



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

October 20, 2024 — *Sixth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Sixth Sunday of Luke; Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch;
Matrona the Righteous of Chios; Gerasimus of Cephalonia;
Andronicus the Righteous Martyr.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:36-53

Tone: Plagal Fourth

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, Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and
three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life
and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Artemius the Great, Fourth Tone

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of
incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he
possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless
displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Hymn of 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 6:16—7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel.....Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me.” For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.



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; Steve A., 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, 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, 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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Diane Achterling**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
James (10 Years) and **Helen** (3 Years) **Peters**, **Ted Stundahl** (9 Years),
Jim Petrou (4 Years), and **Joe Seidl** (13 Years)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Peters family in memory of departed loved ones.

Food Shelf Needs for October 27

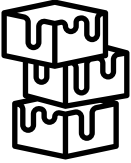


Creamettes/egg noodles/spaghetti

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry.

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

Announcements



Pumpkin Bar Sale: Every Sunday in October

Help send Terri Leckas to Albania as part of OCMC's Parish Ambassador program! Pumpkin bar sales will help cover the cost of this 7-day Mission trip, a direct connection to the work of our Missionaries in Albania. Place an order by text to Terri at 612.710.0609 or purchase at the OCMC Team Albania table during the coffee hour after every Sunday Liturgy in October. Help us make disciples of all nations.



Fall General Assembly

Sunday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.

The Fall General Assembly is planned for Sunday, October 27, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. It will take place in conjunction with the Church School Pancake Breakfast, so you can enjoy some pancakes while listening to the presentation, and voting on our proposed 2025 Ministries and Operations budget.

Agenda:

- Opening Prayer & Welcome
- Approval of Spring 2024 General Assembly Minutes
- Election of three Parish Members for the 2025 Board of Auditors
- Presentation and Approval of the 2025 Ministries and Operational Budget
- Fire Alarm Update
- 2024 Parish Council Priorities
- Festival Update
- Clergy Update
- Closing Prayer and Adjourn

We look forward to seeing you there!

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, October 20: Sixth Sunday of Luke

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

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

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23: Saint Iakovos (James)

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

6:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Service Day, *Lecture Room*

6:00 p.m. – Greek Festival Committee Meeting, *Terrace Room*

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26: Saint Demetrios

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

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 20: Seventh Sunday of Luke

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

after Liturgy – Pancake Brunch, *Great Hall*

11:30 a.m. – Fall General Assembly, *Great Hall*

1:30 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*



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.



Philoptochos News

Service Project Day

Thursday, October 24, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Come one, come all to the Philoptochos Service Project Day. At this year's Service Project event, we'll focus on making pillowcases for *Bridging* and wheelchair bags for the *Courage Center*. There will be workstations for all skill levels, including ironing, folding, pinning, tracing, and sewing. Donations of girls' underpants (size 14 or 16), dark washcloths, and bar soap are welcome, and will go to *Days for Girls* for their hygiene kits.

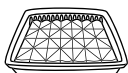


Operation Classroom Winter Clothing Drive for Bancroft Elementary School

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.



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

Order fresh filo from October 20 to November 3 during coffee hours or through Andrea Tiggas at adtiggas@msn.com or 612.239.1522. Include your name, contact info, and quantity needed. Philoptochos is also taking orders for *Sunday Best Coffee*, perfect for holiday or hostess gifts—more details to come.



General Meeting, October 29

Please join us on Tuesday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. for our General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be our own Terri Leckas! Terri will speak on her upcoming mission trip to Albania as part of OCMC's Parish Ambassador program.

“If a man builds a house and leaves it without a roof, this house can’t be used at all. In the same way, if a man acquires all the virtues but not love, the house remains roofless and is of no benefit at all.”

— *Elder Philotheos Zervakos of Paros †*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 21

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 10:22-24

Tuesday, October 22

Ephesians 5:20-25 • Luke 11:1-10

Wednesday, October 23—Saint Iakovos (James)

Galatians 1:11-19 • Matthew 13:54-58

Thursday, October 24

Ephesians 5:33; 6:1-9 • Luke 11:14-23

Friday, October 25

Ephesians 6:18-24 • Luke 11:23-26

Saturday, October 26—Saint Demetrios

II Timothy 2:1-10 • John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Sunday, October 27—Seventh Sunday of Luke

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 8:41-56



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MOST PEOPLE WON'T SAY



TO A STACK OF PANCAKES.

Let's get together after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 27, in the Great Hall, for the Saint Mary's Fall General Assembly. In conjunction with our Fall General Assembly, our church school students will host a pancake brunch in honor of OXI Day. All are invited. The brunch is free, with a suggested freewill donation of \$10.00. On the menu – pancakes, sausages, fruit, and beverages.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PANCAKE BRUNCH, and OXI DAY

Sunday, October 27, 2024
in the Great Hall After Liturgy

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**Oxi (pronounced: oh•hee) means “no” in Greek. OXI Day is October 28 and commemorates the refusal to allow foreign troops into Greece during World War II.*



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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