



THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Gregory the Wonderworker & Bishop of Neo-Caesarea; Gennadios I and Maximus,
Patriarchs of Constantinople; Righteous Mother Hilda of Whitby.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14 *Tone: 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, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to
the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran
elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen
from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

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 Gregory the Wonderworker, Plagal Fourth Tone

By your accomplishments, you earned the name that you bore, for you were vigilant in
prayer and diligent in working miracles. Therefore, holy father Gregory, intercede with
Christ our God, that He illumine our souls, lest we fall asleep in sin unto death

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!

Ἐν τῇ γενήσῃ τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσῃ τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες,
En ti gennisi tin parthenian efilaxas en ti kimisi ton kosmon u katelipes,

Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies

ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psihas imon.

**Kontakion of the Entrance of
the Theotokos into the Temple, Fourth Tone**

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God’s glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim:
She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle..... Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel..... Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

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Today’s Stewardship Speaker

Emily Skoutelas grew up at St. Mary’s. As a child, she experienced the beauty of our church music ministry through her aunt and godmother, Thespina Macres. From there, she developed a deep love and appreciation for singing. After graduating with a Bachelors of Music from the U of M School of Music, she moved to NYC, working for the Juilliard School within the Vocal Arts department. Eventually, she pursued her Masters of Music at Hunter College and began her own vocal studio in the city, preparing students to audition professionally. After meeting her husband and beginning their family, she made the move back to Minnesota. By the grace of God, she was given the opportunity to lead the choral music ministry within her beloved home parish.

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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Margo Kosmas (1 year) and **Naim Istephanous**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Forchas family in celebration of Jeanne Forchas' 100th birthday.
May God continue to bless you, Jeanne!

Welcome visitors and guests!

Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table in the Great Hall after Liturgy this morning to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Join us for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

Parish Council Elections Today



Elections for the 2025 Parish Council will take place today in the Great Hall following the final Dismissal. All pledged members in good standing are encouraged to vote. Those parishioners running for the board are Louis Ellis, Andrew Gatchell, Chris Menke, and Cristina Nicklow. A brochure was sent via e-mail week. Additional brochures are available in the Great Hall this morning after Liturgy.



Christmas Card and Flowers Donations

Our annual collection for the parish Christmas card and Christmas decorations begins today. A form and envelopes are found in the narthex. The Christmas card (deadline is December 8) is to send greetings from you to fellow parishioners and the flowers donation (deadline is December 22) can be made in memory of departed loved ones. Drop your envelope in the stewardship box.



Saint Mary's Digital Donation Options

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

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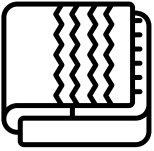


Announcements



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 temperatures are cooling off and we know that winter is just around the corner. 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.



Thanksgiving Meal at FOCUS

Sunday, November 24

FOCUS is serving a free turkey dinner to its clients and needs your help to make it a success. Please use the QR code to sign-up and volunteer to prepare/provide a roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, or pumpkin pie. Thank you!



Saint Olympia Ministry Events

Saint Olympia is a ministry for young women in grades 3-12. Mark your calendars for upcoming St. Olympia activity dates:

- **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

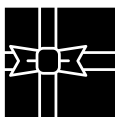
More dates and activities to come. We are looking forward to another year of serving our parish. For more information, please contact Elena Gabor (elenagabor14@gmail.com or 952.288.3011) or Zoe Gabor (zozo4@comcast.net or 952.693.5339).



Philoptochos News

Filo and Sunday Best Coffee Pick up Today

If you have not picked up your orders of filo and coffee yet, you can do so this Sunday in the Great Hall. Stop by the Philoptochos table.



