



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 6, 2025

Saint Mary of Egypt

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt; Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople; 120
Martyrs of Persia; Gregory of Sinai; Platonis the Nun of Nisibi.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18

Tone: Plagal 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, 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.

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 Saint Mary of Egypt, Plagal Fourth Tone

In you, holy mother Mary, the image of God shone forth, for you took up
your cross and followed the Lord. By word and example you taught us to
live in the spirit while still in the flesh. Therefore your spirit rejoices
with the angels forever.

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 psihās imon.

Kontakion of the Theotokos, *Second Tone*

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Epistle*.....*Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel*.....*Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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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Megalynarion

In you, O woman full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the race of mankind. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virginal souls, from you our God was incarnate and became a child, he who is God from all ages. By making your womb his throne he made you more spacious, more spacious than all the heavens. In you, O woman full of grace all creation, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**

40-day Churching: **Mila Mada**

Parents: **John & Emilia Paulson**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
George Caloviras (40 days); **Glenn Friesen** (40 days);
Evelyn (1 year) & **Bill** (2 years) **Kordaris; Ioannis, Viktoros,**
Neophitos, Evangelos, Demetrios, Andreas.

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Bazakos family.

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table just inside the Great Hall, to the left, 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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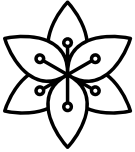
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Announcements



Please Pause on Clothing Donation

Continuing through April, there is a pause on accepting clothing donations to allow FOCUS to sort and hang what they have and to change over to the summer season. However, they do need purses, cosmetic bags, billfolds, backpacks, belts and closed-toed shoes.



Holy Week and Pascha Flowers

Contributions are being accepted for our Holy Week and Pascha flowers and greens. A form was recently sent with the April issue of *The Messenger*. Additional forms and envelopes are available at the stewardship table in the narthex. Please place the form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the stewardship box. The deadline for contributions is Palm Sunday, April 13.



Saint Mary's Bookstore News

The bookstore is having a book fair for church school families and friends this morning in the hallway leading to the classrooms. Featuring gifts for Pascha, there will be lots of books and icons and other items for children of all ages and their parents



Women's Book Club

Mother Theosemni is the next book the women in the Philoptochos Book Club will be reading and discussing. **Copies are available in the bookstore.**



Remember and Commemorate Your Departed Loved Ones with a Memorial Luminary

Once again this year during Holy Friday evening service we will have luminaries (white bags with votive candles) line the walkway as we process with the Kouvouklion. Each luminary will have one name on it, each one is \$5. This is a wonderful way for many prayers to be offered of "Memory Eternal" to our Lord from our parish family. ***See Dena Tortorelis after Liturgy today or the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy.***



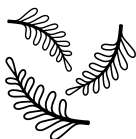
Senior Citizens' Meeting – April 8

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at **11:00 a.m.** in the Terrace Room. PLEASE NOTE *the earlier start time*. We will enjoy a presentation by guest speaker Terri Leckas who will speak about her OCMC trip to Albania. Afterwards, we will celebrate all March and April birthdays and anniversaries, a delicious Lenten buffet luncheon hosted by all our officers, and a Lenten cake provided by Terri. A business meeting with announcements will follow. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are invited to join our lively group. Dues are currently \$15 annually. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.



Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day – April 12

We invite everyone to take part in our Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day. Matins begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Following Liturgy, we will join together for a potluck lunch. Please bring a Lenten dish to share. The Service Day projects will follow and include cleaning and preparing the church for Holy Week and plaiting palm crosses. It's a joy-filled day! *Sign-up by scanning the code or using the link: <https://shorturl.at/ZLtQC>*



Palm Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon – April 13

Our beloved choir will once again host the annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon hosted on Sunday, April 13, following Liturgy. Enjoy a delicious meal with the special sauce made by John Legeros and crew. A suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$6 per child under 10 (credit card, cash, check, or Venmo) is accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit the choir's trip to the Federation Choir Conference in the fall. ***Come and help support your choir.***



Volunteers Needed for Our Annual “Breaking of the Lenten Fast” Meal!

After 40 days of fasting, we come together to celebrate with a joyful meal following the Midnight Liturgy! This year, we need a **chairperson and volunteers** to help organize this special tradition. In the past, we've enjoyed delicious **bacon cheeseburgers, lamb, or pizzas**—what will this year's feast be? Gather your family or friends and help make this event a success! If you're interested in leading or volunteering, **please call David in the parish office to sign up or for more details.** Let's continue this beloved tradition together!



