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Our Mission Statement

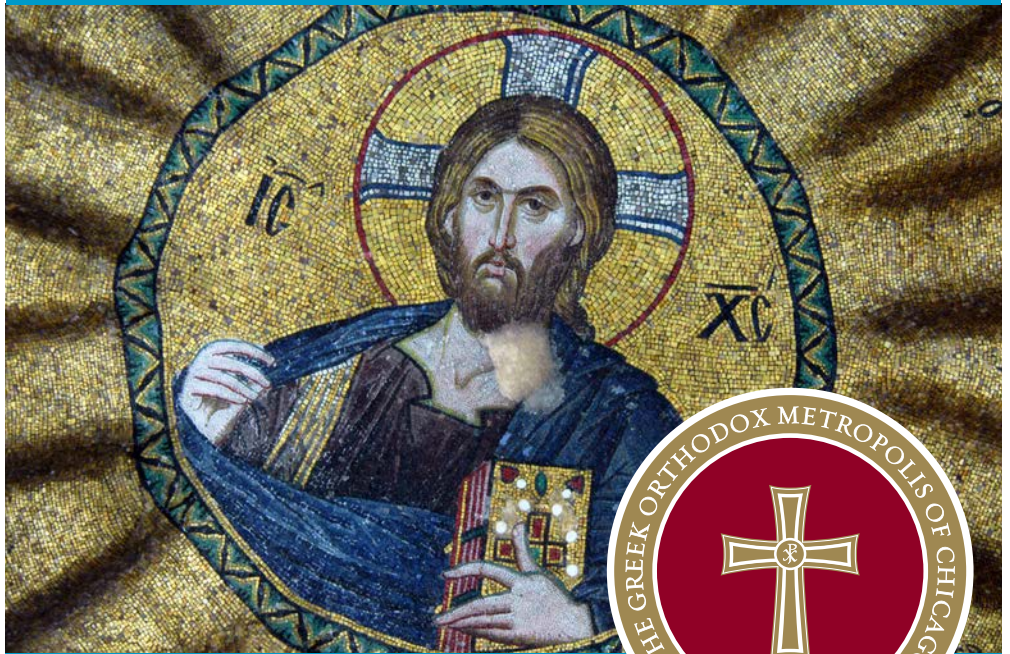
TO PROCLAIM, CELEBRATE, AND SHARE
 THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN
 JESUS CHRIST IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH THE ORTHODOX TRADITION.

The Five Tasks of Our Parish Vision

- Hear
- Pray
- Grow
- Serve
- Share



METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation Receives \$1.0 Million Gift

Lombard, IL, September 24, 2024

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation, an independent, nonprofit endowment supporting the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, today announced a pledged gift of \$1.0 million from The Spell Family Foundation, a charitable organization founded by Church leaders and dedicated philanthropists, Bill and Tiki Spell. According to the Foundation's spending policy, once a total of \$5 million is raised, or 5-years elapse, whichever comes first, the Metropolis of Chicago Foundation will make regular distributions to the Metropolis of Chicago to support its growth, mission, and initiatives. The first payment of the five-year gift has been received and invested in accordance with the Foundation's investment policy. In the future, the Foundation will make annual distributions, consistent

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Our Life Together

Baptism

Charlotte Georgeia

Parents:
Alexander Pappas and
Kaylee Van Cleve
September 29, 2024

Weston John

Parents:
Brian and Dena Wilkins
September 29, 2024

Marriage

Curtis Hodgin to Kea Anderson

September 21, 2024

Fellowship and Study Groups

Byzantine Chant Class

Tuesdays through February 25
6:30 p.m., Classroom #2

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays, November 6 and 20
11:00 a.m., Nave Chapel

Koinonia

Thursday, November 21
6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Men's Fellowship

Friday, November 1 (Book of Ruth)
Friday, November 15 (Psalm 25/
Psalm 24 in the Septuagint)
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, November 6 and 20
11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Saturday Bible Study

Every Saturday
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room and Zoom
No class session on November 30.

