



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 3, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Luke

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Fifth Sunday of Luke; Acepshimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalas the Deacon, Martyrs of Persia; Dedication of the Temple of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda; George of Neapolis the New Martyr; Holy Father and New Hieromartyr Gregory of Neapolis; Theodore the Confessor, Bishop of Ancyra; Winifred of Treffynnon.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18

Tone: Second

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, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly:
O giver of life, Christ our God, 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!

Repeat the Resurrection Hymn, above

Hymn for the Martyrs, Fourth Tone

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Hymn of Saint George, Fourth Tone

As the one renowned for setting captives free and for defending those in poverty, the physician of the sick and the champion of emperors, great and victorious Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

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*..... *II Corinthians 11:31—12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel*..... *16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that

you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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Litany for the Catechumens

Deacon: Catechumens, pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the Lord will have mercy on them.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will teach them the word of truth.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will reveal to them the gospel
of righteousness.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will unite them to His holy,
catholic, and apostolic Church.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Save them, have mercy on them, help them, and
protect them, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Catechumens, bow your heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Prayer for the Catechumens

Priest: Lord our God, Who dwells on high and watches over the humble, You sent forth Your only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race. Look down upon Your servants, the catechumens, who have inclined their necks to You, and grant them at a proper time the baptism of rebirth, the remission of sins, and the garment of incorruption. Unite them to Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and number them among Your chosen flock.

Priest: So that with us they also may glorify Your most honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Angelea Hoeft**

Artoclasia is provided by **Maria Prassas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Judith Hibberd (4 years) sister of Paul Hibberd

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Saint Mary's Philoptochos in honor of their feast day (November 1)

Celebrating Philoptochos Sunday

As you leave church after Liturgy this morning, Philoptochos members will be at the doors to receive a special offering for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Please join them for coffee hour in the Great Hall as they share more about their mission and highlight the important work of Philoptochos.



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 and Jassir; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Karen, Steve A., Athena, Betty, Sean, Krisanne, Ann, Mark, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, Jeanette, Mary, Ann, Marilyn, Donna, Betty, Dawn, Don, Nancy, Brad, Vangie, Jolene, Mikey, Aphrodite, James, Peter, Lyda, Owen, Michael, Johnny, Jaclyn Jereczek, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Nick, John, Demos and Eugenia, Kristina, 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, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Liz, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Irene Maria, 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, 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.

Food Shelf Needs for November 10



Spam

November's recipient is FOCUS MN.

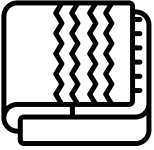
Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

Announcements



Urgent FOCUS Clothing Needs

FOCUS is in desperate need of men's winter clothing, including jackets, boots, warm socks, and gloves. Cold weather is coming and the men's closet is very bare of these essential articles of clothing. Please bring these needed items to church and place them by the FOCUS sign in the hallway leading to the office.



FOCUS Opportunity

The fall temperatures are unseasonably warm, but we know that the cold is coming! FOCUS drive is for all types of NEW blankets, up to the size of a full bed. Roll it up and tie it with a ribbon. Put the blanket at the church FOCUS sign by the church school doors or take to FOCUS at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul. FOCUS clients will appreciate the warmth this winter.



Parish Night

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

Parish Night is a parish-wide event, that happens once a month on the first Wednesday, from October through May. Everyone is welcome to attend! Our next Parish Night is Wednesday, November 6, beginning at 6:15 p.m. We'll discuss the major feast days of the Church. Parish Night has something to offer all ages. We wrap up for the evening at 8:00 p.m.

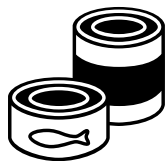


Saint Mary's Digital Donation Options

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

**This number will never send unsolicited texts.*





Food Drive for Veterans

On Sunday, November 10, the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting coffee hour in honor of Veterans' Day (November 11). In addition to our regular weekly food collection (November's recipient is FOCUS Minnesota), the Hellenic Post American Legion and Auxiliary will be collecting food items for distribution to CRRC (Community Referral and Resource Center) in Minneapolis. CRRC helps veterans in need. In addition to food items, can openers and individual snack packages are also welcome. When grocery shopping in the coming weeks, pick up some extra items for both the Legion and FOCUS! Thank you from the Legion to all who support our veterans, and continue to keep them in your prayers.



