



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





"In falling asleep you did not forsake the world." —From the Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August contains several important commemorations in the Church's liturgical calendar, most notably the Holy Transfiguration on August 6 and the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Theotokos on August 15, which is our church's feast day. This feast, preceded by a two-week fast akin to those of Advent and Lent, invites us to celebrate The Most Holy Mother's transition from earthly life to eternal glory. Please join us for the Divine Liturgy to celebrate on Friday, August 15, at 9:30 a.m. His Eminence, Metropolitan Nathaneal will be present to celebrate the Liturgy which will also include the sacrament of Holy Ordination of our parishioner, Stephen Wehr, into the order of the Holy Deaconate.

See our Worship Schedule on page 2 for details on services this month. >>

See pages 9 and 10 for details on events this month. >>

Our Life Together

Baptism

Rey Marie Caldwell

Parents: Mark & Nicolle Caldwell July 6, 2025

Zane Armitage

Parents: Isabell Tiggas & Mason Amritage July 19, 2025

Funeral

Evdoxia Gerogeorge July 1, 2025

Fun Jam Thank you

A belated thank you to all who helped make our end of school year Fun Jam a fun success! Dick Andron, Ava Boosalis, Melina Dillon, Don Forchas, Elena Gabor, Sean Gabor, Jimmy Geogleris, Demetra Kordopitoulas, Aggie Koutroupas, Demi Houck, Briana Maimares, Tony Nicklow, Stephanie Stephenson, Lea Sullivan, and David, Giulia, and Scott. Hope everyone had fun!

—Georgia Andron



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

Send your correspondence to: communications@stmarysgoc.org

PUBLICATION DEADLINES
The Messenger

First Sunday of each month

Sunday Bulletin Preceding Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Share YourShelf

August's recipient is

Community Emergency Service (CES)

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

pasta sauce, ground coffee, canned fruit (peaches, mixed fruit), hygiene (Individually wrapped toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, razors, shampoo)

Sunday, August 3 Individually wrapped bars of soap

Sunday, August 10 Diapers (Size 5)

Sunday, August 17 Hygiene items (Individually wrapped toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

Sunday, August 23 Individually wrapped toothbrushes

Sunday, August 31 Toothpaste

> "Today, I challenge you to pay it forward. You don't need to save a village—only one lost soul. Be the reflection of Christ and shine His light. The cost is little, but the reward is rich."

> ~ Dana Arcuri, Harvest of Hope: Living Victoriously Through Adversity

www.cesmn.org



Donate Online Visit the site, then, "Make Donation"

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.

Parakelsis Services – 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 1 Wednesday, August 6 Friday, August 8 Wednesday, August 13

Tuesday, August 5: Eve of Transfiguration Great Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6: Holy Transfiguration Orthros – 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, August 8: Saint Emelian Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m., (Fr. Tim's Ordination Anniversary)

Thursday, August 14: Eve of Dormition Great Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros – 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m., with Ordination to the Diaconate of Stephen Wehr

Friday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.



The **Beheading of Saint John the Baptist** is commemorated on August 29. Scan the code to learn more about the Saint and this important day.

Parish News & Events

St. Mary's Church Staff

Proistamenos Fr. Timothy Sas

Associate Priest Fr. Jason Houck

Deacons Fr. Paul Kalina Fr. Luke Twito

Office Manager David Mertesdorf

Office Assistant Giulia Chatfield

Communications & Marketing Nikolas Kouzes

Finance Michael Rakes

Ministry Support Doria Saros

Youth Director Scott Rudquist

Church School Director Dena Tortorelis

Chanter Joseph Karos

Choir Director Emily Skoutelas

St. Mary's Parish Council

President Nicholas Santrizos

Vice President Louis Tiggas

Secretary Elisabeth (Libby) Cheolis

Treasurer Cristina Nicklow

Assistant Treasurer Athena Mihas

Members

Benjamin Amundgaard Jennifer Coin Alex Dascalos Louis Ellis Andrew Gatchell Andrew LeRoy Sophia Rouman



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!



Senior Citizens' Meeting

Date Change — Tuesday, August 19

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, August 19**, in the Terrace Room. We will be honored with the presence of Metropolitan Nathaniel

who will be visiting our parish in August. We will celebrate all August birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo of all celebrants, a delicious buffet luncheon hosted by a committee of members, and a scrumptious cake by Terri Leckas. Afterwards, we will be entertained by talented youth of St. Mary's, Michael and Demi McCollar who will perform a variety of music on the piano. 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 \$15.00. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis or any current officer.



Saint Mary's Twins Game Outing Sunday, August 17

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, so be sure to reserve yours quickly. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, summer fun, and cheering on our hometown team together. 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!



