



June 15, 2025 • *Sunday of All Saints*

## THE DIVINE LITURGY

**Commemoration:** The Sunday of All Saints; Amos the Prophet;  
Our Righteous Father Hieronymus; Augustine the Blessed, Bishop of Hippo;  
Jerome the Righteous; Achikos, Stephanas, and Fortuanatos the Apostles;  
Father among the Saints Jonas, Metropolitan of Kiev.

*Morning Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20*

*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 for All Saints, Fourth Tone**

Throughout the world your Church is adorned with the blood of the martyrs as with  
royal purple and fine linen. Through them she cries out to you, Christ our God: Grant  
your lasting peace to all the world and bestow on our souls your great mercy.

#### **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 iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies

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

## **Kontakion of All Saints, Plagal Fourth Tone**

To you, O Lord, Creator of the universe, the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of creation. Through their prayers, and through those of the Theotokos, keep your church in perfect peace, O Savior rich in mercy.

### ***Epistle.....Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2***

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

### ***Gospel.....Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30***

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

## **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.**

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

### **Communion Hymn**

Exalt, you just, in the Lord. Exalt, you just, in the Lord;  
from the upright praise is fitting. Alleluia.

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## **Today**

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Prosforo is provided by **Maria Prassas**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Patricia Pollnow (5 years)**

The coffee hour today is hosted by  
**The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival Committee**

### **Happy Father's Day!**

A blessed day to every Dad, Grandpa, Papou, Godfather, and...Priest!



**September 5-7**

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### **Our Festival Kick-off is Today!**

The social hour is hosted by the Festival Committee. Get some coffee and browse our tables to see ways you can participate this summer in the Taste of Greece:

- Check out the new sponsorship opportunities.
- Donate a gently used (and no longer needed) icon, Greek pottery, linens, or other items to the boutique.
- Load up a gift card for yourself or a friend.
- Volunteer to lead a 30-minute food demonstration or faith talk.
- Pick up a yard sign.

Look for more details to come soon. For more information on the Taste of Greece Festival, visit: **[www.MplsGreekFest.org](http://www.MplsGreekFest.org)**

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### **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



## Memorial Prayers Special Request

In order to accommodate each family who might request memorial prayers for a departed loved one on any given Sunday, we ask that only a small bowl of kollyva and a photo smaller than 8"x10" be placed on the table for the service and no flowers. Thank you.



## Prayer Ministry List Clean Up

Each week we receive a call or two to add a name to our prayer list. As you can see, it has gotten quite lengthy. If you placed a name on the list and the person is no longer in need of special prayers, please contact the church office so we can remove the name.



## Greek Festival Boutique – Vintage Section Donations Needed!

With our Greek Festival right around the corner, the Boutique is now collecting items for the popular Vintage Section! This special area generates 100% profit for the Church and its supported charities, and we're grateful for the continued generosity of our community. We're currently seeking donations of gently used items such as icons, ceramics, vases, and linens. Donations can be dropped off at the church office—please clearly label them "Boutique." If you have any questions, feel free to **contact Vicki Hanson at 612.327.0797**.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past. It's heartwarming to see cherished family heirlooms find new, loving homes!



## Women's Book Club

The next book the Women's Bookclub participants will be reading is *The Way of the Pilgrim and the Pilgrim Continues His Way*. Copies are available in the bookstore.



"We must not cease to pray, even with the mind."

— Elder Arsenie Papacioc of Romania †

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## Calendar of the Week

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### Sunday, June 15: Sunday of All Saints; Father's Day

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

### Monday, June 16

8:45 a.m. - Noon – Vacation Church School

12:30 p.m. – Funeral Service for Mathew Balafas;  
Visitation from 11:30 a.m., St. Mary's

### Tuesday, June 17

8:45 a.m. - Noon – Vacation Church School

### Wednesday, June 18

8:45 a.m. - Noon – Vacation Church School

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing, *Office Conference Room*