Saint Mary's Seniors' Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

Saint Mary's Seniors 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 be hosting and serving 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.



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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 can be made through the IOCC website: ioccc.org/minneapolis.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 3: *Fifth Sunday of Luke;*

Philoptochos Sunday

“The Messenger” News Item Deadline – December Issue

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

12:30 p.m. – Girls’ HOPE and JOY Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, November 5

6:30 p.m. – Byzantine Chant Class, *Classroom #2*

Wednesday, November 6

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, *Nave Chapel*

11:30 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study, *Fireside Room*

6:15 p.m. – Parish Night

6:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, November 7

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Book Club, *Classroom #2*

Friday, November 8: *Synaxis of the Holy Archangels*

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 9: *Saint Nektarios*

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Fireside Room and on Zoom*

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

6:00 p.m. – Stewardship Appreciation Glendi

Sunday, November 10: *Eighth Sunday of Luke;*

Stewardship Sunday

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

after Liturgy – Ministry Fair, *Great Hall*

after Liturgy – Decorate the Nave for Advent



Philoptochos News



Operation Classroom Winter Clothing Drive for Bancroft Elementary School

Winter is coming and many children don't have warm clothes at our partner school in South Minneapolis. Please consider donating new or your gently used winter clothes for Bancroft Elementary kids. We'll accept your donations at the Philoptochos table in late October and early November (start shopping now!). We are collecting outerwear as well as other clothing on Sundays, October 27, November 3 and 10. Listed below are the items needed for girls and boys and the sizes needed:

- Gloves and Mittens Ages: 5-12..... All Kids Sizes
- Coats and Clothes Ages: 5-12..... Size: 4-16
- Boots & Sneakers..... Ages: 5-12..... Size: 12-7
- Socks Ages: 5-10..... Size: 8-9.5
- Socks Ages: 10-12..... Size: 9-11
- Underwear Ages: 4-12..... Size: XS-XL

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.



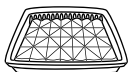
Women's Book Club

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Book Club will be reading and discussing *The Church at Prayer* by Archimandrite Aimilianos of Simonopetra on Thursday, November 7, in Classroom #2. Copies of this book are available in our Bookstore for \$16 if you would still like to pick up a copy. Please plan to attend even if you have not read or finished the book.



Philoptochos News



Filo Sale ... and Sunday Best Coffee, too!

Fresh filo sale ends today! Cost is \$6.00 per pound, pre-paid with cash or check. Place orders during coffee hour today or you can also your orders with Andrea Tiggas (by today as well) at adtiggas@msn.com or 612.239.1522. By email or phone, please include your name, contact information, and the number of filo required.

In addition to filo, Philoptochos will be taking orders for the Sunday Best coffee products at our table on these Sundays. We are selling 12 oz. bags of whole or ground beans for \$14.00 or 12 single serve pods for \$15.00. Proceeds will be donated to IOCC's Hurricane Relief Fund. These coffees will make great holiday or hostess gifts, as well as offering help to those who have been devastated by the recent storms in the South. Orders are pre-paid by cash or check.



Yiayia's Coffee Hour
Medium Roast



Papou's Drink Boldly
Dark Roast

Whole Bean or Ground (\$14) & Single Serve Pods (\$15)



Sunday Best
Coffee Company



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 HERE

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!



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ANNETTE.LEGEROS@GMAIL.COM**

“Prayer is a request for what is good, offered by the devout of God. But we do not restrict this request simply to what is stated in words...We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but the power of prayer should be expressed in the moral attitude of our soul and in the virtuous actions that extend throughout our life...This is how you pray continually—not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer.”

— *Saint Basil the Great*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 4

Philippians 2:12-15 • Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday, November 5

Philippians 2:16-23 • Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday, November 6

Hebrews 8:1-6 • Luke 12:8-12

Thursday, November 7

Philippians 3:1-8 • Luke 13:1-9

Friday, November 8: Synaxis of the Holy Archangels

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

Saturday, November 9: Saint Nektarios

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12

Sunday, November 10: Eighth Sunday of Luke

Galatians 1:11-19 • Luke 10:25-37



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