

August 31, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew; The Placing of the Honorable Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos; Cyprian the Hieromartyr & Bishop of Carthage; Gennadius Scholarus, Patriarch of Constantinople; Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne; Eanswythe, Abbess of Folkestone; Cuthburga the Queen, Abbess of Wimborne.

Morning Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Tone: Third

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, *Third Tone*

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world his great mercy.

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 the Theotokos, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body.

By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls

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!

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos (Greek)

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 for the Day, *Plagal Second Tone*

The precious garment that you wore about your body * that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, * truly is power unassailable * for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, * O only Ever-virgin who bore a child.

Epistle.....Hebrews 9:1-7

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel.....Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Diane Achterling**.

The coffee hour today is hosted by **the Bloomington Koinonia Group**.

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

After Liturgy this morning, stop by the welcome and information table located between the Bookstore and Great Hall. A couple parishioners are there to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Join us in the Great hall for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

Announcements

Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19

**ST. MARY'S
FAMILY CAMP
WEEKEND 2025**

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!

Today is the final day to register for Family Camp! The 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/



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.



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.



Men's Fall Retreat

This fall we will begin a new format that we hope will allow even more men the chance to participate in a day of faith building, fun, and fellowship. Save the date of **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, for a "Daytreat." Paul Karos has graciously agreed to lead two sessions on the topic of "Prayer." Steve Rakes and Andrew LeRoy have volunteered to help plan and execute some tasty meals. Activities may include fishing, volleyball, basketball, axe throwing, a long drive golfing contest, and of course, an evening bonfire. This will be hosted at the Twito home in Eagan between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on October 4. More details will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to the David in the Church Office (david@stmarysgoc.org) ASAP so that we can anticipate the food quantities needed.
+Father Luke Twito



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Sign Up*

BYZN-101: *Intro to Byzantine Music and Notation*

Love to sing? Join us for our Introductory Byzantine Notation and Chant course, BYZN 101! Whether you've never chanted before, or you've been chanting for many years, all are welcome! The first half of the class will be focused on learning Byzantine notation, then learning the modes (and their theory), two weeks at a time. This course is mostly focused on learning Byzantine notation; the musical system used around the world in Byzantine music. We'd love to have you join us for this college-style class (some lecture and some practical experience). The first class is Tuesday, October 7, meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. To register or for more information, contact Joseph@stmarysgoc.org, or scan the QR code. The QR code is the registration form, which also has all class information.



Eyeglass Collection

Saint Mary's is no longer accepting used eyewear for donation for outreach organizations. The places we used to drop off the donations are no longer open. Please check with your eye clinic to find out if they accept such donations. Thank you!



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!



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. Bancroft School is looking for donations for gym equipment (volleyball nets, etc.) Thank you as always for considering this ministry. Please bring your contribution to the Philoptochos table. If you haven't purchased items for the drive, you can still make a monetary contribution. Stop by the Philoptochos after Liturgy to do so.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 31: Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

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

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

Monday, September 1:

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year; Labor Day

Church and Office closed

Tuesday, September 2

4:00 p.m. – Hummus Cups, *Great Hall*

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Festival Set Up

Friday, September 5

2:00-9:00 p.m. – Greek Festival

Friday, September 6

12:00 noon-9:00 p.m. – Greek Festival

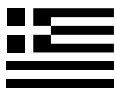
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, September 7: Sunday before Holy Cross

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

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Greek Festival

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos



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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; Janet (Dimitra), Sophia, Andrew and Mari, Constantine James, Lauren, Anna, Kathleen Wendland and Julie Alvin, Gabriel, Linda, John and Johnny, 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, Karris, 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 September 7



Ramen Noodles

September's recipient is **Joyce Uptown Food Shelf**

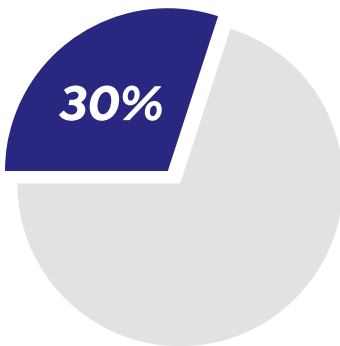
Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



COUNTDOWN
5
DAYS



30% OF VOLUNTEER SHIFTS STILL NEED TO BE COVERED! SIGN UP TODAY!

This is it! We are one week from the start of the Festival and we need you. So many have already committed to not only one shift but to many shifts. Thank you!

Where we have **the most need is Friday evening and Saturday evening in the food tent, loukokmades, and courtyard food.** We can guarantee that you will have a fun time working side by side with family and friends.

Not available the weekend of the festival? We can use your help the days leading up to the festival with pre-festival set up including food prep.

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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To join our mailing list
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scan the code.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 1:

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year; Labor Day

I Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 4:16-22

Tuesday, September 2

Romans 8:28-39 • Mark 3:13-21

Wednesday, September 3

II Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7 • Mark 3:20-27

Thursday, September 4

II Corinthians 10:7-18 • Mark 3:28-35

Friday, September 5

II Corinthians 11:5-21 • Matthew 23:29-39

Saturday, September 6

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

Sunday, September 7: Sunday before Holy Cross

Galatians 6:11-18 • John 3:13-17



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