



THE MESSENGER

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Our Mission Statement

TO PROCLAIM, CELEBRATE, AND SHARE
THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN
JESUS CHRIST IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE ORTHODOX TRADITION.

The Five Tasks of Our Parish Vision

Hear
Pray
Grow
Serve
Share



"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ"

~ Colossians 3:23-24

2025 Stewardship Update

THANK YOU to our 2025 St. Mary's Stewards in Good Standing! By completing a 2025 Talent/Time and/or financial pledge, you have made a commitment to Christ, to honor Him and to preserve His Church. This is how we, as a St. Mary's family offering our first fruits, walk together towards salvation. We appreciate each of you who have joined us on that journey of commitment. To those who have not completed a 2025 Stewardship Pledge (completing a form needs to be done EACH year to be considered a Steward in Good Standing), we invite you to join the 470 families who have done so this year.

With love in Christ,

St. Mary's Stewardship Committee

See the 2025 St. Mary's Stewards page 8.

Our Life Together

Baptism

Alek Lockhart
June 7, 2025

Chrismations

Katherine Huber
June 7, 2025

Kai Hagberg
June 7, 2025

Wedding

**Walelign Kebede to
Christina Petsoulis**
May 31, 2025

Death

Matheos Balafas
June 6, 2025

Study Groups

Men's Fellowship
Fridays, July 11 and 18
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Senior Citizens' Bible Study
Tuesdays, July 15
11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Saturday Bible Study is on summer break

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alexandros Bakritges (son of Tom and Donna), and his lovely bride, Kay Coons, who were married on April 11, 2025. May God grant you many years!

Thank you...

The American Hellenic Legion Post 129 and Auxiliary Unit 129 wish to extend their thankfulness for all the generous donations of food given on Sunday, May 25, Memorial Day Weekend. They were delivered to CRRC (Community Resource and Referral Center) of the Veterans Administration on Tuesday, May 27. 102 pounds of food was donated! Thank you for your support! Mary Kozak, Hellenic Auxiliary President

Share Your Shelf

July's recipient is
FOCUS MINNESOTA

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:
Pasta / Pasta Sauce, Canned Veggies,
Tuna, Cereal

Sunday, July 6
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

Sunday, July 13
Spam

Sunday, July 20
Peanut Butter

Sunday, July 27
Canned Meat (e.g., tuna / chicken)

"You will never overcome
God's generosity, even if you
give away all that you have....
And however much you
bring to Him, always more
remains. Nor will you give
anything that is your own; for
all things flow from God."

~ St. Gregory the Theologian

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Visit the site, then
"Donate Now."



Saint Mary's church and office will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

Worship Schedule

Weekly Saturday Great Vespers is on break through the summer.

Sundays (live-streamed)
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 11:
Saint Euphemia
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 17:
Saint Marina
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 26:
Saint Paraskevi
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.



The feast day of **Saint Paraskevi** is commemorated on July 26. Learn more about the Saint. Scan the code.



Need to include something in the Messenger, weekly email, or Sunday bulletin?

Send your correspondence to:
communications@stmarysgoc.org

Parish News & Events

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Jennifer Coin

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Louis Ellis

Andrew Gatchell

Andrew LeRoy

Sophia Rouman



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Our summer coffee hour hosting schedule is filling up! Thank you to all The Sundays available are: **June 29; August 10 and 24**. If you would like to host a Sunday, please contact the Church Office to get on the schedule. Also, contact the office if you have questions about hosting.



Senior Citizens' Meeting

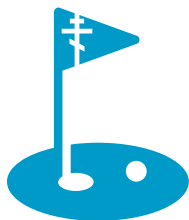
Tuesday, July 8

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, July 8, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate all July birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo of all celebrants, a delicious buffet luncheon, and a scrumptious cake by Terri Leckas. Afterwards, 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. All St. Mary's seniors (55+) are invited to join our lively group. Dues are currently \$15. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.



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!



Saint Mary's OCA Cathedral Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 27

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: <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. Thank you and we appreciate your support of Minnesota's longest running charity golf tournament.



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COUNCIL CORNER

First, a special “thank you” to...

