



June 22, 2025 • *Second Sunday of Matthew*

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration: The Second Sunday of Matthew; Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata; Zenon the Martyr and his servant Zenas of Philadelphia; Anastasia the Serbian; Alban the Protomartyr of Britain.

Morning Gospel: Matthew Mark 16:1-8

Tone: First

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, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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 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.....Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel.....Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Christopher (Kalju) Kubits (1 year); Judith Ann Psychogios (10 years).

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the family of Christopher (Kalju) Kubits in his memory.

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



YOU are welcome at the Welcome Table!

Help greet newcomers and guests after Sunday Liturgy at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and be a light to those who are interested in Orthodoxy and St. Mary's. The time commitment is minimal. Sign up using the QR code. Questions? Call Terri Leckas, 612.710.0609.



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!



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.



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.



"You don't need to be polite with God, simply pour out your heart before Him."

— Saint Sophrony of Essex †



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024



The Metropolis of Chicago's *Annual Impact Report* is now available. Please take a moment to read about the work that has been accomplished on the 5-year Vision and how it is taking root and bearing fruit for our clergy, parishes, ministries, and communities. Visit the URL below or scan the code.



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Calendar of the Week

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*

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, *Nave*
11:30 a.m. – Senior Citizens' Bible Study

Wednesday, June 25

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

Thursday, June 26

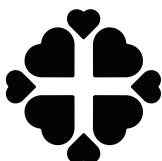
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee, *Fireside Room*

Friday, June 28

Summer Camp begins

Sunday, June 29: Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

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



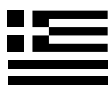
KOINONIA CORNER

“Koinonia was very meaningful to our entire family! Perry and I valued both the fellowship with other faithful parents, as well as hearing and sharing perspectives on Bible passages and epistles; we learned so much. Our kids LOVED time to connect and build relationships with their church friends. We can’t wait for next year!”

~Emily Skoutelas, participant of Koinonia

Koinonia, pronounced (koi-no-KNEE-ah—accent on the third syllable), is a Greek word that appears in its different forms about 20 times in the New Testament. Usually, it is translated as “fellowship.” Acts 2:42, the first place the word occurs in the Bible, says of the early Christians: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship [koinonia], in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” St. Mary’s Koinonia is a ministry of small groups (approx 10-12 people), for all ages. Additional new groups will start in September. Stay tuned! For more information contact Lani McCollar at lanimccollar@gmail.com or Christine Buss at cmariébuss@gmail.com with any questions.

Philoptochos News



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**

Wednesday, July 23, 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.



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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.

YAL News



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:

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, Billie, Nino, Kate, Elena, Alexandra Zoe, Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, Gina M., Elly K., Thomas, Panos, Connie, Evdoxia, Sylvia, Pete, 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, 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 29



Creamettes / egg noodles / spaghetti

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

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



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- 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 23

Romans 7:1-14 • Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8

Tuesday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 • Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Wednesday, June 25

Romans 8:2-13 • Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday, June 26

Romans 8:22-27 • Matthew 10:23-31

Friday, June 27

Romans 9:6-19 • Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1

Saturday, June 28

Romans 3:28-31; 4:1-3 • Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4

Sunday, June 29: Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9 • Matthew 16:13-19



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