



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 1, 2025

*Holy Fathers of The
First Ecumenical Council*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration: Holy Fathers of the First Council; Justin the Philosopher and Martyr and his Companions; Pyrrhos the Hieromartyr.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14

Tone: Plagal Second

VARIABLE HYMNS AND READINGS IN THE LITURGY

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who ascended from us to heaven in glory,
save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Ascension of the Lord, Fourth Tone

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened your disciples by your promise of the Holy Spirit. And your blessing confirmed their belief that you are indeed God's Son, the Redeemer of the world.

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, 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 Hymn of the Ascension of the Lord, above

Hymn of Holy Fathers of the First Synod, Plagal Fourth Tone

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith.
Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

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 γενήσῃ τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσῃ τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες,
En ti gennisi tin parthenian efilaxas en ti kimisi ton kosmon u katelipes,

Θεοτόκε. Μετέστῃς 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 Ascension of the Lord, *Plagal Second Tone*

When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured us who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us

Epistle*.....*Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel*.....*John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed

that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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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.

Instead of “We Have Seen the Light,”

we chant the Hymn of the Ascension of the Lord:

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened your disciples
by your promise of the Holy Spirit. And your blessing confirmed their belief
that you are indeed God’s Son, the Redeemer of the world.

•————— **Today** —————•

Prosforo is provided by **Presvytera Alexandra Houck**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Jim Murdakes (10 years)**

Louis & Mary Pappas will speak on Koinonia at end of Liturgy

We welcome the new board members of Philoptochos voted in at the Spring Finale
on Tuesday, May 20. We will have a blessing and oath of office by Father Tim at
the end of the Divine Liturgy. The new Board of Directors 2025 to 2027 are:

**Shannon Baustian, Maria Boosalis, Mary Ellis, Cathy Forchas, Elena Gabor,
Eleni George, Victoria Hanson, Erline Holman, Connie Kouzes, Annette Legeros,
Kathy Pinger, Maria Smith, Andrea Tiggas, Dena Tortorelis, and Kathi Wendland.**

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Nick and Diana Santrizos

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.

Announcements



Fr. Harry's Retirement

Father Harry Pappas, who served St. Mary's from 1995-2006, is retiring this summer. Anyone wishing to send a congratulatory note is invited to bring a card to church by Sunday, June 15, and we will send them to Father Harry in time for his and Presvytera Kerry's retirement banquet. A drop box for cards is in the narthex.



Paschal Reflection

Parishioner Ben Wehr assembled a mix of photos and videos taken during Holy Week and Pascha at St. Mary's. The images are presented in chronological order and feature the beautiful voices of our choir and chanters. **WATCH THE VIDEO. SCAN THE CODE.**



Women's Book Club

Mother Theosemni is the next book the Women's Book Club will be reading and discussing. Copies are available in the bookstore. The next discussion is on **Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.**, beginning with dinner. Please bring a salad, drinks, or dessert to share. A meat dish will be provided.



Greek Dance Program to Resume Practices

Register by June 8 — The Greek dance program will resume dance practices on Monday, June 9 and running through September 3. Practices take place on Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with added practices from time to time on Sunday afternoons. We will focus on preparing to perform for our Greek Festival, September 5-7. All youth of St. Mary's, ages 6 to 19 years, are welcome to join this fun cultural program. For further details on schedule, please contact Tessie Bourdamis, tbourdamis@comcast.net or Jim Canelake, agrimi01@gmail.com. Please register by June 8.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 1: The First Ecumenical Council

"The Messenger" News Item Deadline

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

Monday, June 2

6:00 p.m. – Festival Committee Meeting, *Terrace Room*

Tuesday, June 3

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, *Nave*

11:30 a.m. – Senior Citizens' Bible Study, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, June 4

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

6:15 p.m. – Junior GOYA, *Youth Room*

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, June 5

9:00 a.m. – Service Day Sewing Project, *Terrace Room*

Friday, June 6: Leave-Taking of Ascension

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

Saturday, June 7: Saturday of Souls

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, June 8: Holy Pentecost

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

after Liturgy – Church School Teachers' Recognition Luncheon, *Terrace Room*

5:00 p.m. – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost

5:00 p.m. – Senior GOYA Banquet (off-site)



Philoptochos News



Sunday Table Coverage – *Still Need Ladies to Help*

We ask for your assistance in ensuring that the Philoptochos table remains staffed after Liturgy each week. We're looking for two members to manage the Sunday table, providing updates on current volunteer opportunities, and addressing general inquiries about our mission and membership. Sign up at our table and choose a Sunday that works for you.



Volunteer Opportunities for Festival Baking Start in May

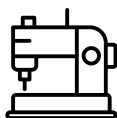
Opa! Taste of Greece 2025 baking starts in May and we're excited to welcome you to our baking sessions! Here's the schedule through June:

- **Baklava Assembly**
Tuesday, June 3 and Monday, June 9, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Baklava Cut and Clove**
Wednesday, June 11, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
and Thursday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (if needed)



Scan to
Sign Up

These sessions are always fun and are a great way to be with old and new friends while supporting St. Mary's. Please join us when you can -- for an hour or two or the entire session. Many hands lighten the load. No experience necessary...on-the-job training available! Volunteer via SignUpGenius or at the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy.



Service Day...Mark Your Calendars! Thursday, June 5

Join us for a day of service in the Terrace Room (any time between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.) to sew simple items for various organizations like Tandem Family Resource Center and general health care centers. **No need to know how to sew to attend!** We'll have plenty of needs for ironing and cutting, so all are welcome! Come for an hour, two hours, or whatever works for you! If you plan to attend, please bring a pair of scissors, or if you are a sewer, bring your sewing machine or serger. Donations of new or gently used hand towels to sew baby bibs are welcomed!



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; Kate, Alexandra Zoe, Filio, Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, George, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, 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 Jerezek, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Nick, John, Eugenia, Ron, Matt, Laura, Constance, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, Helena, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Noel, Stephen, 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, Karris, 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 June 8



Peanut Butter

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

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

SAINT MARY'S VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



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.

REGISTER HERE



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

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

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 2

Acts 21:8-14 • John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, June 3

Acts 21:26-32 • John 16:2-13

Wednesday, June 4

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:1-9

Thursday, June 5

Acts 25:13-19 • John 16:23-33

Friday, June 6: Leave-Taking of Ascension

Acts 27:1-44; 28:1 • John 17:18-26

Saturday, June 7: Saturday of Souls

I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • John 21:14-25

Sunday, June 8: Holy Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 • John 7:37-52; 8:12



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