



ST. MARY'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Matthew;

Saint Panteleimon

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration: Seventh Sunday of Matthew; Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer; Nicholas of Novgorod the fool-for-Christ; Anthousa the Righteous Confessor; 853 Martyrs of Thrace who were drowned; Manuel the Righteous.

Morning Gospel: John 20:1-10 Tone: Plagal 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, Plagal Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, 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 for Saint Panteleimon, Third Tone

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

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 ζώην, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies

ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη 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..... II Timothy 2:1-10

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel..... Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, 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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The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.

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Today

Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patridge**.

The coffee hour today is hosted in celebration of
Angie Speliopoulos' 90th birthday by her family.
May God grant you many years!

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

take  heart

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, August 2 at 4 PM

ST. MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

**JOIN US FOR DINNER,
WORSHIP,
AND UPDATES FROM
TAKE HEART**

Featuring special guest
LYDIA SHADEED
leading worship with
both English and Arabic songs



**Limited
seats are still
available.
The event
is free and
dinner will
be provided.
Please
register now.
Registration is
per person.**





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FOCUS Minnesota News

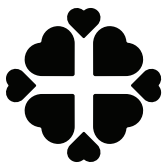
FOCUS Minnesota is experiencing increased demand for services due to changes in funding sources and the closure of nearby resources. They are serving more meals, distributing more food and providing more clothing and utility assistance than ever before. FOCUS Minnesota aims to raise \$75,000 by August 1 to meet these challenges and invites support through donations or attendance at their Summer Banquet on Thursday, July 31, at St Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church.

KOINONIA CORNER

“Admittedly, Mark, the kids and I decided to join our Koinonia group on a whim, and we are so glad we did! Participating in a group provided connection and spiritual growth that can only come from learning about your faith with others. Whether from the clergy members joining our group or fellow participants, the insights and thoughts shared would oftentimes stick with me between get-togethers. An added bonus being so many of our group’s members have children at a similar age...what a gift it is to watch these early friendships grow!”

To anyone considering joining a group, I’d say: don’t hesitate. Sharing a meal and discussion with others who are also seeking to know God more deeply is incredibly encouraging.”

~Lea Sullivan, 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! For more information contact Lani McCollar at lanimccollar@gmail.com or Christine Buss at cmariebuss@gmail.com with any questions.



mplsgreekfest.org

Put your lawn signs out and tell your friends!

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

Friday, September 5: 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6: Noon-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 7: Noon-5:00 p.m.



Festival Volunteer Sign-up Is Open!

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival at St. Mary's will be upon us soon! While the planning committee is busy finalizing details for this fabulous event, we need you! You are our biggest asset in making the Festival a success, our volunteers. The QR codes below, will take you to sign up to volunteer. Sign-up this year is easier and more comprehensive. Follow the prompts, choose an area of interest to volunteer in and then choose your dates/times you can help out. The final step is verifying your email to confirm your choices. You only have to verify your email one time - otherwise your choices will not be confirmed. Please reach out to Krisanthi Sikkila if you have questions or need assistance at **763.227.6154** or sikkila@comcast.net



Festival Preparation Volunteer Sign-Up

Scan and then select, "Festival Preparations" to Sign Up



Festival Weekend Volunteer Sign-Up

Scan to Sign Up



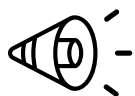
Greek Festival Boutique – Vintage Section Donations Needed!

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!



Bookstore News

The bookstore has received a large shipment of items from Mount Athos, including many prayer ropes, crosses, icons, and other gift giving items. Please come see them.



Transfiguration Day Lunch

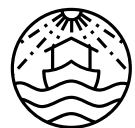
Our Transfiguration Day tradition of a potluck lunch in the Courtyard following the Divine Liturgy continues. On Wednesday, August 6, bring a celebratory (but Lenten!) dish to share (fish is permitted this day). After Liturgy, we'll dine in our beautiful Courtyard, enjoy wonderful company, and the spectacular views of the lake. Don't miss it!



Saint Mary's Twins Game Outing

St. Mary's is heading to Target Field for a parish outing to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Detroit Tigers on **Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 1:10 p.m.!** Tickets are just **\$10 per person**, and we have only **30 tickets available**. To find out how to get your ticket (if still available), please **text 612.812.1216**. We hope you can join us for a wonderful afternoon with our parish community!"

YAL News



YAL Boat Cruise

Thursday, August 21 – 6:15-10:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening cruise on the Mississippi River, open to young adults ages 18 to 35. This year's theme is Sunset on Summer. We invite you to wear sunset-inspired colors as we enjoy a beautiful evening together on the water. Early Bird tickets are on sale now for \$70. General admission pricing is \$80 while supplies last, and last call tickets are \$90. Ticket price includes dinner and two drink tokens. Tickets will be available for purchase through the link in our Instagram bio. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early.



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!

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, July 27: Seventh Sunday of Matthew; Saint Panteleimon

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

Monday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 30

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

Thursday, July 31

6:00 p.m. – FOCUS Fundraiser, *St. Mary's*

Friday, August 1: Dormition Fast Begins

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Saturday, August 2

6:00 p.m. – Take Heart Fundraiser, *Terrace Room*

Sunday, August 3: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

“The Messenger” News Item Deadline.

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

11:30 a.m. – Greek Dance Practice, *Lecture Room*



**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/



Philoptochos News



2025 Taste of Greece Baking Schedule



*Scan to
Sign Up*

Festival Week Preparations

Tuesday, September 2

Cut and package baklava

Wednesday, September 3

Powder and package kourambietes

Thursday, September 4

Cut and package karithopita and make 6-packs

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



Our Little Library Needs More Books

Our Little Library stock is running low. We are looking for more Orthodox books to restock our supply. If you have some books at home that you have read and do not need them and would like to share with others, please bring them to the Philoptochos Table on Sundays or drop them off in the church office. Thank You!



2025 Marks Our 80th Anniversary

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 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.



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; John and Johnny, Bouky Labhard, Anastasia, Diane, Nicki, Dino, George, Billie, Nino, Kate, Elena, Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, Gina M., Elly K., Thomas, Panos, Connie, 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, 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, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Irene Maria, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karrisra, 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 August 3



Individually Wrapped Bars of Soap

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES)

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:
david@stmarysgoc.org or call 612.825.9595





In Celebration of **Over 50 Years of Service**
to the Music Ministry of Saint Mary's Church,
Please Join Us for a Reception Honoring

THE SPINA AND MARK MACRES

Sunday, August 17, 2025

*Following the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy,
the Reception will Commence in the Great Hall.*



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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, July 28

Acts 6:1-7 • Matthew 16:1-6

Tuesday, July 29

I Corinthians 10:5-12 • Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, July 30

Acts 15:35-41 • Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, July 31

I Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8 • Matthew 16:24-28

Friday, August 1: Dormition Fast Begins

Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 • Matthew 10:16-22

Saturday, August 2

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 • Mark 12:1-12

Sunday, August 3: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 1:10-17 • Matthew 14:14-22



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