Share YourShelf

November's recipient is

FOCUS MINNESOTA

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Pasta / Pasta Sauce, Canned Veggies,
Tuna, Cereal

Sunday, November 3

Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

Sunday, November 10

Spam

Sunday, November 17

Boxed Pasta / Pasta Sauce

Sunday, November 24

Canned Meat (e.g., tuna/chicken)

O God, our Creator, through our elected leaders and our government, you sustain all you have made. We pray especially for people who are seeking election to political offices in our country. Grant them integrity and wisdom to focus on matters that strengthen our government and provide help and opportunity to people in need. Give us courage to challenge candidates to address issues of hunger and poverty. As we prepare to cast our votes, may we be guided by vision of love, justice and mercy. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen. ~Bread for the World

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Weekend Worship Schedule

Saturdays

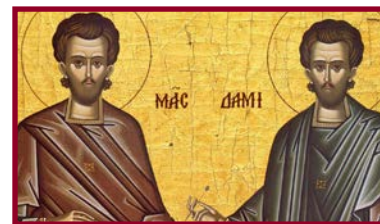
Great Vespers – 5:00 p.m.

Sundays (live-streamed)

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule



Friday, November 1

Saints Cosmas and Damianos
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 8

Synaxis of the Archangels
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 9

Saint Nektarios
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13

Saint John Chrysostom
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 14

Saint Philip the Apostle
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 16

Saint Matthew
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 20

Eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos
Great Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos
into the Temple
Matins – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, November 25

Saint Katherine
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.



Note from the Office

The church and office will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. A blessed Thanksgiving to all!

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are available to view
on our website



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Parish News & Events

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday morning, November 3. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2.



Saint Mary's Seniors' Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 12:00 noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries followed by a group photo of celebrants and a special cake by Terri Leckas. The Forchas family will host and serve a delicious buffet luncheon in honor of Jeanne Forchas' 100th birthday! Our program will feature speaker/author Glenna Alevizos who will make a presentation on some of her past and most recent books, with some reference to family history. There will be a short meeting and announcements after the program. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are invited to join our lively group. Dues are currently \$15 annually. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.



IOCC Fundraiser

Thursday, November 14

The annual Twin Cities IOCC Fundraiser will take place at St. Mary's on Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Reservations for the event will be taken on Sundays and through the IOCC website (scan the code).



Parish Council Elections

Sunday, November 17

Elections for four Parish Council members will be held in the Great Hall following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 17. All St. Mary's members in good standing are encouraged to be present to vote. The list of candidates and biographies will be made available by early November.



Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale

Sunday, November 24

The Daughters of Penelope's annual Holiday Bake and Spanakopita Sale is Sunday, November 24, in the Great Hall following Liturgy. Come stock up on a variety of gourmet treats! Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, with proceeds going to many benevolent projects. Thank you for your support!

Parish News & Events



Personal Care Assistants Needed

From time to time, we get calls from families in the parish looking for a personal care assistant (PCA). If you are, or know of someone who is, a licensed PCA and would like to be on a list we keep in the office for reference, please call the church office, or e-mail david@stmarysgoc.org, and let us know. It would be very much appreciated. We currently have one family who is looking for assistance in the Northwest Metro area.



SAINT OLYMPIA
* THE DEACONESS *

A Ministry for Girls!

Saint Olympiade Ministry Events

Mark your calendars for upcoming St. Olympiade activity dates:

- **Sunday, November 10**
After Sunday School: Help adorn the Nave for the Nativity Fast.
- **Saturday, November 30**
After Liturgy for St. Andrew: Help decorate multiple Christmas trees around the building.
- **Saturday, January 11**
Help Undecorate Christmas Trees
- **Sunday, January 12**
After Sunday School: Undecorate the Nave

More dates and activities to come. We are looking forward to another year of serving our parish.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jennifer Coin and Dena Wilkins on the passing of their mother/grandmother Nancy Booras Coin on October 3, 2024. Her funeral was held at her home parish of St. George in Rock Island, Illinois. May her memory be eternal.

Thank You

Michael G. Boosalis would like to thank the exceedingly kind and thoughtful parish members and relatives who called, visited, and sent cards during his knee surgery and very long convalescence at Mt. Olivet Home in south Minneapolis. It is very thoughtful, considerate, and very much appreciated. We thank God for all His blessings.

—Mike Boosalis



Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Kalo Taxidi 8 benefit concert for MS hosted by Chris and Kristine Granias, and also to everyone who made a donation. It was a wonderful evening of diverse musical performances with a roster of talented musicians. Photos by Devon Young Cupery.

