



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 18, 2024 — *Eighth Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Eighth Sunday of Matthew; Floros & Lauros the Monk-martyrs of Illyria; Leontus the martyr; Hermos the Martyr; John & George, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Relics of Arsenios the Righteous of Paros; Constantine the New Martyr of Capua; Matthew the New Martyr of Gerakari; Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18

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 Third Antiphon

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!

At the Small Entrance

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, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your great mercy.

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Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Second Tone

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Epistle..... I Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel.....Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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

Today

Prosforo is offered by **Ruta Kubits**.

40-Day Churching: **Weston**, parents: **Brian & Dena Wilkins**
Memorial Prayers today are offered for

Bryn Hartwig (2 years); **Christina Kouzes Houck** (4 years);
Audrey Canelake (5 years); **Chris Muzetras** (5 years).

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Kouzes, Houck, and Canelake families
in memory of departed loved ones.

Announcements

Food Shelf Needs for August 25

Individually wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste

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

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



A Reminder about Scams

Our clergy and staff will NEVER email or text individuals with requests for money or gift cards. DO NOT REPLY or click on any links or provide any personal information. If possible, report these as “spam.”



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.



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; Jane; Oliver; 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.



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.

Calendar of the Week

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*

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

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

6:30 p.m. – Philotochos Board Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

6:30 p.m. – FOCUS Minnesota Fundraiser, *St. Mary's Church*

Friday, August 23

9:00 a.m. – Karithopita Baking, *Kitchen*

Sunday, August 25: Ninth Sunday of Matthew

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

11:30 a.m. – Koinonia Meeting, *Fireside Room*

11:30 a.m. – Festival Salad Dressing Preparations, *Kitchen*

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14th Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, August 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

Come hear about what we do together as a faithful and committed group of people to build a community of service and love to those in need in the Twin

Cities. Say HELLO to our new director Dustin Hertzog and GOODBYE to outgoing director Matushka Vera Proctor! Small plates and beverages will be served and the event is free to attend. RSVP today: FocusTwinCities@gmail.com.

Free to attend. Donations gratefully accepted.



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.



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!



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 stmarysmplyam@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



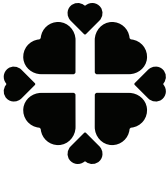
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Family Camp Registration Ends August 30

2024 Family Camp is October 4-6 at Camp Courage in Maple Lake. Regular registration price is 170 (+processing Fees) per person. Learn more about family camp, our guest speaker, or to register, scan the code. stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/





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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Sign Up*



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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RSVP*

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



Weekly Updates via eMail

Keep up on all the latest events and activities at St. Mary’s in our Weekly Update sent by email every Friday afternoon. Each week you’ll get all this great content and more delivered to your inbox. If you are subscribed, make sure to at least open it so that your email service provider will know that it’s important to you. If you have not been receiving the email or wish to subscribe please contact:
Communications@stmarysgoc.org

Philoptochos News



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 promote individuals to sign up for activities happening in the coming weeks. We only need ladies to be there after Liturgy till about noon.



Operation Classroom Drive for the 2024-2025 School Year

Today wraps up the Operation Classroom Drive! 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

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. Thank you as always for considering this ministry.



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.



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 season:** 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.*



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.



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

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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.

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SUNDAY

NOON – 5:00 P.M.

“The Panaghia does not discriminate, does not uphold and perpetuate rivalries, does not remember that we often forget her and hold it against us. Her embrace is very broad and has room for all of us. Her virtue is so great, abundant, rich, and precious that it is constantly motivating us to imitate her to some degree. Virtue illuminates the world, brightens the darkness, and offers sweetness and redemption. The all-virtuous Panaghia is our only hope after God. We thank her most fervently, and we are grateful to her with all of our heart.”

— *Elder Moses the Athonite †*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 19

I Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6 • Matthew 18:1-11

Tuesday, August 20

I Corinthians 12:12-26 • Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15

Wednesday, August 21

I Corinthians 13:4-13; 14:1-5 • Mark 3:13-21

Thursday, August 22

I Corinthians 14:6-19 • Matthew 20:17-28

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

Romans 14:6-9 • Matthew 15:32-39

Sunday, August 25

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 3:9-17 • Matthew 14:22-34



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