St. Mary's Parish Council

President Nicholas Santrizos Vice President Louis Tiggas Secretary Elisabeth (Libby) Cheolis Treasurer Cristina Nicklow Assistant Treasurer Athena Mihas Members Benjamin Amundgaard

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COUNCIL CORNER

First, a special "thank you" to...

• Summer Camp 2025 volunteers - Doria Saros stated, "By God's Grace 75 staff members (from over 15 Orthodox parishes) and 266 Campers entered Camp Wapogasset for another week dedicated to growing closer to God together as one Holy Orthodox community of faith! 84 of the 266 Campers were attending for the first time! Our theme this year was, "Spiritual Influencers, a Timeless Faith in an Instaworld." This year we were again blessed with the presence of Mother Ivonne Sommerkamp (yes, that's her last name!) as she advised our young people how they can be "spiritual influencers through regular prayer, repeating the Jesus prayer when stressed, sitting quietly with God in nature, forgiving others, and being respectful to one another." We are Grateful for our St. Mary's staff: Sophia Angelos, Eva Barnes, Kirubel Birhane, Nicholas Boldt, Makia Conway, Marina Gabor, Zoe Gabor, Kemal Hadley, Lucas Hanna, Niko Houck, Dalia Istephanous, Isabel Istephanous, Anna Karos, Joseph Karos, Matthew Klein, Deanna Kolas, Lia Nicklow, Kate Pierce, Megan Rudquist, Scott Rudquist, Sofia Sas, Theodora Sas, Kyrsten Theodotou, George Tortorelis, Benjamin Wehr, Patrick Wehr, Christian Worrall.

Buildings and Grounds Update

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee led by **Dean Psyhogios** continues to be busy with summer improvements throughout our Church property, specifically:

- <u>Tree Trimming</u> You may have noticed when driving along Irving Ave and entering the Church parking lot that all of our trees along Irving were trimmed up and cleared from dangerous power lines. Smaller bushes at the feet of our larger trees were completely removed to give us clear sightlines to the Church.
- <u>Fire Alarm</u> Our new fire alarm is now operational and exceeds Fire Department codes. Every room is now equipped with a sound and voice alarm.
- <u>South Restrooms and South Retaining Wall</u> First stages of these projects will be completed prior to the Taste of Greece. We should have operational restrooms for our workers!

Stay tuned!

The following are topics that we expect to announce at a Special Parish Assembly later this Summer (date is TBD):

- <u>Gold Dome Repairs</u> The bid is in for this project and planning is underway.
- <u>Gift Acceptance Policy</u> Related to large capital projects like our dome, we are finalizing a new policy that will make it swift and easy for St. Mary's to accept gifts from any donor beyond the standard stewardship offering.

Yours in Christ,

Nick Santrizos St. Mary's Parish Council President

viewfromthepew@stmarysgoc.org

Philoptochos



During the summer, Philoptochos moves into a season of few meetings and many activities, including bake sale preparations, Dormition celebrations, and more. Please watch for details on weekly church emails and website.

New Philoptochos Board meeting will meet on **Tuesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m.** for training and dinner in the Fireside Room.

Watch for information Philoptochos fall kick off meeting on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**.

Philoptochos Board Members Elected for 2025 - 2027

Thank you for your commitment, dedication, and hard work!

- 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, Eleni George, Victoria Hanson, Erline Holman, Kathy Pinger, Maria Smith

Dormition Celebration Events

August 14 and 15

Watch for signup sheets and links to help with coffee hour after vespers on Thursday August 14 and a lunch/brunch after Liturgy on Friday August 15.

Little Orthodox Library

We need books. Our Little Orthodox Library will be filled with books for anyone to take and enjoy. Our library will contain only Orthodox material as a way to share our faith with neighbors and the community. Philoptochos is managing this project, including stocking and maintaining the library. If you have Orthodox books to donate, please bring them to the Philoptochos table after Sunday Liturgy or bring them to the church office during the week. Any questions, please contact Connie Kouzes.

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.

Festival Baking 2025 Bake Sale Preparations

Summer Baking for The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival Bake Sale still going on. All are welcome to come for part or all of the work sessions. On-the-job training is provided, we have great fellowship and we support the church. Volunteer at the Philoptochos table on Sundays.

BAKLAVA SUNDAE TOPPING - Coming Soon...

FESTIVAL WEEK PREPARATIONS:

Tuesday, September 2 Cut and package baklava

Wednesday, September 3 Powder and package kourambiethes, Cut and package karithopita, Make 6-packs

Thursday, September 4 Final set-up of bakery, work area and storage area

Come for an hour or two or a full session! On-the-job training available! Bring a friend! Many hands lighten the load!

Operation Classroom: 2025-2026 School Year

School has barely ended and it is already time to be looking ahead to needs for Fall 2025! We are supporting kindergarteners through fifth graders at Bancroft Elementary in South Minneapolis who are in need of supplies to be successful.