Cover Story Continued

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with its spending policy, to the Metropolis of Chicago including but not limited to the Vision for Growth. Examples include clergy leadership and development (e.g., Higher Calling), ministries and programs (e.g., Project HOPE, Fanari Camp), Metropolis affiliated organizations (e.g., St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Philoptochos); and special parish needs (e.g., parish capital projects, debt reduction).

“There were two crucial needs that guided my family in making this giving decision: first, show gratitude for the great blessings God has bestowed on us, and second, to support as many parishes as possible so they can thrive and ultimately transform their communities. These needs were more than satisfied by the Metropolis of Chicago Foundation. I continue to be proud to serve on the board and am eager to support the Foundation’s mission and steward its growth over time,” said Bill Spell.

Bill is the President of Spell Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm and Family Office with more than \$800.0 million in assets under management. He serves as a director of the Metropolis Foundation, is a member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and member of the National Council, and a board member of both the Hellenic Initiative and Holy Cross/Hellenic College. Through the Spell Family Foundation, established in 1997, the Spell family has donated millions of dollars to religious, medical, and children’s philanthropies. The Spells, who reside in Minnesota, also are long-time stewards and benefactors of St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, and St. George’s Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

“Bill and Tiki Spell are the kind of far-sighted servant leaders the Church needs most in this day and age. Through their generous gift, the Spell family is creating the change they want to see in the world by helping establish the conditions for the parishes of our Holy Metropolis to grow and remain vibrant in Christ. We are deeply humbled by the Spell family’s generosity and will honor them and their gift through our service to Christ and His people,” said His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael.

Approved by delegates at the 2019 Clergy-Laity Assembly and formed in May 2022, the Metropolis of Chicago Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit separate from the Metropolis of Chicago with its own board of directors, financial accounts, and governance structure. The Foundation’s purpose is to provide long-term financial support to the Metropolis of Chicago. To learn more and support the Foundation, please visit: www.gomocfoundation.org.

About the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit endowment formed in May 2022. Its purpose is to provide long-term financial support to the Metropolis of Chicago over the span of generations. For more information, visit the Foundation’s website or contact Foundation Executive Director Vicki Pappas Karl at vkarl@gomocfoundation.org.

Stewardship Update

Thank you for your participation in our 2024 Stewardship Campaign and your on-going support of St. Mary’s through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We thank the many parishioners for committing to Christ and His Church!

As of September 26, 2024, we have received a total of \$792,949 in Offering payments.

- This represents 53.3% of this year’s budget for ministries and operating expenses
- The goal is to cover 100% of ministry and operating costs each year with Stewardship Income rather than relying on rental and festival income.



2024 Annual Budget

\$1,486,537

Pledges to Date: \$1,095,075

Actual Offering Payments to Date: \$792,949

Philoptochos



Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting, Meeting Room One

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting,
Terrace Room

Watch for more postings of events in the parish weekly bulletins and sign up to attend!

Upcoming Activities

Operation Classroom: Winter Clothing Drive for Bancroft Elementary School—November 3 and November 10

Winter is coming and many children don't have warm clothes at our partner school in South Minneapolis. Please consider donating your gently used or new winter clothes for Bancroft Elementary kids at the Philoptochos table in early November. We are collecting outerwear as well as other clothing on two Sundays, November 3 and 10. The following items are needed for girls and boys.

- Coats
- Boots
- Gloves and Mittens
- Socks
- Underwear

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Philoptochos, Memo: Bancroft Elementary and drop off at the Philoptochos table in October. A big warm thank you to all.

Pan-Orthodox Tea November 2

The Pan-Orthodox Tea is at St. George Antiochian Church Social Hall on Saturday, November 2, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. with Vespers at 5:00 p.m. Please join us for this wonderful fellowship with our sister parishes. If able, bring an appetizer or dessert to share. As we know, the ladies love to share recipes, too! St. George Antiochian Church is located at 1250 Oakdale Avenue, West Saint Paul, MN 55118.

Fall Filo Sale/Coffee Products November 3

Sunday, November 3, is your last chance to pre-order filo dough! We're also taking pre-orders for coffee products. Place your orders during coffee hour or contact Andrea Tiggas by email at adtiggas@msn.com or by phone at 612.239.1522. Don't forget to include your name, contact details, and the number of filo or coffee products you'd like to order!

