



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 24, 2024

The Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke; Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome; Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, the Martyr; Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple; Philoumenos and Christopher the Martyrs.

Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25

Tone: Plagal First

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 Entrance of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

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, Plagal First Tone

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Repeat the Hymn of the Presentation of the Theotokos, above

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 γενήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει 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 λυτρουμένη 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 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel..... Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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

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Today's Stewardship Speaker

Mark Possis is a 24 year-old Greek Orthodox Christian currently living in Minneapolis. He has been a parishioner at St. Mary's for his entire life. At the church, he enjoys volunteering in whatever capacity he can, with experience in camp counseling, assisting with Junior GOYA, coaching the high school boys' basketball team, and conducting a Lenten book club. In his free time, Mark enjoys exercising, writing, spending time with friends, and watching basketball. Mark is deeply honored to be a member of this year's stewardship committee and is thankful both to the Clergy for this opportunity, and to all in attendance for their time.

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 **Cristina Nicklow**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for

Nausika (Nancy) Coin (40 days), mother of Jennifer Coin;
Chloe Barnes (14 years); **William, Catherine, John, and Peter Poulos, Cleo,**
Anthony, Chrisoula, Beth (family of Helen Poulos)



We welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael!

He is in town for a Vicariate gathering at our church yesterday. Following this morning's Liturgy, a lunch in his honor will be served in the Great Hall. For those not wishing to attend the lunch, coffee and pastries will be available.

Welcome visitors and guests!

Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table outside Great Hall after Liturgy this morning to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith.



Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale Today

The Daughters of Penelope's annual Holiday Bake and Spanakopita Sale takes place today 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.



Saint Mary's Digital Donation Options
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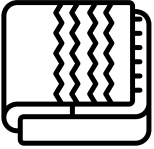


Announcements



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.



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

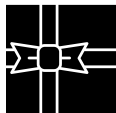
More dates and activities to come. We are looking forward to another year of serving our parish. For more information, please contact Elena Gabor (elenagabor14@gmail.com or 952.288.3011) or Zoe Gabor (zozo4@comcast.net or 952.693.5339).



Philoptochos News

Christmas Gifts for Healing House Families

Our annual Christmas gift collections for Healing House families is underway. 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! 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.



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!



AHEPA Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 14

Saint Mary's children and their parents are invited to a festive Christmas party with Santa on Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room. Highlights include a Christmas photo with Santa, gifts, caroling, entertainment, and lunch for all. The cost is only \$12.00 per child - no charge for parents. Sponsored by the Minneapolis AHEPA. Please see the flyer for registration. For questions contact Mark Alevizos at mark.alevizos@gmail.com or 612.990.4211



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: Today is the last day to special order icons for Christmas. 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.



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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



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Midwest OCF College Conference December 27-30, 2024

The Midwest Orthodox Christian College (OCF) Conference is happening December 27-30, at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. Registration is open for ages 18-25. Registration closes December 1 (or sooner if space fills up). There are needs-based scholarships offered by the National OCF. Additionally, St. Mary's will partially reimburse active members of our parish who plan on attending. Please first apply to the National OCF scholarship before requesting reimbursement from St. Mary's. Partial reimbursements will be issued at the end of December. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Fr. Jason at 612.401.0660.



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; Sylvia, 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 Jerezek, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Nick, John, Demos and Eugenia, 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, 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 December 1



Individually wrapped bars of soap

December's recipient is **Community Emergency Service**.

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

Calendar of the Week

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

Monday, November 25: Saint Katherine

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 26

No Byzantine Chant Class

6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball, *Great Hall*

Wednesday, November 27

No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day

Church and Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Saturday, November 30: Saint Andrew

No Bible Study

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. – Christmas Tree Decorating

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 1: Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

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

“Every drop of kindness has a ripple effect. you never know how far reaching each ripple might be.”

— *Saint Joseph the Hesychast*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 25: Saint Katherine

Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 • Mark 5:24-34

Tuesday, November 26

I Thessalonians 1:6-10 • Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday, November 27

I Thessalonians 2:1-8 • Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day

I Thessalonians 2:9-14 • Luke 20:9-18

Friday, November 29

I Thessalonians 2:14-20 • Luke 20:19-26

Saturday, November 30: Saint Andrew

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:35-51


Sunday, December 1: Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Ephesians 2:4-10 • Luke 18:35-43



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