



ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

January 19, 2025 — *Twelfth Sunday of Luke*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Twelfth Sunday of Luke; Macarius the Great of Egypt; Makarios of Alexandria; Mark, Bishop of Ephesus; Makarios, Hierodeacon of Kalogera, Patmos; Arsenius of Corfu; Removal of the Honorable Relics of Saint Gregory the Theologian; Branwallader, Bishop of Jersey.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18

Tone: Plagal First Tone

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 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.

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 a Devout Man, First Tone

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Makarios our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

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 ζώην, 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 psichas imon.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ, *First Tone*

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Epistle*..... *Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel*..... *Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Libby Atsidakos**

40-Day Churching

Evangeline Mae, parents: Harry & Michaelene Spell

Memorial Prayers today are offered for

Ed Atcas (40 days);

Salvatore DiGiovanni (10 years) father of Joseph DiGiovanni;
Ekaterini

The coffee hour today is hosted by

the family of Ed Atcas in his memory

Congratulations to

Louis and Andrea Tiggas are blessed to be
celebrating today their 45th wedding anniversary!

May God grant you many years!

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.

Announcements



House Blessings

During January and February, Fr. Tim and Fr. Jason will be doing house blessings. To schedule a blessing, please send an e-mail request to: stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org or call the parish office, 612.825.9595. Blessings take place between January 6-February 1. It is also within our Orthodox tradition for laypeople to bless their own homes with bottled Holy Water, as it states in the Great Blessing of the Waters service: *"For those who are sprinkled with it and take it for the blessing of homes; let us pray to the Lord."*



Saint Mary's Digital Donation Options

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Saturday Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study is on break and will resume on February 1, 9:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room and on Zoom. Cory Mork will lead the weekly studies. All are welcome to attend.



FOCUS Clothing Needs

FOCUS continues to need men's winter clothing, including jackets, boots, warm socks, and gloves. The men's closet continues to need these essential articles of clothing. As we move further into winter, the need increases all the more. Please bring these needed items to church and place them by the FOCUS sign in the hallway leading to the office.



March for Life

Wednesday, January 22

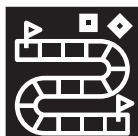
Please join us for the Annual March for Life on Wednesday, January 22. Meet at 10:20 a.m. at the St. Paul Cathedral for a prayer service. Look for the Orthodox Christians for Life banner and reserved pew. After the service, there is a 30-minute march to the capitol building. At noon marchers will gather for a brief pro-life program on the Capitol steps hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. For more information, contact Fr. Jason: frjason@stmarysgoc.org



Blood Drive

Saturday, January 25

Hellenic Sons Squadron 129, Sons of the American Legion will host a blood Drive at St. Mary's on Saturday, January 25, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to sign-up or call MBC at 888.448.3253.



Orthodox Game League

Saturday, January 25

The winter Orthodox Game League get-together is Saturday, January 25, at St. Mary's OCA Cathedral Parish Center, 1701 5th St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413. Arrive anytime after 6:00 p.m. and please bring a drink, snack, and/or game to share!



Pan-Orthodox Dance

Saturday, January 25

Whether you know how to dance or want to learn, join us for the Pan-Orthodox Dance on Saturday, January 25. We will teach Middle Eastern, Greek, Russian, Romanian, Georgian, Armenian, and Serbian dances starting at 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. Vespers). At 7:00 p.m. we will continue to have open dance for the rest of the evening. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Hosted at St. George Antiochian Church, 1250 Oakdale Avenue, West St Paul. Ages 12+ are welcome to join! Contact *Sophia Haddad* with any questions: 612.708.1148.



Women's Book Club Book

The Women's Book Club will resume book discussions on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Our book for discussion is, *Journey to Simplicity: The Life and Wisdom of Archimandrite Roman Braga* by Daniel B. Hinshaw, MD. It is available in our bookstore. This gathering will not be a potluck dinner as earlier advertised.

COMMITMENT + 2025



2025 Stewardship Pledges

Thank you to everyone who has already completed a Time, Talent, and Financial Pledge Form for 2025. If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to prayerfully complete a 2025 pledge form and return it to the church office as soon as possible. If you need a form, scan the code or contact the church office. *Please remember that to be considered a Steward in good standing for 2025, you must return your pledge form by March 31, 2025.*



Need a Past Bulletin?

Digital versions of our weekly Sunday bulletins can be found on our website? Just use the URL below or scan the QR code.

<https://stmarysgoc.org/resources/weekly-bulletins/>

Philoptochos News



General Meeting Today

Please join us after Liturgy (about 11:45 a.m.) today for our first meeting of 2025. We will have a short program and discuss upcoming events as well as the 2025 Membership Drive starting this month. Treats will be provided.



Philoptochos Membership Drive

If not already, soon, all women of the parish will receive a letter inviting them to ENGAGE with Philoptochos as a new or returning member. Let's renew and strengthen our engagement together, united in our mission to serve "the least of them."

Membership dues are self-determined, with the first \$22 supporting our Metropolis and National Philoptochos, and the remainder directly benefiting our local chapter.