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; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially Jassir; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, George, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, Kosta, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, Gina M., Elly K., Thomas, Panos, Connie, Evdoxia, Sylvia, Pete, 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, 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, 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, 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 April 13



Diapers (Size 5)

April's recipient is

Community Emergency Service (CES).

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 6: Saint Mary of Egypt

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

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

5:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers,

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, West St. Paul

(please note updated location this week.)

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

11:00 a.m. – Senior Citizens' Meeting, *Terrace Room*

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

Wednesday, April 9

4:00 p.m. – Holy Confession, *Nave*

5:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

6:45 p.m. – Lenten Dinner, *Terrace Room*

*Hosted by the Hanna and Istephanous families
in support of Coptic Orphans.*

6:45 p.m. – Junior GOYA Mini Meeting

6:45 p.m. – Grade 2 Confessions, *Nave*

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Friday, April 11

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *Fireside Room*

No Lenten service this evening.

Saturday, April 12: Lazarus Saturday

9:00 a.m. – Orthros; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

after Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday Family Service Day

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

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

after Liturgy – Palm Sunday Spaghetti Lunch, *Great Hall*

5:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Bridegroom Matins, *St. Herman's Orthodox Church*

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins, *St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church*



A Note on Saturday Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study will take a two week Holy Week break. There will not be class on Saturdays April 12 and 19. Classes will resume on April 26 and conclude on May 10. Watch our publications for updates on a possible summer session.

MINNESOTA  PAN-ORTHODOX
LENTEN VESPERS

SUNDAYS AT 5:00 P.M. DURING GREAT LENT

Following each service we will gather for a Lenten meal and Fellowship.

APRIL 6 **St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church**
St. Mary of Egypt 1250 Oakdale Avenue, West St Paul, 55118

APRIL 13 **St. Herman's Orthodox Church**
Palm Sunday Bridegroom Matins 5355 38th Avenue S., Minneapolis, 55412

WHEN YOU CANNOT

The restoration of
St Charalambos' church in
occupied Cyprus

Curated by Tasoulla Hadjiyanni
Photographs by Antonis Engrafou
Archival footage by David Hands

HGA Gallery, Rapson Hall, Univ. of Minnesota
89 Church Street SE, Minneapolis 55455
March 17 – April 23, 2025

Reception and film screening –
Friday, April 4, 2025 – 5:00-7:00pm

For more information email tasoulla@umn.edu



This is the first church restoration project in any occupied territory. Agios Charalabos was built in Christian pre-occupied Cyprus and is now occupied by a Muslim community. Through decades of debates, requests and collaboration, this Christian church has now been restored in occupied Cyprus. History has been made.

ALL ARE INVITED

Fullness of Faith to the Ends of the Earth

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Social with Wine & Appetizers at 6:30pm;
Dinner & Dessert at 7:00pm; Program at 8:00pm

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408



**With OCMC Ambassador,
Terri Leckas and St. Mary's
parishioner, Dr. Steve Rakes**



OCMC Ambassador, Terri Leckas, will share highlights from her trip to Albania and St. Mary's parishioner, Dr. Steve Rakes, will also present from his recent trip to Africa. Both will share stories and recount experiences that have impacted them personally as well how Orthodox Christian Mission Center served as the pathway to take this journey of faith.

For questions please contact Special Events Coordinator, Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org or Event Chair & Ambassador, Terri Leckas at thereseleckas@gmail.com.



\$15 Per Person
RSVP by April 10, 2025
Sponsorship Opportunities!
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www.ocmc.org

St. Mary's Holy Friday Retreat

Walk With Christ to The Cross

Friday, April 18, 2025 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.



Taking Down From the Cross Service starts at 1:30 p.m.

