



**ST. MARY'S**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

January 26, 2025

*Fifteenth Sunday of Luke*

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## THE DIVINE LITURGY

### *Commemoration*

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke; Xenophon and his Companions;  
Symeon the Elder of Mount Sinai

*Morning Gospel: John 20:19-31*

*Tone: Plagal Second 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 Second Tone**

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, 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 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 λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.  
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psihas 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*.....*I Timothy 4:9-15***

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### ***Gospel*.....*Luke 19:1-10***

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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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.**

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

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## **Today**

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Prosforo is provided by **Ruta Kubits**

40-Day Churching – **Cora, parents: Joshua & Ellen Richter**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for:

**Peter C. Boosalis** (40 days); **Larry Dunham** (40 days);

**Anthony A. (Tony) Nicklow** (40 days)

The coffee hour today is hosted by **the family of Tony Nicklow** in his memory

# Announcements

## 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.

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### Saturday Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study resumes this Saturday, February 1, in person and via Zoom. Cory Mork will lead the sessions. The Zoom link will be included in next Friday's Weekly Update e-mail.

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### OCMC Fundraiser Date Change

The OCMC fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, February 6, has been postponed until after Pascha. The rescheduled date for the fundraiser is **Saturday, May 3.**

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### 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.

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### 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. **Please place all donated items in a plastic garbage bag for ease of handling. Paper bags tear too easily.**

# Philoptochos News



## Philoptochos Membership Drive

Our Membership Drive is underway. We are looking forward to engaging with you in the upcoming year! Consider joining one of our many committees to play an active role in planning and coordinating efforts that drive our mission forward. You can find a list of our committees on the back of the registration form that was mailed to your home address. Additionally, watch the bulletin in the weeks to come where we will highlight one committee/week. For all renewing and new members, be sure to visit the Philoptochos table to receive a small token of appreciation and make your engagement as a member official!



## 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.



## Church Kitchen Refrigerator Monthly Clean Up

We are looking for more volunteers to help with keeping our church kitchen refrigerators clean. We need individuals to sign-up to clean out old and expired food and clean up any spills each month. Please stop by our table to pick a month you would be able to help.

## Sweet Sunday - February 9

Sweet Sunday is a cherished Philoptochos fundraiser where we host coffee hour after Liturgy and collect donations to support charitable organizations. All proceeds this year will go to benefit the Philoxenia Charities in Rochester, Minnesota. Philoxenia Charities offers free lodging to patients/families of Mayo Clinic who are facing serious medical conditions or undergoing major surgery. This is a charity that has been and continues to be used by our parishioners. There are many Sweet Sunday volunteer opportunities, so please plan to help with this event by signing up at the Philoptochos table on Sundays. You can help with set-up, serving, and cleanup as well as bringing a sweet treat, breads, fruit, nuts, etc....and plan to wear red that day!



## 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; Gina M., Elly K., 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, 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, 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 February 2



*Canned Meal – large cans  
(e.g. Chili / Pork and Beans)*

February's recipient is **Simpson Food Pantry**.

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

# Calendar of the Week

## 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*

## Monday, January 27

6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, *Great Hall*

## Tuesday, January 28

5:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*

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

## Wednesday, January 29

5:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym Basketball Practice, *Great Hall*

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

7:00 p.m. – Koinonia Leaders' Meeting, *Fireside Room*

## Thursday, January 30: The Three Hierarchs

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

## Saturday, February 1

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

10:00 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, *Great Hall*

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## Sunday, February 2: Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

\* *“The Messenger” News Item Deadline, March Issue*

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

10:45 a.m. – Seekers' Class, *Fireside Room*

11:30 a.m. – Newcomers' Brunch, *Terrace Room*

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## 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.*

## Quick Links

### Stay in Contact



To join our mailing list or update your contact information, scan the code.

### Digital Donation



To make a donation or stewardship offering, scan the code.

## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, January 27*

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

### *Tuesday, January 28*

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Luke 6:17-23

### *Wednesday, January 29*

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Mark 9:33-41

### *Thursday, January 30: The Three Hierarchs*

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

### *Friday, January 31*

I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

### *Saturday, February 1*

Romans 8:28-39 • Luke 10:19-21

### *Sunday, February 2: Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple*

Hebrews 7:7-17 • Luke 2:22-40



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