Philoptochos Sunday—November 3

Mark your calendars for Philoptochos Sunday! Join us for coffee hour as we share more about our mission, host a special collection for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and highlight the important work of Philoptochos.

Book Club—November 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Classroom #2

Join us to discuss **The Church at Prayer** by Archimandrite Aimilianos of Simonopetra. Copies are available in the Bookstore for \$16. New or renewed interest? Contact Katherine Boosalis (katherine@boosalis.net). (If you have declined a book club meeting invitation in the past, your email may have inadvertently been omitted in future invitations.)

Healing House Gifts for AHEPA Children's Christmas Party Starting November 17

Once again, the children and mothers of Healing House have been invited to the AHEPA Christmas Party on December 14. Our prayer is that you will share your spirit of generosity with these families by purchasing gifts for them. Stop by the Philoptochos table on Sundays starting November 17 and take a tag off the gift tree. Return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 8, in time for the party. The families always enjoy the lunch and especially the visit from Santa!

Sunday Table Coverage Reminder

We ask for your assistance in ensuring that the Philoptochos table remains staffed after liturgy each week. We're looking for a minimum of two members to manage the Sunday table, providing updates on current volunteer opportunities and addressing general inquiries about our mission and membership. Ideally, this should involve one board or chair member and one general member. Please consider joining us after the liturgy and committing approximately one hour to this vital task. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Little Orthodox Library

If you have Orthodox books to donate, please bring them to the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or bring them to the church office during the week.

Thank You...

To **Sofia Johnson** for organizing yet another Service Project and all the participants who helped!

Follow Saint Mary's Philoptochos on Social Media



Missions & Outreach



take  heart

Take Heart Fundraiser

The Missions and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who joined us on October 6 for our annual Missions Fundraiser! Aida Samir, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Mission Take Heart, flew to the Twin Cities from New York to be with us. We enjoyed an excellent meal while she shared updates on their work. They are seeking \$15,000 to begin construction on a school in Nigeria. Thanks to our generous parishioners, we have already raised \$3,600 towards this goal.



OCMC Mission Trip Fundraising

Tuesday, October 15

Thank you St. Mary's for your overwhelming outpouring of support working to send one of our own, Terri Leckas, to Albania! Thanks to our kind caring community, we already raised half of the funds needed at the time of this writing (October 6). This is a perfect example of how loving our St. Mary's family is. You are all so special to us and we truly appreciate your support more than words can say.



Simpson House

St. Mary's has been hard at work providing extra support to our neighbors at Simpson House in their time of need. Due to the sudden departure of their chef, volunteers from St. Mary's stepped up to provide additional meals above and beyond our regularly scheduled quarterly dinner.



Harvest Pack—Save the Date!

Sunday, December 1

God willing, our next Harvest Pack event is planned for Sunday, December 1, in the Terrace Room after Liturgy. We are still a little short on funds. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring part of the Harvest Pack event, please reach out to the Missions & Outreach Committee, or follow the giving steps for Mission Take Heart, except choose Harvest Pack in the Memo line.

God bless and have a great fall!

In the Bookstore

By Rebecca Myerly

bookstore@stmarysgoc.org

Consider time... Do you make time? Find time? Take time? Have time? Give time? Save time? Spend time? Waste time? What is time?



Two Orthodox theologians consider time in two essays included in a brief book titled, appropriately, **Time**. “**Eternity and Time**” by Archpriest Dumitru Staniloae (1903-1993) and “**Time: Prison or Path to Freedom?**” by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware (1934-2022) provide readers with illuminating perspectives on time. In “**Eternity and Time**”, Staniloae writes:

Whenever people perceive the love of God and respond to it in some measure, they live eternity. Indeed, in a certain way, whenever they live in love between themselves, they live eternity. This understanding of time as always moving towards eternity helps us to see how it is that we are always turning towards the future, always looking further towards what we have not yet discovered and that we have never fully arrived at in this life. Time manifests the fact that we do not rest and cannot rest in what we are, but are always turned towards that state in which we shall be able to rest wholly in God....That is why we are always searching for a fuller understanding of what we are and of what is around us: we cannot fully understand the meaning of things in this life within time. The present moment is always a moment that is extended in expectation towards the future. It isn't only a present moment....Only God, the fullness of being, has that eternal present. Through time we move towards a fuller response to God, to the offer of His love, and God himself draws us on into our true existence. For this reason we need to look beyond the present moment, working in it for the future in order to find our true existence in eternity.(8)

