



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 9, 2025

The Publican and Pharisee

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today; Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple; Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch; Markellos, Philagrios, & Pankratios the Hieromartyrs; Teilo, Bishop of Llandaff.

Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25

Tone: Plagal Fourth

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the Just,
we sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Presentation of the Lord, First Tone

Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection.

Hymn of Entrance

The Lord made known His salvation in the sight of all the Gentiles.
Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia!

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.

Repeat the Hymn of the Presentation, 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 for the Presentation of the Lord, *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..... II Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel..... Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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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.

Megalynarion

(Instead of "It is truly meet..." on page 69)

Theotokos, as the hope of us Christians, one and all, guard and shelter and
protect those who put their hope in you. In the shadow and the letter of the
Law, we the faithful perceive the decree: Consecrate to God every male, the
first-born opening the womb. Now the unoriginate Father's first-born Logos
and Son is also first-born of a virgin Mother, and we magnify Him.

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

Communion Hymn

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon
the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

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Communion Ushering Changes

Beginning in February, we will implement two ushering changes for Communion:

1. **Children's Communion Line:** After the children's sermon, ushers will direct children to form two lines in the center aisles of the north and south sections. Parents needing to assist their children should meet them there. Teachers should take communion first via any available line.
2. **Revised Communion Flow:** We are returning to the previous communion flow for the north and south sections. You will be directed to the aisles between the two sections to receive communion (where children will be staged). Your return path depends on the priest's location:
 - By the corner of the solea: Exit via the aisle in front of the north/south pews.
 - In the center section: Exit down the center aisle and return via the perimeter.

Please remain standing reverently until an usher directs you forward. Fr. Tim will provide a reminder before communion. Thank you for your cooperation!

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Diane Achterling**

Memorial Prayers are offered for

William Hastings (1 year) father of Paul Hastings;
Γεωργία (Georgia) Kokinis (5 years) mother of Bettina Hanna

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Philoptochos**.

Today is Sweet Sunday! Your freewill donation benefits Philoxenia Charities in Rochester, Minnesota (see note in the Philoptochos section for details).

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



**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
MISSION CENTER**



Missions Presentation: Today

Dan Christopoulos, OCMC Development Director and first missionary, will be making a presentation about OCMC's missionary efforts around the world. He will also have an information table in the Great Hall during coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy. Continue the work of sharing the Good News that began with Christ's disciples and continues with us. Learn more about how we can answer Christ's call to "go and make disciples of all nations." For more information on OCMC visit, www.ocmc.org or connect with Dan at: dchristopoulos@ocmc.org | (904) 930.2809



Join Us for This Year's Final Parish Night Wednesday, February 12

Our February Parish Night is this Wednesday, February 12, 6:15 p.m. We begin with a brief prayer service followed by a meal and session on Feast Days. We wrap up by 8:00 p.m. HOPE, JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, and adults are invited!



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.** FOCUS' clothing closet is looking for volunteer help for either Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. if you can offer some time, Please contact: lbaker-pennington@focusna.org



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Sign up to host on an upcoming Sunday. It doesn't have to celebrate any special occasion. Do it for the joy of sharing! The available Sundays are: February 23, March 9 and 30, April 6 and 27. Contact the church office if interested or have questions.



*Scan to
Sign-up*

OCF U of M Meal Hosts Wanted

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at the University of Minnesota is seeking meal donations from parishioners in the Twin Cities area for their bi-weekly meetings. Anyone interested in signing up to provide a meal is invited to do so by scanning the code. For more information, email John Taylor at: tayl1998@umn.edu



*Scan to Help
Support the
Conference*

YAL Chicago Conference Support

The YAL Chicago Conference needs your support! Our goal is to bring together young adults from across the country for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and community service. This year's conference will occur February 14-17, 2025, and it is our fifth year. The weekend aims to help attendees renew their commitment to faith and heritage through spiritual workshops, guest speakers, community service projects, and social events. Your donation will empower us to subsidize registration costs, fund our service project with Project HOPE and facilitate a rewarding weekend.

A general donation to our conference will be broken down as so:

- 50% towards subsidizing registration costs
- 25% towards the Project HOPE service event
- 25% towards transportation, venue rental and meals for attendees

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Together, we can create a transformative experience for our young adults and strengthen their bonds to our Greek Orthodox Church.