- **The Church School Holy Friday Retreat (back in April) comprised 98 attendees and a team of 30+ volunteers** who beautifully organized, led groups, taught at the nave stations, ran games, and cooked food. The following parishioners gave their time and talents: Georgia Andron, Philip Barnes, Tony Bazakos, Libby Cheolis, Melina Dillon, Amy Forchas, Elena Gabor, Marina Gabor, Sean Gabor, Nancy Gallos, Steve Gallos, Natalie Hideg, Niko Houck, Fifi Kafkas, Mary Kafkas, Aggie Koutroupas, Tina Menter, Bea Murdakes, Carrie Petrou, Veula Possis, Steve Rakes, Alexandra Richardson Carroll, Elijah Richardson, Kathy Richardson, Michael Richardson, Scott Rudquist, Photine Saar, Charles Shedd, Lauren Stribling, Dena Tortorelis, Dean Tortorelis, George Tortorelis, Andrew Twito, Jack Wahlers.
- Board of Elections members **Jim Geogleris, Dean Murdakes** and **Lou Pappas** for holding a special election on May 11 and congratulations to **Jennifer Coin** for being elected as our newest Parish Council member.

Taste of Greece Planning Update

The Greek Festival committee led by **Greg Maimares** is making excellent progress in their efforts to run another successful event on September 5-7. Much will remain the same with a few notable new initiatives, making for a smoother and more profitable operation. Specifically:

- **Collaboration** - Greg is in touch with St. Mary's OCA about opportunities to leverage areas where we may be able to help each other lower operating costs. For example, they may be able to leverage our food equipment assets in exchange for our rental of the food tent, tables, and chairs they own. This is not final, but discussions are underway.
- **Food menu** - **Annette Legeros** and her team have revised the Saturday and Sunday food menu and will exclusively offer a la carte entrees and sides (i.e. no dinner plates). Recall last year that we had lines backing up to Irving Avenue? A simplified menu will allow for straightforward and quicker customer ordering, faster food preparation due to the ability to pre-package food items, resulting in more efficient food operations.
- **Sponsorships** - **Paul Muchulas** and **Bill Sweatt** are leading a new effort to sell sponsorships for event signage to Twin Cities businesses. Last year we recorded over 40,000 people that attended the Taste of Greece. Combine this with our growing presence on social media, potential sponsors have the opportunity to promote their businesses.

Congratulations to **Giulia Chatfield** on her new full-time position as our Church Bookkeeper / Office Assistant and **Dean Psychogios** on his new part time position as our Church Facility and Construction Manager. We are grateful to have their talents supporting St. Mary's.

Yours in Christ,

Nick Santrizos

St. Mary's Parish Council President

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Philoptochos



During the summer, Philoptochos moves into a season of few meetings, Festival Baking, Dormition Celebrations and more. Please watch for details in weekly bulletins!

Visit Our Philoptochos 80th Anniversary Exhibit Near Church Office

Women have served at St. Mary's since its founding in 1900, but they officially chose to become a chapter of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society in 1945. An 80th Anniversary exhibit honoring the women and the many services they have provided to the parish and the community is on display on the south side of the hallway leading to the church office. Please take some time to read, remember, and learn about the good works of Philoptochos.

Taste of Greece Festival Baking Continues in July!

All are welcome to help us prepare thousands of cookies for our Taste of Greece Festival! We have two Saturday baking sessions scheduled in July, and we'd love to have you join us. Sign up at our table in the Great Hall after Liturgy or online through SignUpGenius.

Baking Schedule:

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

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

We'll be using our new high-speed cookie dough dispenser, which can shape hundreds of cookies in just five minutes! This amazing tool was purchased in loving memory of Susie and Jim Boosalis, Mary and Tom Maimares, and Helen and James Peters—three devoted couples who generously gave their time and talents to St. Mary's kitchen. We are deeply grateful to their families for this thoughtful and lasting gift to our church community.

Philoptochos Board Members Elected for 2025 - 2027

At our Spring Finale Meeting and Elections, the Philoptochos membership elected 15 dedicated women to serve on the 2025–2027 Board of Directors. On June 1, they officially took their oath of office and, as their first order of business, elected their officers. We are grateful for their commitment and willingness to lead. Thank you to each of them for stepping forward to serve and support the mission of Philoptochos.