He explains:

As we journey towards eternity, God himself lives with us in time....[I]n offering his love, He voluntarily accepts and lives limitation....This is kenosis, the descent of God into time and space, willingly accepted by Him for the sake of His creation and lived simultaneously with the eternity of His Trinitarian life.(5)

In **Time: Prison or Path to Eternity?**, Ware focuses on time as spiral, which “can be either descending or ascending, or rather they may be both these things at once.” Considering “our personal perception of time’s spiral,” (19) he points out:

Time and eternity are not opposed...the Incarnation involves precisely an ‘intersection of the timeless with time’ (T.S. Eliot)....Christ’s birth is an event within time and yet transforming time....What can be affirmed to a supreme degree concerning the time of the Incarnation is likewise true, at least potentially, of every moment of time. At the Incarnation eternity transects time in a unique manner. Yet each moment of time is also open to eternity; at each moment it is possible for eternity to break into the temporal sequence, assuming time into itself and so transforming it. Eternity is not simply outside the moments of time but rather is at the heart of each moment; and this eternity, present within time, gives to time its true value. (22,23-24)

Both Staniloae and Ware develop the themes introduced in these quotes and explain them succinctly. As we journey toward the Nativity/ Incarnation of Christ, these two essays in **Time** gift us with an understanding and appreciation of time and eternity—time in eternity and eternity in time—to help us keep our focus on love being the real purpose of time.

“Only by passing through time as a journey do we reach eternity..”

—Archpriest Dumitru Staniloae

“It is time that allows us to respond to God by our own free consent, that enables our love to mature, that permits us to grow in love.”

—Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

Children and Youth News

Our Children and Youth Mission Statement

To cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for kids by nurturing healthy relationships within the church family. We will teach the youth by building a strong foundation of knowledge, and together, we will experience the Orthodox tradition by following the four circles of youth ministry: Liturgia (Worship), Diakonia (Service), Martyria (Witness), and Koinonia (Fellowship), leading our youth to develop, by their own free will, a personal relationship with God and to pursue union with Him.



HOPE (K-grade 2)

JOY (grades 3-5)

Parish Night

Wednesday, November 6, 6:15 p.m.

A prayer service preceding a meal and session on feast days.

Trip to the Zoo!

Saturday, November 9,

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us in learning all about the wonderful animals God has put in our charge. This event will be taking place at the Minnesota Zoo. Childcare is provided but parents are welcome to come. No entry fee will be charged for any (including parents) who RSVP before Monday, November 4. Please RSVP on Realm or if unable contact Scott Rudquist (Youth Director) at 612.812.1216 by November 4.



(grades 6-8)

Mill City Museum Trip

Saturday, November 2,

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of Minneapolis and explore the interactive museum. Childcare is provided but parents are welcome to come. No entry fee will be charged for any (including parents) who RSVP before Monday, October 28. Please RSVP on Realm or if unable contact Scott Rudquist (Youth Director) at 612.812.1216 by October 28.

Parish Night

Wednesday, November 6, 6:15 p.m.

A prayer service preceding a meal and session on feast days.



(grades 9-12)

Parish Night

Wednesday, November 6, 6:15 p.m.

A prayer service preceding a meal and session on feast days.

Weekend Retreat to the Karos Cabin

November 15 –17

Please RSVP and pay the \$20.00 entry fee on Realm or if you are unable to, please contact Scott Rudquist (Youth Director) at 612.812.1216 by November 13. Arrive any time after 4:00 p.m. Friday. Pick up will be any time between 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Transportation is not provided, carpool is strongly encouraged. If you cannot find transportation, please contact Scott by (at least) November 13 to arrange your travel with another carpool. Packing list, itinerary, and more information will be available on Realm. Address: 27998 Ridgewood Drive, Merrifield, MN 56465

Church School

Regular classes every Sunday in November and we will continue to dismiss at 11:40 a.m.