### Thursday, June 19

8:45 a.m. - Noon – Vacation Church School

7:00 p.m. – YAL at FOCUS Minnesota

### Friday, June 20

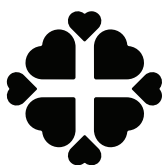
7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *Fireside Room*

8:45 a.m. - Noon – Vacation Church School

### Sunday, June 22: Second Sunday of Matthew

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

after Liturgy – Greek Dance Practice, *Lecture Room*



## KOINONIA\* CORNER

*“Being part of our Koinonia has added Christian fellowship and friendship to my life. Our collective study, prayer and discussion has brought me a deeper understanding and love for our Orthodox Faith, and my friends here at St. Mary’s. It is a highlight of my month!”*

*~Terri Leckas, participant of Koinonia*

**St. Mary's Koinonia** is a ministry of small groups (approx 10-12 people), for sharing and building in friendships and faith-life for all ages, coming together to experience what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ. Groups gather September through May. New group opportunities will be published this coming August. Stay tuned! In the meantime, feel free to contact Lani McCollar at [lanimccollar@gmail.com](mailto:lanimccollar@gmail.com) with any questions.

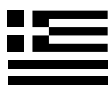
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*\*Pronounced: KEY-NO-KNEE-AH*

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# Philoptochos News

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## Festival Baking Continues

Opa! Taste of Greece 2025 baking is underway. We're excited to welcome you to our baking sessions! Here's the schedule through July:

- **Melomakarona**

Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- **Amygdalota**

Date and time to be determined



*Scan to  
Sign Up*

We are using our new cookie dough dispenser, which can shape hundreds of cookies in just five minutes. This was purchased in memory of Susie and Jim Boosalis, Mary and Tom Maimares, and Helen and James Peters. These three couples loved St. Mary's and worked tirelessly in the kitchen for many projects, and we are so grateful to their families for this wonderful gift to the church. 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 (scan the code) or visit the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy.

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## YAL News

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### FOCUS Volunteering

YAL will be volunteering at FOCUS in St. Paul on Thursday, June 19, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. A Lenten dinner will be provided for the Apostles fast so please RSVP (scan code). We will sort food shelf deliveries, hang up clothes, and complete other tasks around the center to reset for the upcoming week. FOCUS - Minnesota is located at 550 Rice St., St. Paul MN 55103. There is street parking nearby.



### Save the Dates

We are still planning lots of ways to be engaged this summer. More details to come but save the date for the following opportunities!

**Thursday, July 10** - YAL BBQ at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

**Thursday, August 21** - YAL Boat Cruise



### Stay Informed about YAL Events

Scan the code to receive updates on upcoming events and opportunities to connect with other Orthodox young adults aged 18-35!



## Prayer Ministry

***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:***

The family of Mathew Balafas; the family of Evelyn Boosalis; 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; George, Nino, Kate, Alexandra Zoe, Filio, Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, 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, 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 22



### ***Hygiene items***

***(toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner)***

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

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





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OF CHICAGO

June 2025

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## LATEST NEWS

- 5/27** “New converts: St. Louis Orthodox Christian churches grow, as other churches decline” – published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- 5/27** The Metropolis of Chicago Mourns the Falling Asleep of Andrew P. Efthim Jr.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/3** Strengthen Stewardship Now & Forever June Meeting
- 6/8** Ecumenical Prayer to Commemorate the Mystery of Creation in Christ
- 6/10-11** Vespers, Orthros, and Liturgy for The Feast Day of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew, the Patron Saint of Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago
- 6/13** YAL Chicago Greek Fest Panigiri



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## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, June 16*

Romans 2:28-29; 3:1-18 • Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

### *Tuesday, June 17*

Romans 4:4-12 • Matthew 7:15-21

### *Wednesday, June 18*

Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 7:21-23

### *Thursday, June 19*

Jude 1:1-25 • John 14:21-24

### *Friday, June 20*

Romans 5:17-21; 6:1-2 • Matthew 9:14-17

### *Saturday, June 21*

Romans 3:19-24 • Matthew 7:1-8

### *Sunday, June 22: Second Sunday of Matthew*

Romans 2:10-16 • Matthew 4:18-23



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