If you prefer to contribute funds rather than supplies, please feel free to make out checks in any amount to St. Mary's Philoptochos specifying Bancroft Elementary. Thank you as always for considering this ministry.

Please bring your contribution to the Philoptochos table on **Sundays in August (August 3-31)**.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all who helped bake in July thousands of melomakarona and amygdalota for the Festival bake sale.
- Thank you, **Naira Istephanous**, chair, and all who helped make baklava for the Festival Baklava Sundae station.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Follow Saint Mary's Philoptochos on Social Media





In the Bookstore

By Rebecca Myerly bookstore@stmarysgoc.org



Prayers of the Desert is a resource to help one pray in the tradition of the desert monastics from the third and fourth centuries. It is a small succinct book published by Saint Ignatius Orthodox Press in collaboration with Legacy Icons, rich in content. In addition to having a helpful introduction, it consists of three chapters based on the prayer life of the early monastics.

The first chapter is "The Rule of Saint Pachomius." Saint Pachomius the Great (ca. 290-348) is considered the father of cenobitic monasticism, which is defined as "a form of monasticism that stresses the importance of sharing a common community life within a monastery." (3) Having established several monasteries in the deserts of Upper Egypt, he also established a formal rule of prayer which the monks were expected to pray every day. Saint Pachomius himself prayed this prayer rule, "reciting it at every hour of the day and night." (4)

The second chapter, titled "The Office of the Twelve Psalms," evolved from the desert monastic tradition of praying the entire Book of Psalms every day. "The simpler Twelve Psalms service developed as a substitute for the daily services of Matins, Vespers, and the Hours." (5) It was also used in smaller monasteries where not all the liturgical books for all the services were available. As explained in the Introduction, the Office of the Twelve Psalms in not meant to be a substitute for, but rather as a compliment to, one's personal prayer. It is also meant to be used "if one simply desires to observe the Church's cycle of prayer in an uncomplicated way." (6)

The third chapter is "153 Texts on Prayer" by Evagrius Ponticus (345-399). "Evagrius was educated by the great minds of his day, studying under the great fathers of the Church, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus." (6) He was later under the guidance of Saints Macarius the Great and Macarius of Alexandria. Although some of Evagrius' thinking and writing is controversial, "153 Texts on Prayer" are solid and were included in the **Philokalia**.

While his 153 **Texts** were written to an unnamed monk, these bite-sized pieces of deep spiritual wisdom based on his experiences of repentance are edifying to all those who are seeking to truly pray and live a life of holiness. (7) Evagrius writes to the unnamed monk:

For myself, I cannot deny that although I have labored hard all night, I have caught nothing. Yet at your suggestion I have again let down the nets, and have made a large catch. They are not big "fish," but there are a hundred and fifty-three of them. (See John 21:11.) (51-52)

There is much to learn from and contemplate in these texts, the Office of the Twelve Psalms, and the Rule of Saint Pachomius, all making **Prayers of the Desert** a good companion for anyone seeking to enter into prayer in the desert monastic tradition of the early Church.

Bread is food iess is food for A ual prayer is Evagins Ponticus #101

ST. MARY'S BOOKSTORE

Prayers of the Desert is available now.

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



Blessing of the Backpacks (and bookbags and briefcases!)

Sunday, August 24

Students of all ages and teachers, bring your backpacks to have them blessed and be ready for the school year.

Church School Meet and Greet

Sunday, August 24

Students and parents...stop by the Terrace Room after Liturgy and meet your Church School teachers for the coming year, see what you'll be learning about, and complete registration forms.

Vacation Church School Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make our 2025 "Saddle up for Salvation" Vacation Church School week. We had a great time!

Adults: Fr. Tim, Fr. Jason, Georgia Andron, Elena Gabor, Nancy Gallos, Steve Gallos, Natalie Hideg, Fifi Kafkas, Joseph Karos, Demetra Kordopitoulas, Aggie Koutroupas, Mary Makres, Bea Murdakes, Louis Pappas, Christina Phill, Veula Possis, Matushka Vera Proctor, Krissa Rovolis, Scott Rudquist, Emily Skoutelas, Dena Tortorelis, George Tortorelis, and Sia Tortorelis

Young people: Sophia Angelos, Anthony and Marc Bendaly, Kirubel and Hermella Birhane, Anthony Boldt, Ava Boosalis, Jack, Allie, and Rachael Dillon, Sophia Forchas, Brenna Hideg, Paul Houck, Robert and Steven Koutroupas, Demi and Michael McCollar, John Muchulas, Anna Parashos, Henrick Quinn, Aspasia and Panayioti Rovolis, Elizabeth Saathoff, Macrina Saathoff, Olympia Sas, Julia and Lila Simon, Sammy Stephenson, and Ben Wehr

An Adult's Observation of Vacation Church School

"There is nothing more important in life than providing opportunities for children to grow and develop a faith in Jesus Christ. The church is a key factor where this can happen. Sunday school, the children's sermon, youth programs, camp, and Vacation Church School all provide such avenues for Christ to become real for our children.

