

August 10, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration: Ninth Sunday of Matthew; Laurence the Holy Martyr and Archdeacon of Rome; Chitus of Athens, Bishop of Rome; Hippolytus the Martyr of Rome; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Morning Gospel: John 20:19-31 Tone: Plagal Fourth

VARIABLE HYMNS AND READINGS IN THE LITURGY

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor;
save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Third Antiphon

Hymn of the Transfiguration, *Grave Tone*

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to
Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though
we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos,
O Giver of light. Glory to You.

At the Small Entrance

Resurrection Hymn, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross
and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin,
O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Hymn of the Transfiguration, above

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 Transfiguration, Grave Tone

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Epistle.....I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel..... Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Today

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Chris J. Boosalis (5 years), **Faye Boosalis** (17 years), and
Jimmy (Chop) Boosalis (20 years); **Evdoxia Gergeorge** (40 days)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the family Chris, Faye, and Jimmy Chop Boosalis in their memories.

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

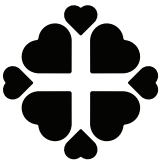
Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table just inside the Great Hall, to the left, after Liturgy this morning to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Join us for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

Announcements

KOINONIA CORNER

"Koinonia has taught me so much about the Word of our Lord- all in a relaxed, comfortable setting. With me being newer to St. Mary's as well, Koinonia was a great way to meet new people, as well."

~John Mott, 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 cmariiebuss@gmail.com with any questions.



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.



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 just a few tickets remain, so be sure to reserve yours today. 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!"



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 Nathanael as well as our fellow seniors from St. George Greek Orthodox Church. We will celebrate all August birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo of all celebrants and His Eminence, a delicious buffet luncheon hosted by our St. Mary's Seniors Club, 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. All Seniors (55+) are invited to join our lively group. Dues are currently \$15.00. **Please RSVP no later than today, to Seniors' President Tessie Bourdamis.**



Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, in a church school classroom. We are reading the first half of the book "The Way of the Pilgrim." The second half "The Pilgrims Continues his Way" will be discussed on November 6.



Sign Up for the Upcoming Blood Drive

Friday, September 5

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, together with the Hellenic Sons Squadron 129, Sons of the American Legion, are hosting a blood drive during the Festival on Friday, September 5, 2:00-6:00 p.m. It's a great way to give back to the community. Plus, donors will receive a \$10.00 Taste of Greece gift card good for \$10.00 worth of food and beverages! Sign up today to donate!



mplsgreekfest.org

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.



**MANY VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...SIGN UP TODAY!**

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival offers wonderful opportunities to get involved, and volunteering is one of the most rewarding ways to participate—especially with family and friends. This cherished tradition brings our parish together in faith, fellowship, and fun. Volunteers are the heart of the Festival, and their energy and generosity make everything possible. Thank you to those who have already signed up—we look forward to an amazing team effort! Signing up is easy:

- Scan the QR code below.
- Choose between, *Pre-Festival Set Up* or *Festival Weekend*.
- Follow the prompts and select a spot or two to volunteer. Decide on dates/times that work for you.
- Lastly, verify your email address to confirm your selection. You only have to verify your email once. Without this, your selection will not be confirmed.

Please contact **Krisanthy Sikkila** with questions or assistance at:
sikkila@comcast.net or 763.227.6154 (text or call)



Scan for **Festival Volunteer 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!



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.



Paraklesis and Q&A with Metropolitan Nathanael Wednesday, August 13

Start thinking of your questions because His Eminence, Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago is visiting and will host a Q&A with the young adults following the Paraklesis service on Wednesday, August 13! The service starts at 6:00 p.m., the Q&A will likely start between 7:00-7:15 p.m. A fasting meal will be provided. **Please RSVP no later than today, so we can get a count for food.** Questions can be submitted to the same link up to the time of the event.



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!

ST. MARY'S FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND 2025

Friday, October 17–
Sunday, October 19

Family Camp Registration is Open!

Early bird registration for Family Camp is **August 1-15** and **regular registration is August 16-31**. We encourage you to take advantage of the early bird rates! Early bird rate is \$160 + convenience fee, and the regular rate is \$170 + convenience fee. We can't wait to get you registered!

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

stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/



Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 10: Ninth Sunday of Matthew

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

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

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

6:00 p.m. – Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 14; Eve of Dormition

3:00 p.m. – Youth Dormition Retreat

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Friday, August 15: Holy Dormition

8:30 a.m. – Matins;

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; *Ordination to the Holy Diaconate of Stephen Wehr*

Sunday, August 17: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

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

after Liturgy – Retirement Reception for Mark & Thespina Macres, *Great Hall*

1:10 p.m. – Twins' Game



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/





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; Gabriel, Linda, 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, Karrisa, 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, 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 17



Hygiene items

(Individually wrapped toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES)

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



Our Little Library Needs More Books

Our Little Library book 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 no longer need 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.



Operation Classroom 2025-2026 School Year

It seems that school has barely ended, and it is already time to be looking ahead to the needs for fall 2025! We are supporting kindergarteners through fifth graders needing supplies to be successful in school at Bancroft Elementary in South Minneapolis.

Shopping List:

- Plastic pencil boxes (especially needed)
- Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 count)
- Crayola Crayons (16- and 24-packs)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Wooden lead pencils (Ticonderoga #2 preferred)
- Pink erasers
- Kid-sized Fiskars scissors
- Backpacks

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 August 3-August 31.



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 kourambiethes, cut and package karithopita, package amygdalota, make 6-packs

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

Youth News



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

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 FAITH Playgroup is a parent/child playgroup geared towards families with children ages 0-5. Grandparents, nannies, and siblings are welcome, too!



Blessing of the Backpacks (and bookbags and briefcases!)

Sunday, August 24

Students of all ages and teachers, bring your backpacks to have them blessed during Liturgy 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.



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, August 11

I Corinthians 15:12-19 • Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 12

I Corinthians 15:29-38 • Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 13

I Corinthians 16:4-12 • Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

II Corinthians 1:1-7 • Matthew 21:43-46

Friday, August 15: Holy Dormition

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Saturday, August 16

I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 • Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22

Sunday, August 17: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 17:14-23



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