*Scan for
Application*

CrossRoad 2.0 Young Adult Conference **Application Deadline: February 15**

Join fellow Orthodox young adults from across North America (ages 21-35) for a special 5-day experience from Wednesday, March 26 – Sunday, March 30th, 2025, at Pompano Beach, Florida. Participants will engage in fellowship, learning and moments of retreat and introspection. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and develop a leadership mindset that can support your engagement in your parish. The registration deadline is February, 15. Registration includes hotel, meals, and all conference supplies. The registration cost is \$499 per person for a single occupancy and \$299 per person for double occupancy. Scan the code to apply or learn more about the conference at: crossroadinstitute.org

Philoptochos News



Philoptochos Membership Drive

Our membership drive is ongoing—thank you to those who have already joined! This year’s theme is “**Engagement,**” and we’d like to share some details about our committees!

This week we’re highlighting the Fundraising Committee, which plays a vital role in generating the funds that support our mission. A key tradition is baking thousands of pastries for the Festival Bake Sale at the Taste of Greece Festival, along with fillo sales (spring and fall), Vasilopita sales (December/January), Sweet Sunday (today!), and the Lenten Tandem Drive. Hands-on engagement opportunities are shared through our usual channels as the event approaches or stop by the Philoptochos table after Liturgy frequently to learn more! We encourage you to sign up for whatever your schedule allows!



Today Is Sweet Sunday

Philoptochos is hosting coffee hour today. This is our annual fundraiser and all proceeds this year will benefit the Philoxenia Charities in Rochester, MN. Philoxenia Charities offers free lodging to patients/families of the Mayo Clinic who are facing serious medical diagnoses or undergoing major surgery. This is a charity that has been and continues to be used by our parishioners. Stop by the Great Hall after Liturgy and treat yourself to some sweets and make a donation (accepting cash, checks, and credit cards) to this very worthwhile organization.



Philoptochos General Meeting Sunday, February 23

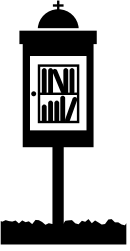
Join us for the next General Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 11:45 a.m.! Current and prospective Philoptochos members are welcome. Guest speaker Terri Leckas will share her experience from her OCMC trip to Albania and visit to Home of Hope. Learn about upcoming events while enjoying provided food. Hope to see you there!



Church Kitchen Refrigerator Monthly Clean Up

More volunteers are needed again in 2025 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.

Philoptochos News



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.



Koliva/Sitari Workshop – Friday, February 21

If you are interested in our koliva/sitari making workshop, please sign up at the Philoptochos table within the next two weeks. The class will be on Friday, February 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. In this hands-on workshop, you'll create a koliva/memorial wheat tray. Koliva is boiled wheat combined with ingredients such as almonds, walnuts, pomegranate seeds, raisins, parsley, and powdered sugar. Koliva is used during the first Saturday of Lent and the two Saturdays of Soul services prior to the start of Lent. Koliva is also used during memorial services. Our first Saturday of Souls will be Saturday, February 22, so we will be holding this workshop the evening before. Participants: please bring a small bowl or tray.

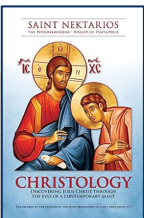
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**ST. MARY'S
BOOKSTORE**

Attention Prophoro Bakers:

The bookstore has a good supply of prosphoro seals to purchase. For all who have taken or will be taking a prosphoro workshop with Toni Bazakos, please know these seals have her stamp of approval.



Christology: Discovering Jesus Christ Through the Eyes of a Contemporary Saint by Saint Nektarios is the next book the Philoptochos Book Club participants will be reading and discussing. Copies are available in the bookstore.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, February 9: The Publican and Pharisee

Triodion Begins

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

after Liturgy – Sweet Sunday Coffee Hour hosted by Philoptochos

Monday, February 10: Saint Haralambos

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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

Tuesday, February 11

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council, *Fireside Room*

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

Wednesday, February 12

6:15 p.m. – Parish Night

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Friday, February 14

4:00 p.m. – Senior/Junior GOYA, HOPE/JOY Valentine Daycare

Saturday, February 15

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, February 16: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

after Liturgy – Newcomers' Brunch, Terrace Room

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.*



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; Elizabeth, Becky, Yvonne, Fran, Kosta, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, 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, 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 16



Pancake Mix and Syrup

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

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

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, February 10: Saint Haralambos

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

Tuesday, February 11

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Wednesday, February 12

II Peter 3:1-18 • Mark 13:24-31

Thursday, February 13

I John 1:8-10; 2:1-6 • Mark 13:31-37; 14:1-2

Friday, February 14

I John 2:7-17 • Mark 14:3-9

Saturday, February 15

Philemon 1:1-25 • Luke 20:46-47; 21:1-4

Sunday, February 16: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

I Corinthians 6:12-20 • Luke 15:11-32



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