backpacks

Also, Cathy Todd, social worker at Bancroft tells us that the best gym teacher ever is hoping to purchase three or four tennis nets to use in class and for after school programs. They cost about \$150 each. If you prefer to contribute funds rather than supplies, please feel free to make out checks in any amount to St. Mary's Philoptochos specifying Bancroft Elementary. Please bring your contribution to the Philoptochos table now through August 18.



Women's Book Club

The Ascetic of Love, by and about Saint Gavrilia, is the book the Philoptochos Book Club will be discussing on Thursday, September 12. Copies are available in the bookstore for \$26.



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St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry (YAM), Mentorship Program

Are you a young adult seeking guidance and wisdom on life's journey? Or perhaps you're an experienced adult eager to share your insights and support the next generation? St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry proudly presents its new Mentorship Program, bridging generations in our church with meaningful connections and mutual growth. Join Us Today! Step forward into a journey of growth and connection. Scan the QR code to sign up as a mentor or mentee, and indicate what topics you would be interested in exploring so our team can make intentional mentor/mentee pairs. Stay tuned for more information about our kickoff event. Let's grow together in faith, wisdom, and community at St. Mary's! Contact stmarysmplsiam@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



Women's Pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery

Tuesday, January 28 – Saturday, February 1, 2025

A small group pilgrimage to visit the St. Paisius Monastery in Safford, Arizona is being planned for the end of January 2025. There is room for 8 pilgrims. The monastery does not charge us for our stay, however, it is proper to leave a donation if you can. The cost of airfare right now ranges from \$400 – \$550 and is subject to change. Tickets will be purchased at the end of October. There is also a cost for a rental van for the group. The cost of this van is determined by how many pilgrims attend. The Monastery website is: stpaisiusmonastery.org. Please familiarize yourself with visitor information. **Contact Sandra Anderson with any questions: asformess69@gmail.com or 612.940.8933.**

Young Women's Bible Study will begin this fall

Young Women's Bible Study for ages 23-37. The study will be "Topical" - such as: *What do we do with our Disappointments?; Why is Peace so Elusive?; What does it mean to be Holy?* All the lessons will be based on Scripture according to the Orthodox understanding, along with supplementary materials, as needed. The sessions meet from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Patty Christopulos' home, 5312 Highwood Drive West, Edina, MN 55436. The schedule is as follows: Tuesdays, September 17, October 1, October 15, and October 29.

> **New this session:** Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study (age 38+) with the same exact lesson as Tuesday. This class will meet from 8:30-10:00 a.m., also at the home of Patty Christopulos. The dates are: Saturdays, September 21, October 5, October 19, and November 2. *Please sign up by texting Patty at 952.200.9566 by September 3.*



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Put your lawn signs out and tell your friends!

2024 St. Mary's Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

Friday, September 6: 2:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 7: Noon-9:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 8: Noon-5:00 p.m.



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Festival Preparation Volunteers Needed

The 2024 Festival Committee is looking for assistance with getting ready for this year's Festival. These volunteer shifts are for the days prior to the Festival. Please review the various activities you can help with and sign up for as many as you are able.



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Festival Weekend Volunteers Needed

The 2024 Festival Volunteer sign up is now open. We have over 700 volunteer shifts to fill, including additional clean-up on Monday, September 9. Consider volunteering for more than one shift in different areas or adding an extra shift in an area needing more support. Your participation is crucial to ensure everything runs smoothly. Please sign up today and invite friends and family to join us! *Many hands make light work.*

scan the codes to sign up for volunteer shifts or stop by the festival table in the great hall after Liturgy



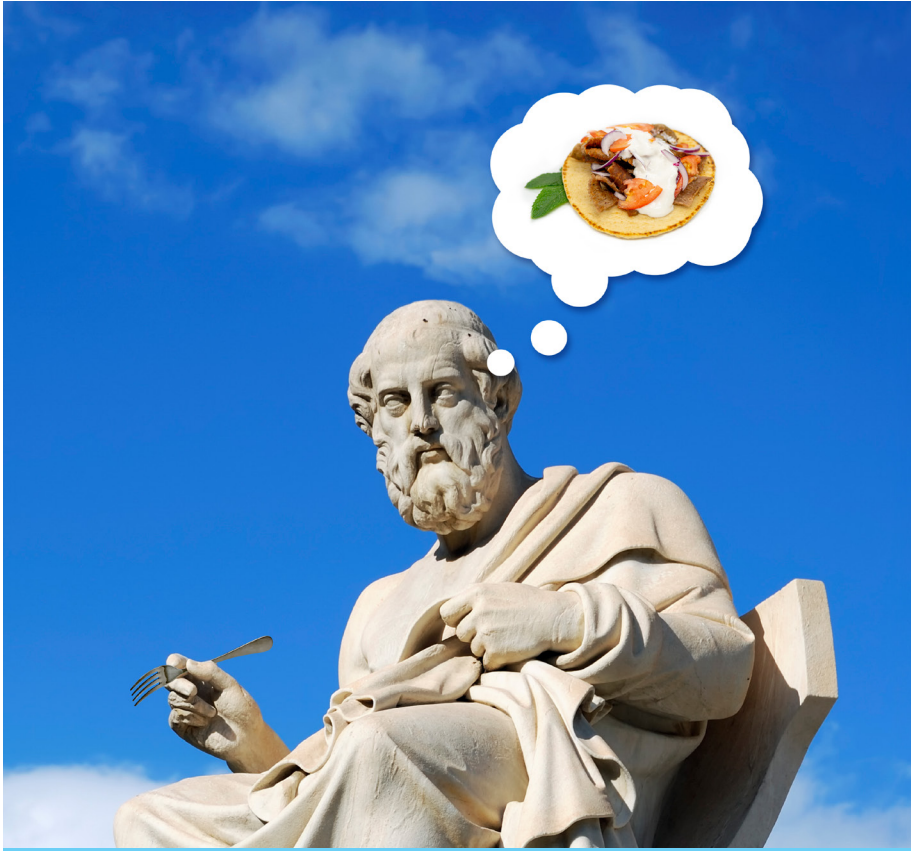
Promotional Materials

Last year, we produced lawn signs for promotion of the Festival. This signage is evergreen, meaning that we intend to reuse it each year to keep costs low. If you kept your sign from last year, please put it on display for your neighborhood. If you need one, we will have more available in the Great Hall after Liturgy. Please remember to keep the sign and take care of it for next year.



Gently Used Items Needed for the Festival Boutique

Vicki Hanson, Chair of St. Mary's Boutique, is looking for gently used linens, icons, and pottery for the Church Festival Boutique. 100% of profits go to our outreach programs. Receipts for donations are available also. If you have items to donate, please contact Vicki at 612.327.0797. Thank you.



THINK GREEK.

What are you doing the weekend after Labor Day? Why not make it Greek? Join us for authentic Greek food, music, and cultural experiences while supporting philanthropy!



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SEPTEMBER 6

FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

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SATURDAY
NOON – 9:00 P.M.

8

SUNDAY
NOON – 5:00 P.M.

“The flame kindled by prayer doesn’t allow any sinful thought to reach the heart.”

— *Saint Stephan of Fileika*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 12

I Corinthians 9:13-18 • Matthew 16:1-6

Tuesday, August 13

I Corinthians 10:5-12 • Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, August 14

Eve of the Dormition

I Corinthians 10:12-22 • Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, August 15

Dormition of the Theotokos

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, August 16

I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 • Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22

Saturday, August 17

Romans 13:1-10 • Matthew 12:30-37

Sunday, August 18

Eighth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 1:10-17 • Matthew 14:14-22



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