As a participant in last week's Vacation Church School, 1 give glory to God and applaud the creative and tireless work of Dena Tortorelis and Krissa Rovolis, the directors, and all the people who donated their time and skill to make this week a memorable one for all the children. And kudos to the parents and grandparents who understood the importance of this week and sacrificed their time to bring their children to this wonderful program."

--Anonymous





Dormition Retreat for Grades 6-12

Thursday, August 14

This year our Dormition Retreat for 6th-12th graders will take place on Thursday, August 14. The schedule is: 3:00-7:00 p.m., we will decorate the nave, 5:15 p.m. we will eat dinner, then the children will stay for Vespers (6:00-7:00 p.m.) Parents are encouraged to attend Vespers then pick up their children after the service.

FAITH Playgroup Event

Please join us for our next Faith Playgroup outdoor event this summer. Faith Group is a parent/child playgroup geared towards families with children ages 0-5. It is a wonderful way to meet other young families and become involved in the church. Grandparents, nannies, and siblings are welcome, too!

Saturday, August 23 — 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Meet at the Richardson Nature Center and take a short hike to the outdoor play area. The nature center is located at 8737 East Bush Lake Road, Bloomington.

Please RSVP to Lea Hoeft at **206.779.1354** or **angelea.hoeft@gmail.com**

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.



Stewardship Pledge Forms Completed

Thank you to all parishioners that have completed and submitted a financial commitment and/or time and talent form for 2025—333 of us are now Stewards in Good Standing! Below is a summary of the number of pledges and dollar amount of pledges received in 2022, 2023, 2024 and year to date for 2025.

As you can see, we are behind in both the amount pledged to meet our 2025 operating budget, and in the amount collected six months into the year. Please keep this in mind as you prayerfully consider your financial gift to St. Mary's.

Pledges	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD*	
# of Stewards	154	351	338	333	
Total \$ Pledged	\$432,738	\$963,307	\$1,096,160	\$1,040,180	
% of Offering Goal	34.1%	72.2%	73.7%	70.2%	
Average Pledge	\$2,810	\$2,744	\$3,240	\$3,124	
Median Pledge	\$1,422	\$1,200	\$1,250	\$1,200	
Highest Pledge	\$20,800	\$37,500	\$50,000	\$100,000	
Lowest Pledge	\$50	\$20	\$20	\$25	



PLEDGES 2022 TO 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD)

Offering Income Summary

Below is a summary of offering payments received in 2024 and year-to-date in 2025 (both pledge payments and non-pledge offering payments).

Offering Income	2024 Actual	2024 Actual YTD as of 6/30/24	2025 Budget	2025 Actual YTD as of 6/30/25	2025 % of Goal
Pledge & Non-Pledge Offering	\$1,383,630	\$551,105	\$1,481,020	\$558,162	37.7%
Other Offering (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Dormition, Candles)	\$58,137	\$7,674	\$68,150	\$33,932	49.8%
TOTAL	\$1,441,767	\$558,779	\$1,549,170	\$592,094	38.2%



REMINDER: The goal is to cover 100% of ministry and operating costs with Stewardship Income rather than relying on rental and festival income.

With gratitude,

-The St. Mary's Stewardship Committee

*As of 07/07/25



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

THESPINA AND MARK Macres

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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





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



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 State 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.

REGISTER EARLY FOR A REDUCED RATE.

Registration Opens August 1, at 10:00 a.m. and closes August 31, at 11:59 p.m.

Early Bird Registration Period AUGUST 1 –15	\$160 + Convenience Fee* / Camper
Regular Rate Registration Period AUGUST 16 –31	\$170 + Convenience Fee* / Camper

***Reduce fees by paying with an Electronic Check (ACH):** Electronic Check (ACH) Fee: 1.53% + \$0.50 per registrant versus the CampDoc Convenience Fee of 4.12% + \$0.30 per registrant

To learn more about Family Camp or to register, visit the website



stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/

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3 Eighth Sunday of Matthew "The Messenger" Deadline 3:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Greek Dance Practice	4 6:00pm-Greek Dance Practice	5 11:00am-Intercessory Prayer 11:30am-Senior Cit. Bible Study 6:00pm-Great Vespers 7:00pm-Philoptochos Board	6 Holy Transfiguration 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy-Lunch in the Courtyard 6:00pm-Paraklesis	7	8 Saint Emelian 7:00am-Men's Fellowship 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 6:00pm-Paraklesis	9
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