- President: Connie Kouzes
- 1st Vice President: Cathy Forchas
- 2nd Vice President: Andrea Tiggas
- Correspondence Secretary: Dena Tortorelis
- Secretary: Shannon Baustian
- Treasurer: Kathleen Wendland
- Assistant Treasurer: Mary Ellis
- Advisor: Annette Legeros
- Directors: Maria Boosalis, Elena Gabor, Victoria Hanson, Erline Holman, Kathy Pinger, Maria Smith, Eleni George

Dormition Meal and Brunch

August 14 and 15

Once again this year, we'll be looking for volunteers to help prepare for both the Dormition meal on the evening of August 14 and the brunch on the morning of August 15. Stay tuned for the SignUpGenius link, sign-up sheets at the Philoptochos table after liturgy, and announcements in the weekly bulletins.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to **Sofia Johnson** for leading another Service Day making bibs for Tandem Family Resource Center. Thank you to all who came out to lend a hand during the day!
- Heartfelt thanks to **Elena Gabor** for leading the effort to create 70 pans of baklava for the Taste of Greece, and to the many dedicated volunteers who helped bring this show stopping sweet success to life.
- Special thanks to **Lisa Gallmeyer, Carol Smith, and Mary Kay Twito** for their dedicated service on the Philoptochos Board, and for also serving on the Elections Committee alongside **Paulette Hastings**. Their time, care, and commitment are deeply appreciated.
- Continued grateful appreciation to everyone who generously supports **Our Little Orthodox Library** with materials. Your contributions are invaluable! Please continue to share your resources and help us grow!

Service Project Day Was a Huge Success!

A BIG thank you to **Sofia Johnson** and crew for a wonderful Service Project Day on Thursday, June 5. There were about ten people who came to help make 94 baby bibs for Tandem, 75 wheelchair bags for Methodist hospital and 81 shields for Days for Girls. It was a smaller turnout, but a lot was accomplished! Watch for the next Service Project Day. It's a great way to help with the needs of so many!

Volunteer Opportunities

Please watch for updates on events or needs from us in the weekly bulletin, web page and our table on Sundays.

Follow Saint Mary's Philoptochos on Social Media



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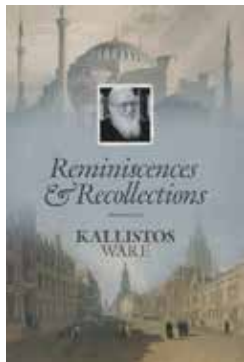
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In the Bookstore

By Rebecca Myerly

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Metropolitan Kallistos Ware (1934-2022) is widely known as Timothy Ware, the author of *The Orthodox Church* and *The Orthodox Way*, but little has been known about him personally until *Reminiscences and Recollections: the Memoirs of Kallistos Ware* was recently published. It is thanks in great part to Dimitri Conomos, his long time friend who became his secretary in 2004, that

these memoirs have been published. Dimitri explains in his introduction:

Early in 2011 I suggested to the Metropolitan that, for posterity, he ought to consider writing a set of personal chronicles based on a number of significant stages in his life. I initiated this by creating a long list of subjects. Although he accepted most of my suggested themes, he also introduced some of his own. First, it was agreed that I alone would record each session, and secondly, that these were not to be interviews. Overall, he found this to be an amiable assignment, but he insisted that no one should be aware of these reminiscences and reflections during his lifetime. Finally, he said that I could do whatever I wanted with the recordings, declaring: "Publish them, hold on to them, or even destroy them!" In 2022 I decided to proceed with the first option. (3-4)

The recordings were made periodically between 2011 and 2016 and they cover a broad range of topics. In the first recordings Metropolitan Kallistos talks about his early life, education, and entering the Orthodox Church after growing up in the Anglican tradition. His life became quite complex. He says:

...the years 1963 to 1966 were a decisive turning point in my life. These were the years in which my first book was published by Pelican [a branch of Penguin] on the Orthodox Church. These were the years in which I completed my doctorate on Saint Mark the Monk, in which I was ordained deacon and priest and appointed to hold the post in Oxford [as the Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox Studies] in which I continued for the following thirty-five years. (98-99)

In addition to being a parish priest and a professor at Oxford, Metropolitan Kallistos was involved with and in the broader Church. He was engaged in ecumenical dialogue and within the Orthodox Church he was very concerned about some of the priorities given or not given to certain matters. In his later talks he speaks in depth

and at length about contemporary issues and concerns in Orthodoxy and he does so from the perspective of one who had many years of experience and dialogue in the Church.