Basketball Practices

Sunday, November 3

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Basketball

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball

Sunday, November 17

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Basketball

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball

Sunday, November 24

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball



Follow the GOYAns on Instagram
@St_Marys_GOYA

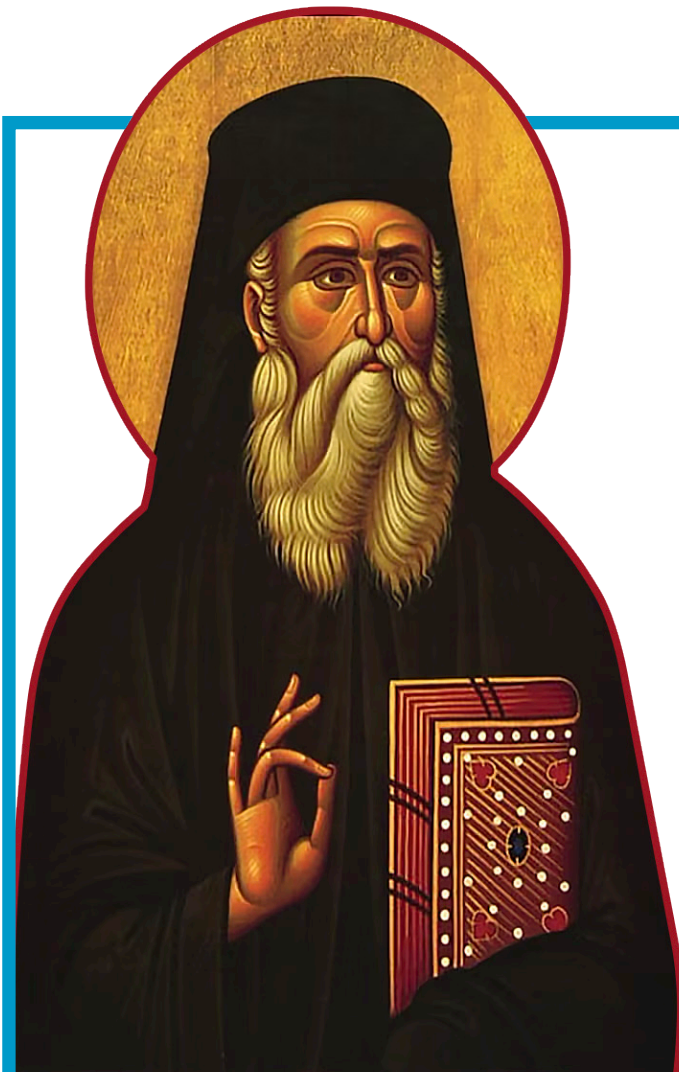
Youth Feedback

If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding our youth program(s) please let us know. We have a new formal feedback process. Go to our St Mary's home page-Click on "Youth," then "Youth Program Feedback" Your comments will be forwarded to a member of the Parish Council and will be reviewed for follow up.

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**“Do not be upset
when people only
remember you when
they need you. Feel
privileged that you
are like a candle that
comes to their mind
during their most
darkest hours.”**

—Saint Nektarios of
Pentapolis and Aegina

Saint Nektarios is
Commemorated on November 9



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St. Mary's Parish Council and Stewardship Committee
cordially invite you to attend the complimentary



APPRECIATION GLENDI



Saturday, November 9, 2024
6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ St. Mary's Great Hall

Enjoy an evening with dinner, dancing, and great
company in appreciation of your pledged gifts of
Time, Talent, and Treasure to **St. Mary's**.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP

We are looking for help with a variety of projects throughout the day, from set up in the morning through dishwashing at night. We have something for everyone!

**RSVP Here,
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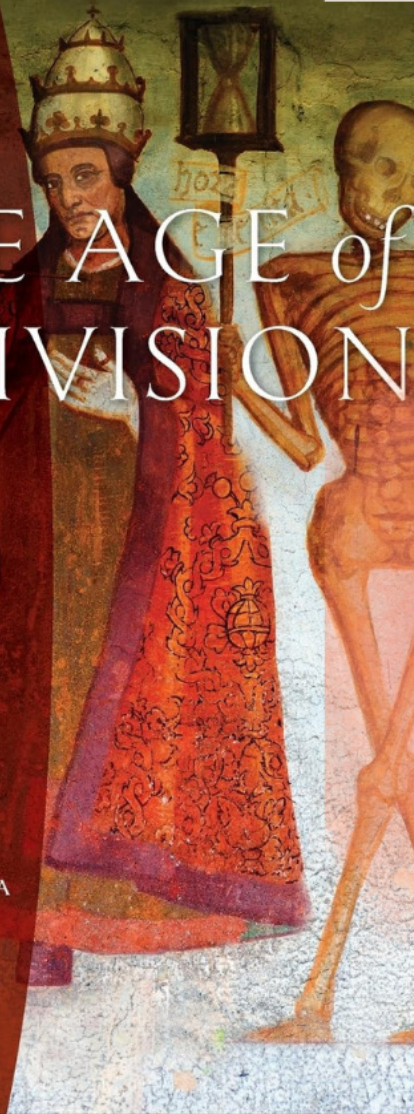
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THE AGE of DIVISION

