

August 24, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew; Eutyches the Hieromartyr and Disciple of St. John the Theologian; Cosmas of Aetolia, Equal to the Apostles; The Translation of the Relics of Dionysios of Zakynthos, Bishop of Aegina; The Translation of the Holy Relics of Saint Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow.

Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25 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 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 λυτρουμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psihas imon.

Kontakion of the Birth of the Theotokos, *Fourth Tone*

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Epistle..... I Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel..... Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Cheryl Sioris**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by **the Barakos family**.

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.

Announcements



Blessing of the Backpacks (and bookbags and briefcases!)

Today

Students of all ages and teachers will have their backpacks blessed during Liturgy and be ready for the school year.



Church School Meet and Greet

Today

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.



Give Blood during the Festival

Friday, September 5

Give blood and help save lives! The bloodmobile will be at St. Mary's on Friday, September 5, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Appointments are now being accepted for donations on that day. Donors will receive a \$10.00 Festival gift card! The bloodmobile is sponsored by St. Mary's and the Hellenic Sons Squadron 129, Sons of American Legion.

ST. MARY'S FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND 2025

Friday, October 17–
Sunday, October 19

Registration is Underway!

Early bird registration for Family Camp has passed. However, **regular registration is underway and closes August 31**. We encourage you to get registered today. Spaces are limited. Regular registration 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/



Movie Night at Holy Trinity Church



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Trailer*

Join us on Friday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. for an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Movie Night at Holy Trinity OCA in St. Paul. Showing on the screen will be the film, "Sacred Alaska." Popcorn and licorice will be provided. Admission is free but a donation to OCMC is appreciated. www.ocmc.org. The address is: Archangel Michael Hall 962 Forest Street N. St. Paul 55106



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.



OCMC TREK4MISSIONS 2025

Be part of the TREK4MISSIONS on Sunday, September 21, 2025, and help the Mission Center recruit, train, and send people from our churches and seminaries that will foster lasting spiritual and personal transformation through the Orthodox Faith and the Fullness of a life in Christ. Support our St. Mary's team **The Mpls Golden Trekkers** by joining our team or donating to support Orthodox Missions. Contact Terri Leckas, 612.710.0609 or Maria Smith 612.581.7298.



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 through next Sunday, August 31.***

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 24: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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

after Liturgy – Church School Meet and Greet, *Terrace Room*

11:30 a.m. – Festival Salad Dressing Cup Filling, *Kitchen*

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

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, *Nave*

11:30 a.m. – Senior Citizens' Bible Study, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, August 27

4:00 p.m. – Festival Sauce Cups and Pita Packaging, *Kitchen*

6:30 p.m. – Chant Group Rehearsal, *Fireside Room*

Thursday, August 28

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Friday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Movie Night hosted by OCMC, *Holy Trinity OCA, St. Paul*

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Sign Up

2025 Taste of Greece Baking Schedule

Bakery preparations continue for the Festival. Come for an hour or two or a full session! No experience necessary! Bring a friend! Many hands lighten the load!

Tuesday, September 2: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cut and package baklava

Wednesday, September 3: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 4: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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



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; Constantine James, Lauren, Anna, Kathleen Wendland and Julie Alvin, 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, 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 31



Toothpaste

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES)
Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



COUNTDOWN
12
DAYS

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

**IT'S ALMOST HERE AND MANY VOLUNTEER
SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE...SIGN UP TODAY!**

The Festival generates approximately 1,000 volunteer opportunities not only over the weekend, but **starting this weekend**.

We are only halfway there. **We have filled only 55% of our volunteer opportunities.**

If you can look at your calendars and possibly give your time to one or two more shifts—or ask a friend to help—we can make this happen and hit **100%**.

Festival Prep: 140 Shifts Needed / 78 Shifts Still Open
Festival Weekend: 705 Shifts Needed / 301 Shifts Still Open

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



Scan for **Festival Volunteer Sign-Up**



THINK GREEK.

What are you doing the weekend after Labor Day? Why not make it Greek? Join us for authentic Greek food, music, and cultural experiences while supporting philanthropy!



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SEPTEMBER 5 **FRIDAY**
2:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

6 **SATURDAY**
NOON – 9:00 P.M.

7 **SUNDAY**
NOON – 5:00 P.M.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 25

Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 • Matthew 5:14-19

Tuesday, August 26

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Mark 1:16-22

Wednesday, August 27

II Corinthians 6:11-16 • Mark 1:23-28

Thursday, August 28

II Corinthians 7:1-10 • Mark 1:29-35

Friday, August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist

Acts 13:25-33 • Mark 6:14-30

Saturday, August 30

I Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5 • Matthew 20:29-34

Sunday, August 31: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Matthew 19:16-26



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