The reader of *Reminiscences and Recollections* is introduced to many people who influenced Metropolitan Kallistos, some being more well known people he knew personally, such as Vladimir Lossky, Father Georges Florovsky, Archbishop Vasili Krivocheine, Father Alexander Schmemmann, Father John Meyendorff, and Metropolitan John Zizoulis. He was a keen observer of character, and this comes through as he writes about others, always with kindness in his clarity.

Writing was important to Metropolitan Kallistos. "Much of my life has gone into writing, editing, or translating of different books. This forms a significant part of my life. Much of my heart indeed has been put into my writing." (147)

In his talk about some of his published works, he goes into detail about translating the *Philokalia* and writing *The Orthodox Church*. He was asked by Penguin to write about the Orthodox Church when he was only twenty-four years old, had two undergraduate degrees from Oxford, and had only been Orthodox for one year and one month! *The Orthodox Church* has been constantly in print since its first publication in 1963. Metropolitan Kallistos says, "Without arrogance, I can say that I am amazed at the success of this book." (147) He also comments:

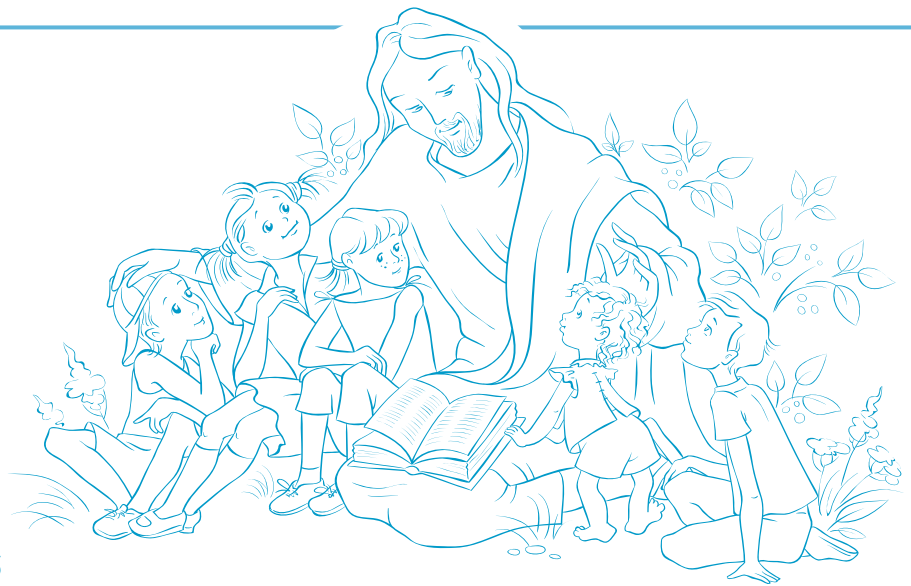
It has been translated into quite a number of different languages, most notably French, Greek, Russian, Ukrainian; into Spanish, Romanian, Arabic, Swedish, even, last year (2013), a Chinese edition of my book appeared. It is a curious thing to hold in your hands a copy of something that you have written, and not be able to read a single word of it. (264)

Metropolitan Kallistos' wit and the "sonorous flow" of his language are clearly evident in these talks, which make reading *Reminiscences and Recollections* very much like hearing him speak. Listening to his words in print is a blessing awaiting the reader.

Reminiscences and Recollections: the Memoirs of Kallistos Ware is available.

Stop in to get this featured book and explore a wide selection of Orthodox Christian literature, icons, and gifts. **Sundays, after the Liturgy until 1:00 p.m.**

Children and Youth News



Jesus' Little Helpers – Sunday School Reflections

This past fall (2024), St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church introduced a new Sunday School class, **Jesus' Little Helpers**, for toddlers aged 2.5 to 3 years old. With a large nursery program serving children from birth through 2.5 years old, there was a need for a class to follow. **Jesus' Little Helpers** provided a joyful and meaningful experience for toddlers, helping them begin their faith journey in a fun, engaging way.