Christmas Gifts for Healing House Families Begins Today

Our annual Christmas gift collections for Healing House families starts today. Healing House is a residential, Christ-centered, drug and alcohol recovery program for women and mothers with children which St. Mary's has supported for decades. This holiday season, you can buy a \$20 child's gift or a mom's \$25 Target gift card. Gifts will be distributed at the AHEPA Children's Christmas Party, to which AHEPA graciously invites the families. Stop by the Philoptochos table and pick up a gift tag, purchase a gift, and **return it by December 8**. Let's make this Christmas special for the women and children of Healing House!



Philoptochos General Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

We will be making sandwiches for FOCUS followed by a brief meeting with highlights of activities coming up in December and January as well as a discussion of funds to be disbursed before the end of the year. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



Help Decorate the Church for Christmas Saturday, November 30, starting after Liturgy

We warmly invite anyone available to join us in decorating the trees in the Terrace Room and Foyer starting after Liturgy (about 11:00 a.m.). We anticipate finishing around 2:00 p.m. Whether you can stay for the entire day or just a portion of it, your presence will certainly brighten the occasion!



Nativity Advent in the Bookstore

Please come visit the bookstore for good books for Advent reading. You will also find a large selection of books, icons, and many other items for truly meaningful Christmas gift giving for people of all ages. Please note: the last date to special order icons for Christmas is Sunday, November 24. The bookstore will be having a book-fair for church school families on Sunday, December 8, in the hall outside the classroom area during and after the classes. This is meant to be a convenient opportunity for parents and grandparents to find gifts that nourish their children's faith.



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 and stock up on a variety of gourmet treats! Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope, with proceeds going to many benevolent projects.



*Scan to
Register*

Winter Camp 2025

Made in the Image and Likeness: Seeking to understand our true self in Jesus Christ.

Winter Camp is for kids in 6th-12th grades. It takes place Friday-Monday, January 17-20 at Friends at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota. The cost is \$270. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/registerwintercamp>. Registration deadline is December 30. There is a \$30 late payment fee. Or send a check to St. Mary's Cathedral, c/o Lisa Tucci 414 17th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 For more information, contact Matushka Lisa Tucci, lisatucci71@gmail.com or 612.599.0814

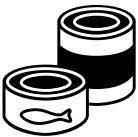


Prayer Ministry

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; Pete, Maria, 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, 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, Karrisra, 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 24



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

November's recipient is FOCUS MN.

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 17: Ninth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Parish Council Elections, *Great Hall*
11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, *Fireside Room*
12:30 p.m. – HOPE and JOY Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 p.m. – Byzantine Chant Class, *Classroom #2*
7:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Meeting, *Terrace Room*

Wednesday, November 20:

Eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing, *Fireside Room*
11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, *Nave Chapel*
11:30 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study, *Fireside Room*
6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers
after Vespers – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, November 21:

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. – Koinonia, *Fireside Room*
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, *Meeting Room 1*

Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Fireside Room and on Zoom*
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, November 24: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Lunch in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael



METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

Next Sunday, November 24, we will welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael to St. Mary’s. He will be in town for a Vicariate meeting on Saturday and celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. A lunch in his honor will be held following the Liturgy. We encourage everyone to be present and welcome him.

“Man is worthy of being loved just because he’s in the image of God. It doesn’t matter at all if he’s good or bad, moral, or sinful. Man is worthy of being loved for what he is. Christ loved and sacrificed Himself for sinful, corrupt people. *‘I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’* We should be the same way: we should love everyone without making distinctions. Just like the sun rises on everyone, intelligent and unintelligent, good and evil, beautiful and ugly, our love should be like the love of God—love that’s like the sun and shines on His whole creation without making distinctions.”

— *Saint Paisios the Athonite*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 18

Colossians 2:13-20 • Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday, November 19

Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3 • Luke 17:26-37; 18:8

Wednesday, November 20

Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1 • Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday, November 21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, November 22

Philemon 1:1-25 • Luke 19:12-28

Saturday, November 23

II Corinthians 5:1-10 • Luke 10:19-21

Sunday, November 24: Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Galatians 6:11-18 • Luke 18:18-27



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