



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 29, 2025

Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration: Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Tone: Second

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, Second Tone

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, 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 Resurrection Hymn, above

Hymn of Peter and Paul, Fourth Tone

Pre-eminent Apostles and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls

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 psihas 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..... II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast of -- I am speaking as a fool -- I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one -- I am talking like a madman -- with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel.....Matthew 16:13-19

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.

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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.

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

Communion Hymn

The memory of the righteous will endure, endure forever.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Diane Achterling**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Greg & Jeanette Swenson, David & Julie Rist, and family members
celebrating **Saints Peter and Paul**.

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

After Liturgy today, members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table located in the hallway on the way to the Great Hall. We want to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Also, join us in the Great Hall for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.



“Adorn yourself with truth, try to speak truth in all things; and do not support a lie, no matter who asks you. If you speak the truth and someone gets mad at you, don't be upset, but take comfort in the words of the Lord: *Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of truth, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:10).*”

— *Saint Gennadios of Constantinople*

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.



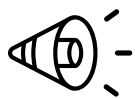
Saint Mary's OCA Cathedral Golf Tournament

The 95th Annual St. Mary's (Cathedral) Charity Golf Tournament is coming up on Sunday, July 27, with a few changes this year. First, we have a new location. The tournament this year will be held at Columbia Golf Club in Minneapolis. Second, we are bringing back the awards dinner. You can sign up or sponsor online by scanning the code or visiting the address: <https://events.golfstatus.com/event/st-mary-s-orthodox-cathedral-golf-fundraiser>, or contact the coordinator, Joel Van Nurden, at joelvannurden@gmail.com or 507.269.0826. Proceeds from the tournament support St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral in Northeast Minneapolis.



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!



Vacation Church School Items

Quite a number of items, especially arts and craft creations, remain after Vacation Church School. Please stop by the cart in the hallway to the office to pick up those items. Also, thank you to all who helped! An official thank you note will appear in the next "Messenger."



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.



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Saint Olympia Girls

Saint Olympia girls: come and help at upcoming baking sessions for our Taste of Greece Festival. Help for an hour or two and bring a friend or mom, too. Sign up via SignUpGenius (scan the code).

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

Amygdalota: Wednesday, July 28, 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.



September 5-7, 2025

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

For more information on the Taste of Greece Festival, visit:

www.MplsGreekFest.org

Calendar of the Week

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

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

Monday, June 30: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

No Divine Liturgy today due to Summer Camp

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

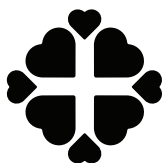
Friday, July 4: Independence Day

Church and Office closed

Sunday, July 6: Fourth Sunday of Matthew

"The Messenger" News Item Deadline

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



KOINONIA CORNER

"Koinonia--

We gather, we pray, we reflect.

Some share, some just listen.

We grow as family and we leave with the peace of Christ!"

~Sandra Anderson, participant of Koinonia

St. Mary's Koinonia is led by dedicated group facilitators throughout the Twin Cities, and each monthly gathering either a clergy or scholar visits also. Small groups of approximately 10-12 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 or Christine Buss at cmariiebuss@gmail.com with any questions.



Senior Citizens' Meeting

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on **Tuesday, July 8, at 12:00 noon**, in the Terrace Room. After the celebrations and formalities, we will be entertained by the "Ukes," a full Ukelele orchestra featuring one of our own St. Mary's Seniors member, Elena Biessener, who is also a member of this orchestra. We will end with a short meeting and announcements.

Philoptochos News



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2025 Taste of Greece Baking Schedule

Melomakarona

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

Chair: *Paulette Hastings, 952.564.8388, pmg.hastings@gmail.com*

Amygdalota

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

Chair: *Paulette Hastings, 952.564.8388, pmg.hastings@gmail.com*

Baklava Sundae Topping – Coming Soon...

Festival Week Preparations

Cut and package baklava

Tuesday, September 2

Powder and package kourambiethes

Wednesday, September 3

Cut and package karithopita and make 6-packs

Final set up of bakery, work area, and storage area

Thursday, September 4

Come for an hour or two or a full session!

On-the-job training available!

Bring a friend! Many hands lighten the load!



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.



chicago.goarch.org/annual-impact-24/





YAL BBQ

Thursday, July 10 — 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The annual YAL BBQ will be at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in the Terrace Room and Courtyard. We will provide dinner and drinks! It Please email us if you have any specific allergies, we will do our best to accommodate.



Help the YAL Board

As our YAL ministry continues to grow we are looking to also grow our leadership board! We are so thankful to the board members who organize events for the young adults in the Twin Cities and are looking for additional help to continue hosting great events that bring our community together! We won't do a formal application process at this time, however if you are interested in helping either as a board member or just on special projects please let us know by emailing twincitiesyal@gmail.com. Based on your interests and what is needed, we will determine how you can help support our ministry. Baptized/Chrismated Orthodox young adults from all local parishes are welcome!



YAL Boat Cruise

Thursday, August 21

Save the date for the Annual YAL Boat Cruise! More information and ticket sales will be available in July.



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; Nicki, Dino, 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 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, 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 July 6



Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

July's recipient is FOCUS MINNESOTA

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



METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS
BY HIS EMINENCE

METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO

THE SERVANT OF GOD

STEPHEN TODD WEHR

WILL BE ORDAINED INTO THE HOLY DIACONATE
ON THE FEAST OF *the Dormition of the Theotokos*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

ST. MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408

8:30 a.m. Orthros | 9:30 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Luncheon to Follow in the Great Hall

PLEASE RSVP PRIOR TO AUGUST 1 TO:
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 30: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

Tuesday, July 1

I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Wednesday, July 2

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 1:39-49, 56

Thursday, July 3

Romans 11:13-24 • Matthew 11:27-30

Friday, July 4: Independence Day

Romans 11:25-36 • Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 5

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Matthew 11:27-30

Sunday, July 6: Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Romans 6:18-23 • Matthew 8:5-13



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