Created and led by Alexandra Carroll, with the help of Katherine Pappas and Karen McHugh, this drop-off class was designed to nurture the children's spiritual growth in a warm and welcoming environment. Through songs, stories, crafts, and simple prayers, the toddlers learned about Jesus' love, the Orthodox faith, and the value of kindness and friendship.

The class allowed the children to develop independence while fostering a sense of belonging in the Church community. Parents have appreciated the opportunity for their little ones to grow in faith and form early friendships in such a loving, structured setting.

Jesus' Little Helpers has been a wonderful addition to St. Mary's Sunday School program, and the parish is grateful for those who made this ministry possible.

Currently, there are a total of 140 Sunday School students in the Church program, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers, volunteers, and music leaders for their unwavering love and devotion throughout the year. Special thanks also go to the teachers who volunteered at the Holy Friday Retreat, giving their time and care to ensure a meaningful experience for all.

We are excited to announce that the Sunday School Meet & Greet is set for Sunday, August 24th. Come meet your Sunday School teacher and kick off another exciting year of learning and fellowship. Additionally, the Sunday School teachers will gather for their annual Back-to-School meeting on Sunday, August 19th, to prepare for the year ahead.

There are no youth events planned for July.

Our Children and Youth Mission Statement

To cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for kids by nurturing healthy relationships within the church family. We will teach the youth by building a strong foundation of knowledge, and together, we will experience the Orthodox tradition by following the four circles of youth ministry: Liturgia (Worship), Diakonia (Service), Martyria (Witness), and Koinonia (Fellowship), leading our youth to develop, by their own free will, a personal relationship with God and to pursue union with Him.

Youth Feedback

If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding our youth program(s) please let us know. We have a new formal feedback process. Go to our St Mary's home page-Click on "Youth," then "Youth Program Feedback" Your comments will be forwarded to a member of the Parish Council and will be reviewed for follow up.



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2025 Stewards of St. Mary's

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Joan Alevizos
Alexander & Jacklyn Amacci
Jamie Amacci
Michael Ambros
Benjamin & Jennifer Amundgaard
Diane Anastos
Christopher Anderson
John & Mary Anderson
John E. & Sandra Anderson
Nathan & Marea Anderson
Ross & Kari Anderson
Julie Anderson-Smith
George Andreadakis & Lisa Gallmeyer
Andreas Andrews
George & Athena Andrews
Peter Andrews
Christ & Dena Angelos
Thomas Angelus
Marina Antoniou
Cassandra Apostolou
Dionysius & Lisa Apostolou
George Apostolou
Argyrios & Denise Arambadjis
Eugenia Arger
Trevor Arnold & Megan Caldbeck
George & Samantha Asselanis
Helen Atcas
George & Diane Atsidakos
George & Tanya Atsidakos
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Katerina Marcoulides Barbour
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Joan Calott
Jim Canelake
Jillian Canfield
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Brock & Christina Cash
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Giulia Chatfield
Leonidas & Kristine Checheris
Peter & Libby Cheolis
Fost & Colleen Choles
George & Barbara Chresand
Tom Chresand
Daniel & Patricia Christopulos
Vassiliki Chronakos
Eleni Ciuta
Julian & Adelina Ciuta
Jennifer Coin
Luigi & Solveig Colaianne
Julie Coleman
Matthew & Dyan Collette
Paul & Beverly Coniaris
Edward & Angela Cook
Spencer & Christofili Coop
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Bill & Jennifer Daravingas
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Athena Dascalos
Chris Dascalos
James & Erica Delles
Angelo & Jennifer Demetriades
Bill DeMoss

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Charles DeMoss
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Ina Dunham
Sam & Kathy Economou
George Effrem
Moenes Elias
Curtis & Anita Elliott
John Ellis
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Marshall D. Estep & Maria G. Boosalis
Theo Estep
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Mark Flumerfelt & Stephanie George
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Jeanne Forchas
Tom & Amy Forchas
Alexis Friesen
Ben & Julie Frothingham
Marina Gabor
Sean & Elena Gabor
Zoe Gabor
Nancy Gallos
Steve Gallos
Peter Ganapes & Suzanne Rose Schilling
Andy & Kristi Gatchell
Elaine Gavaras
Thomas & Julie Gavaras
James Geogleris
Bryan & Katherine George
Dana & Eleni George
David & Jenna George
Dean George
Evangeline George
Georgia George
Christos & Susan Georgopoulos
George & Evdoxia GeroGeorge
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Nicole GeroGeorge
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Diane Gibas