Christendom
from the Great
Schism to the
Protestant
Reformation

PARADISE AND UTOPIA
The Rise and Fall of
What the West Once Was
VOLUME TWO



Christian Culture in an Age of Division: How the Great Schism Changed the West

For numerous Christians, the key to addressing the dilemmas of modern Western culture seems to reside in the past. Secularism and its nihilistic implications can be contrasted to an “age of faith” when Christianity in its Protestant and Roman Catholic forms provided the foundation for society. Yet, what is commonly forgotten is that long before Protestantism or Roman Catholicism appeared the West had been Orthodox. This presentation aims to examine the impact of the Great Schism on the West and consider how understanding these historical shifts could provide insights into resolving current challenges.

Save the Date

DECEMBER 10, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN CHURCH

Open Discussion Presented by
Fr. John Strickland



St. Mary's Night at the Timberwolves

Friday, March 21

Join us on Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., for the Timber Wolves vs. Pelicans game at Target Center. After the game, you'll have the opportunity to step onto the court and try your hand at shooting free throws! The cost is \$40 per person (first come, first served - only 40 tickets are available!) Your spot will be reserved once you've submitted the \$40 to Scott Rudquist (cash or check made payable to St. Mary's). Reservations are due by March 1, but don't wait! For more ticket or outing information, contact Scott at 612.812.1216.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Saints Cosmas & Damianos 7:00am-Men's Fellowship 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	2 9:00am-Bible Study 10:00am-FAITH Play Group 5:00pm-Great Vespers
3 Fifth Sunday of Luke Philoptochos Sunday "The Messenger" Deadline 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 12:30pm-Girls' HOPE/JOY Basketball Practice	4	5 6:30pm-Byzantine Chant Class	6 11:00am-Intercessory Prayer 11:30am-Women's Bible Study 6:15pm-Parish Night 6:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm-Women's Book Club	8 Synaxis of the Archangels 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	9 Saint Nektarios 9:00am-Bible Study 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 5:00pm-Great Vespers 6:00pm-Stewardship Glendi
10 Eighth Sunday of Luke Stewardship Sunday 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Ministry Fair after Liturgy-Decorate the Nave	11 Veterans' Day	12 12:00noon-Senior Citizens 6:15pm-Parish Council 6:30pm-Byzantine Chant Class 6:30pm-Philoptochos Board Meeting	13 Saint John Chrysostom 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 6:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	14 Saint Philip the Apostle 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 7:00pm-IOCC Fundraiser	15 Nativity Fast Begins 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	16 Saint Matthew 9:00am-Bible Study 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 5:00pm-Great Vespers
17 Ninth Sunday of Luke 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Parish Council Elections 11:30am-Missions/Outreach 12:30pm-Boys' HOPE/JOY Basketball Practice	18	19 6:00pm-Philoptochos Meeting 6:30pm-Byzantine Chant Class	20 Eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos 9:00am-"The Messenger" Mailing 11:00am-Intercessory Prayer 11:30am-Women's Bible Study 6:00pm-Great Vespers 6:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 6:30pm-Koinonia 7:00pm-Stewardship Com.	22	23 9:00am-Bible Study 5:00pm-Great Vespers
24 Thirteenth Sunday of Luke 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake Sale 12:30pm-Girls'/Boys' Basketball Practice	25 Saint Katherine 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	26 6:00pm-Adult Open Gym Basketball 6:30pm-Byzantine Chant Class	27	28 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church and Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Church and Office Closed</i>	30 Saint Andrew <i>No Bible Study</i> 10:00am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Decorate Trees 5:00pm-Great Vespers