To learn more, join us today at 11:45 a.m. in the Terrace Room for our General Membership Meeting, and to hear from our committee chairs about exciting ways you can engage in our volunteer opportunities.



Our Little Orthodox Library Needs You in 2025

We are looking for more volunteers in 2025 to help with the management of our Little Library outside the church. Sign up for a month, check it weekly, make sure it is stocked and that only Orthodox materials are there. Please stop by the Philoptochos table on Sundays to see how you can help. We would also love additional Orthodox books to help keep our stock full.



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; Kathryn, Thomas, Panos, Connie, Stan, Evdoxia, Sylvia, Pete, Maria, Karen, Steve A., Athena, Betty, Sean, Krisanne, Ann, Mark, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, Jeanette, Mary, Ann, Marilyn, Donna, 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, Ron, Matt, Laura, Susan, Elias, Constance, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, 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 January 19



Coffee and Tea

January's recipient is **Joyce Uptown Food Shelf**.

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, January 19: Twelfth Sunday of Luke

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 9:15 a.m. – Prayers for the Unborn
- 10:45 a.m. – Seekers Class, *Fireside Room*
- 11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Meeting, *Fireside Room*
- 11:45 a.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, *Terrace Room*
- 12:30 p.m. – Girls' GOYA Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, January 21

- 5:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*
- 6:30 p.m. – Byzantine Chant Class, *Classroom #2*

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*
- 6:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, January 23

- 5:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*
- 7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Saturday, January 25: Saint Gregory

No Bible Study

- 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Blood Drive, *North Parking Lot*
Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion
- 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, January 26: Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

* *There will not be a General Assembly today.*

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- 12:30 p.m. – Boys' GOYA Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*



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January 2025

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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LATEST NEWS



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11/27 New Documentary:
“The Story of Lighthouse”

12/24 - Patriarchal Encyclical For
Christmas
- Archbishopal Encyclical on the
Feast of Christmas
- Archpastoral Christmas Encyclical
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



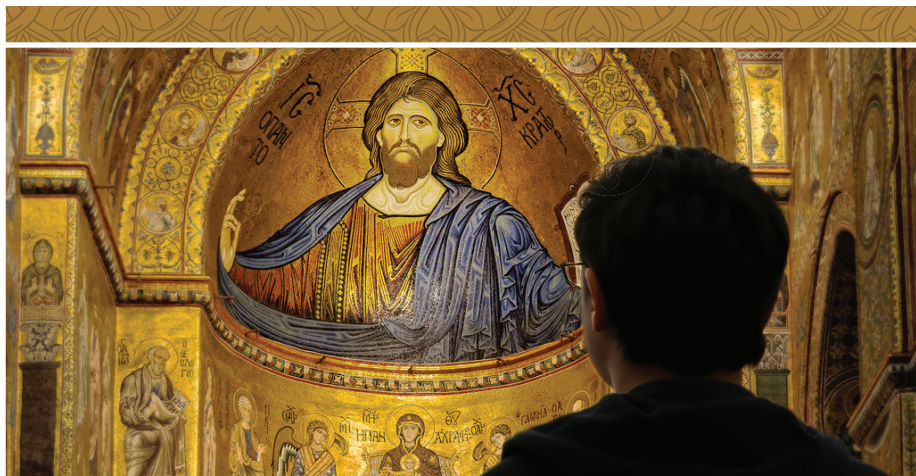
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EVENTS

01/12 Metropolis of Chicago and Metropolis of
Chicago Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration
at St. Nicholas of Oak Lawn, IL

01/18 TEAM Belong – Vasilopita Cutting at St.
Demetrios of Elmhurst, IL

02/14 YAL Chicago Conference

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Seeking the Faith

Just learning about Orthodoxy? Relatively new to Orthodoxy? Please join us for our Seekers group in the Fireside Room. This is a chance to get together to learn more. Led by Presvytera Alexandra Houck. This class is a supplement—not a substitute—to our MEOCCA Catechism Course* that meets at St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

MEETING DATES

- January 19
- February 2
- February 23
- March 16
- April 6

Meet in the Fireside Room, after Communion, about 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Topics will include:



Prayer life, how we read the Bible, various services of the Church, living the Church year/seasons of the Church, Church culture and etiquette, Lent, saints, icons, and building an Orthodox mindset.



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*For the MEOCCA Catechism Course, visit: <https://meocca.org/our-faith/cooperative-catechism>

“They say that the holy angels take on the likeness of saints, venerable and good men, and they manifest these likenesses to the soul in the dreams of sleep, when her thoughts wander, to bring her joy and exceeding gladness; and during the day the angels continually stir these likenesses in the contemplation of their thoughts.”

— *Saint Isaac the Syrian*

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 20

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, January 21

Philippians 1:12-20 • Luke 12:8-12

Wednesday, January 22

II Timothy 1:3-8 • Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-300

Thursday, January 23

Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 • Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5

Friday, January 24

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Matthew 6:22-33

Saturday, January 25: Saint Gregory

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

Sunday, January 26: Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

I Timothy 4:9-15 • Luke 19:1-10



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