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George & Ydrey Hangistamoulos
Sam & Bettina Hanna
Petroula Hansen
Victoria Hanson
Demetri Haritopoulos
Nancy Hartwig
David Harty & Esme Gerorgeorge-Harty
Paul & Paulette Hastings
Robert & Lani Hattling
Kevin & Anastasia Henn
Paul & Jenny Hibberd
Jason & Nicole Hicks
David & Natalie Hideg
Jacob & Alexandra Hill
Joe & Linda Hodge
Curtis & Kea Hodgins
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Chris Kalogerson
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Peter Karachunski & Olga Berkovskaya
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Margarita Klikizos-Schilling
John Kluznik
Aleksandar & Jessica Knezevich
Deanna Kolas
Robert B. Kolas
Nicholas & Marcia Kootsikis
Bill & Demetra Kordopitoulas
Peter & Rosalie Kosmas
Kostas Kosmides
Paul & Kelley Kosmides
Nathaniel & Emily Kostick
Marc Kotsonas & Dimitria Phill Kotsonas
Karl & Heather Koutroupas
Steve & Aggie Koutroupas
George & Connie Kouzes
Nikolas & Alicia Kouzes
Anthony & Kristina Kresser
Daniel & Katerena Krmpotich
Ruta Kubits
Maria Labhard
Benjamin & Matina Laiti
John & Kara Lake
Katherine Lake
Terri Leckas
Bethany Lee
Justin & Julia Lee
Annette Legeros
John & Susan Legeros
Nicholas & Anne Legeros
Joshua & Natalie Leonard
Andrew & Nancy LeRoy
Alex Lind
Erik & Anastacia Lindholm
Alek Lockhart & Katherine Huber
Donnarae Louricas
Kimberly Louricas
John Luhman
Kevin Luker & Georgi Speliopoulos
Mark & Thespina Macres
Jonathan & Andriana Magness
Gregory & Briana Maimares

Michael & Margie Makredes
Paul Makredes
Chris & Joan Makres
Joseph Malters & Kathy Kirk-Malters
George Manesis & Tanya Alsip
Besse Maragos
George & Kathy Martin
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Friday, October 17, 1:00 p.m. — Sunday, October 19, 1:00 p.m

MEDLEYS OF THOUGHT: Monastics, Angels, and the Nativity Fast

..... **With Guest Speaker: Mother Macrina**



Mother Macrina is a professed nun with 29 years of monastic experience. She holds a B.S. degree from St. Cloud University in Minnesota. She taught school for five years and was a Realtor for 18 years. As a member of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, MN, she served on the Board of Trustees, Philoptochos, the choir, was youth director (5 years) and mission team member in 1988 to Kenya. She joined the Dormition Monastery in 1996 and has been a community member ever since. Her main obedience is to mount icons for the gift shop. On numerous occasions she has given talks at the monastery and to various parishes, women's groups, youth retreats and young adults.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00am-Housekeeping	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Church and Office closed</i>	5
		Summer Camp: June 28-July 4				
6 <i>Fourth Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>"The Messenger" Deadline</i> 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	7 6:00pm-Greek Dance Practice	8 12:00noon-Senior Citizens 6:15pm-Parish Council	9	10 6:30pm-YAL Barbecue	11 <i>Saint Euphemia</i> 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	12 11:00am-Melos Baking
13 <i>Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council</i> 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	14 6:00pm-Greek Dance Practice	15 11:00am-Intercessory Prayer 11:30am-Sr. Cit. Bible Study	16 9:00am-"The Messenger" Mailing 10:00am-Housekeeping	17 <i>Saint Marina</i> 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	18 7:00am-Men's Fellowship	19
20 <i>Sixth Sunday of Matthew</i> 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	21	22	23 12:00noon-Amygdalota Baking	24 7:00pm-Stewardship Com.	25	26 <i>Saint Paraskevi</i> 10:00am-Divine Liturgy
27 <i>Seventh Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>Saint Panteleimon</i> 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	28 6:00pm-Greek Dance Practice	29	30 10:00am-Housekeeping	31 FOCUS Fundraiser		