Pre-K (4 year old) through 12th grade

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2025>

Please join us for an engaging day at our Church in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time (to help get the wiggles out—even the big kids). **Retreat ends at 1:15 p.m. so please be here at that time to check out your child(ren) and accompany them for the Taking Down From the Cross Service.**

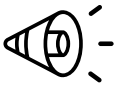
Please register early so we can plan accordingly for helpers, supplies, and food ordering/packaging. Adults, we could use additional help with set up/clean up and food prep. To volunteer or with questions, contact Dena Tortorelis churchschool@stmarysgoc.org

Philoptochos News



Tandem Baby Bottle and Needs Drive until Palm Sunday

Our Lenten Tandem drive continues. We are partnering with the Tandem Resource Center to support families in need. Along with our Baby Bottle Drive, we are expanding our efforts with a “Needs Drive” from March 16th through Palm Sunday. In conjunction with our monetary donations (cash, check or credit card), bins will be provided for essentials such as diapers, newborn clothes, socks, formula and hygiene products for the mothers. Information on Tandem and a detailed list of needs will be available at the Philoptochos table. You can also go to: wearetandem.org for more information about the wonderful work they are doing.



Attention All Philoptochos Members

This year our Philoptochos chapter is celebrating 80 years of promoting charitable, benevolent and philanthropic work for the Greek Orthodox church. We would like to celebrate past and present members at our May Spring Finale. If you have any stories, pictures, or other memorabilia from the past 80 years, we would love it if you shared them with us. We are also looking for ladies to assist in planning this event. If interested, please contact Erlene Holman at 507.259.5443 or yiayiaerline@gmail.com.



Philoptochos to Serve Dinner at FOCUS: Today

Philoptochos is hosting the Sunday night meal at FOCUS Minnesota today. Please make sure to have your items at church by 3:00 p.m. today and leave in the front refrigerator (mark it for FOCUS) so we can reheat and package. For questions, contact Mary Ellis, 3ellism@gmail.com, or Paulette Hastings, pmg.hastings@gmail.com.



Help Prepare our Church for Holy Week and Pascha

Philoptochos is looking for many volunteers to help with preparing our church for Easter. Please stop by our table today to sign up to help on these dates:

Saturday, April 12 - Lazarus Saturday: *after Liturgy, prepare the Nave for Palm Sunday*

Friday, April 18 – Holy Friday: *after Royal Hours, adorn the kouvouklion with flowers*

Friday, April 18 – Holy Friday: *after Lamentations, change purple to white*

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday: *after First Resurrection Liturgy, adorn for Pascha*

Philoptochos News



Help Make Koulourakia for Pascha Coffee Hour

We are looking for several ladies (or men) to bake about 3-4 dozen koulourakia cookies for Pascha coffee hour on Holy Saturday night and Agape Vespers on Pascha. Please sign up at the Philoptochos table during coffee hour today.



Philoptochos Board Elections in May

Philoptochos Board elections will be held in May, with up to 19 women able to join the team. This is a two-year term, and women experienced and new to the organization are welcome! The board meets eight times during the year and members serve on two committees.

Lisa Gallmeyer, Carol Smith and Paulette Hastings are leading the effort to create a slate of nominees. Please give some prayerful thought to taking on this role, talk with these three (or anyone on the board) to learn more, and become a leader in the philanthropic arm of the church!



April 2025

MESSAGES from the METROPOLIS

www.chicago.goarch.org

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MORE EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/25

Annual Bright Friday Celebration -
St. Iakovos Retreat Center

sign up to receive email updates:
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ST. MARY'S CAMP

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Saturday, June 28 – Friday, July 4, 2025
Camp Wapogasset • Amery, Wisconsin

CAMP REGISTRATION IS NEAR CAPACITY.

The camp registration window officially closes April 15, 2025.

However, as of the end of March, camp registrations spaces are almost filled. All new camper registrations will be added to a Waiting List. We will do our best to accommodate as many as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

For more information and to register, visit:

stmaryscamp.com



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Email Questions to: camp@stmaryscamp.com

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Just as the early settlers faced challenges on their journey west, Christians also encounter obstacles on the path to our heavenly promised land. At Vacation Church School, kids will learn what spiritual equipment they need, how to be courageous, who helps them along the way, and how to use grit and perseverance to stay on the Christian trail to paradise.

Join us for an unforgettable faith-filled adventure with lessons, crafts, snacks, and fun! Scan the code to register your child today!

For cowpokes 4 years old (and potty trained) through entering 6th grade in the fall
Helper's needed: 7-12th graders (in the fall).

REGISTER HERE



JUNE 16 - 20, 2025

At Saint Mary's, 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Quick Links

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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, April 7

Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday, April 8

Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21

Wednesday, April 9

Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 • Proverbs 21:23-22:4

Thursday, April 10

Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15-24:5

Friday, April 11

Genesis 49:33-50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday, April 12: Lazarus Saturday

Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8 • John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9 • John 12:1-18



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