



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 18, 2025

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman; Holy Martyrs: Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraclius, Paulinus and Benedimus; Stephen I, Patriarch of Constantinople; Julian the Martyr; Euphrasia the Martyr of Nicea.

Morning Gospel: John 20:1-10

Tone: Fourth

VARIABLE HYMNS AND READINGS IN THE LITURGY

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Hristos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas,
ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisamenos.

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

Hymn of Pascha, Plagal First Tone

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Hymn of Entrance

Bless God in the churches; the Lord from the fountains of Israel.
Save us, O son of God who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Resurrection Hymn, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

Hymn for Mid-Pentecost, Plagal Fourth Tone

In the midst of the Paschal season, Savior, let my thirsty soul partake of the waters of true worship; for you call out inviting all: Let those who thirst come to me and drink.
O Fountain of Life, Christ our God, 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. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhousa tis zois, ke tes presvies

ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psichas imon.

Kontakion of PASCHA, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

Into the grave you descended, Immortal One, yet you destroyed the power of
Hades, and as victor you arose, O Christ our God; you proclaimed to the myrrh-
bearing women a greeting of joy, you brought peace to your holy apostles, and to
the fallen you granted resurrection.

Epistle* *Acts 14:6-18

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose
over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to
none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming
to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was
with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the
ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw
the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with
steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large
company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he
had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and
taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called
Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of
them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine
over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined,
every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they
did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel* *John 7:14-30

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave
to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat
down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw
water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to

buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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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Megalyrnarion of Pascha, *First Tone*

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Be glad and exultant, divine gate of the light. For your Son, namely Jesus, having set within the tomb, rose and is shining more brightly than the sun, and He has fully illumined all the faithful, O Lady full of the grace of God.

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

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ, and taste him who is
the fountain of immortality.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Gina Nelson**

40-Day Churching: **Genevieve Theodore**, parents: **Andrew & Amy Gruber**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Demos Hadjiyanis** (40 days);
John Regas; Pete & Tacia Economou; Harry Legeros

Coffee hour will be hosted in the Terrace Room
as **Fun Jam 2025** will be held in the Great Hall.

Congratulations, Class of 2025!

After Liturgy, we honor our graduating senior high school students.
Please take a moment to personally congratulate them during the coffee
hour in the Terrace Room.

Fun Jam 2025

Today, Saint Mary's Church School students and their families will enjoy fun activities celebrating the last day of classes and another year completed. Fun Jam will be held in the Great Hall where hot dogs and chips, as well as cupcakes and ice cream, will be served (compliments of Harry Legeros Memorial). Kids can enjoy face painting, inflatables, obstacle courses, and more!

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table during coffee hour. Stop by after Liturgy this morning to introduce yourself and join us for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments. They are happy to answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith.



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; 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 Jereczek, 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, 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, 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 May 25



Peanut Butter

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

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 18: The Samaritan Woman

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

after Liturgy – Fun Jam

11:30 a.m. – Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Tuesday, May 20

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

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

5:30 p.m. – Philoptochos Spring Finale, *Terrace Room*

Wednesday, May 21: Saints Constantine and Helen

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Newsletter Mailing, *Fireside Room*

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

after Liturgy – Housekeeping

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, May 22

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, *Fireside Room*

Friday, May 23

Junior Olympics in Chicago

Saturday, May 24

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Great Vespers will not be offered this evening. Services are planned to resume in the fall.

Sunday, May 25: Sunday of the Blind Man

Junior Olympics in Chicago

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

12:00 noon (approximately) – Cemetery Service,
St. Mary's Section in Lakewood Cemetery

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day

Junior Olympics in Chicago

Church and Office Closed

Announcements



Philoptochos/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. The next discussion is on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.



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, agrim01@gmail.com. Please register by June 8.



Tubing Trip Postponed

The Rochester tubing trip scheduled for Saturday, May 31, has been postponed to some other time this summer due to low water levels. More information will become available as the summer comes around.

“When we are at the beginning of our spiritual life, God, by His love, does not allow us to have awareness of our sinfulness, for us not to bend under its weight. Some ambitious and sensitive souls would not be able to bare it and would be harmed. Thus, God blinds our eyes, and we do not see all our sins...However, when we succeed in our spiritual struggle, God slowly allows us to see our mistakes. Simultaneously He gives us strength to struggle and correct these mistakes. When there is no experience delicate work is not useful. The same thing is with awareness of God's blessings. If a person, being in the beginning of his spiritual life, sees God's blessings, he gets spiritual effusion of blood. Because seeing God's blessings and realizing his ingratitude for them, a person suffers, he melts.”

— *Saint Paisios the Athonite*

Philoptochos News



Sunday Table Coverage Reminder

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.



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 would share them with us. We are also looking for ladies to assist in planning this event. If interested...please contact Erline Holman, 507.259.5443, or yiayiaerline@gmail.com.



Philoptochos Board Elections – May 20

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!



Today Is the Last Day to Sign Up for the 80th Anniversary Spring Fling

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. – Social Time, 6:00 p.m. – Dinner, Program, and Meeting. Join your Philoptochos sisters for a fun evening celebrating our 80th Anniversary with food, beverages, games, and more. You don't want to miss this! ***You need to sign up no later than today!*** Stop by our table to reserve your spot or sign up here, by scanning the code.



Volunteer Opportunities for Festival Baking Start in May

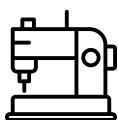
Opa! Taste of Greece 2025 baking starts in May and we're excited to welcome you to our baking sessions! Here's the schedule through June:

- **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!

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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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 19

Acts 12:12-17 • John 8:42-51

Tuesday, May 20

Acts 12:25; 13:1-12 • John 8:51-59

Wednesday, May 21: Saints Constantine and Helen

Acts 26:1, 12-20 • John 10:1-9

Thursday, May 22

Acts 14:20-28; 15:1-4 • John 9:39-10:9

Friday, May 23

Acts 15:5-12 • John 10:17-28

Saturday, May 24

Acts 15:35-41 • John 10:27-38

Sunday, May 25: Sunday of the Blind Man

Corinthians 4:6-15 • John 9:1-38



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