

November 2, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Fifth Sunday of Luke

Commemoration: The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, and Anempodistos; Domnina, Domna, and Kyriaki, the Martyrs; Gabriel the New Confessor of Georgia.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14..... Tone: Fourth

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, Fourth Tone

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with 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 Saints, Second Tone

O victorious Athletes of the Lord, blessed is the ground that was watered with your blood, and holy are the dwellings that received your spirits. You prevailed over the enemy in the stadium, and you openly proclaimed Christ. We pray you will earnestly entreat Him for us, that He save our souls, since He is good.

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 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..... Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel..... Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patrledge**.

Artoclasia is provided by **Presvytera Alexandra Houck**.



Celebrating Philoptochos Sunday Today

November 1 marks the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damian, the patron saints of the Philoptochos Society who were physicians renowned for their compassion to the poor and for offering healing freely, without charge. The Philoptochos Society will host the coffee hour today and there will be information about this remarkable philanthropic organization. A special collection will also be taken at the end of Liturgy as well as in the Great Hall. Proceeds to benefit and support our Orthodox Patriarch in Constantinople. Donations will be accepted for OCMC's Support a Mission Priest program. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's.

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.



2025 Annual Budget

\$1,549,170

Offerings Received:

\$971,981*

Remaining to Raise:

\$577,189*

**As of October 26, 2025*

*To make a donation or
stewardship offering, scan the code.*





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 Conway; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Anthony, Sophia and the students, staff, and parents of Annunciation Church and School, Liz, Julie, Ann, Jim, Maria, Joan, Jason, Janet (Dimitra), 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, Mark, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, Jeanette, Mary, 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, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Food Shelf Needs for November 9



Spam

November's recipient is **FOCUS Minnesota**

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 2: Fifth Sunday of Luke

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

11:30 a.m. – Curriculum Meeting, *Fireside Room*

Tuesday, November 4

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

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

6:30 p.m. – Byzantine Chant Class, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

10:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup, *Great Hall*

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, November 6

7:00 p.m. – Women's Book Club, *Classroom*

Friday, November 7

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *Fireside Room*

Saturday, November 8: Archangels Michael and Gabriel

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Fireside Room and on Zoom*

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – FAITH and HOPE Group, *Great Hall*

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

6:00 p.m. – 125th Anniversary Celebration,

Minneapolis Sheraton West, Minnetonka

Sunday, November 9:

Seventh Sunday of Luke; Stewardship Sunday

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

After Liturgy – Stewardship/Ministry Fair, *Great Hall*



“If God is always near, why are you worried? In Him we live and move. He carries us in his arms. God breathes, God dresses, we feel God, we taste God in the Sacrament. Wherever you turn, wherever you look, God is everywhere: in heaven, on earth, in abysses, in trees, in stones, in your mind, in your heart. Now, does He not see how you are suffering? Speak to Him your complaints and you will see comfort; you will see a healing that will heal not only the body but above all the passion of your soul.”

— Saint Joseph the Hesychast

Announcements



Pumpkin Bars to Support a Mission Priest (SAMP)

Stop by the OCMC table in the Great Hall today to pick up some delicious pumpkin bars (homemade by Terri Leckas!) and support and mission priest. Suggested donation is \$10.00 and will go directly to SAMP. Pre-orders accepted! Contact Terri Leckas 612.710.0609.



*Scan to
Sign Up*

Welcome Table Hosts

Help greet newcomers and guests after Sunday Liturgy at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and be a light to those who are interested in Orthodoxy and St. Mary's. The time commitment is minimal.



Saint Olympia Girls' Events

Calling all St. Olympia girls, grades 3-12! Here's our chance to help at church. Mark your calendars for these upcoming St. Olympia dates and bring a friend-*many hands make light work*. More dates and activities to come!

Sunday, November 9 - *Right after Sunday School*

Help Adorn the Nave for the Nativity Season.

Saturday, December 6 - *After Liturgy for St. Andrew*

Help Decorate Multiple Christmas Trees!

Sunday, January 11 - *Right after Sunday School*

Help Undecorate the Nave.



FOCUS Minnesota Needs

FOCUS Minnesota needs a variety of items now that we're in fall and anticipating winter's arrival. The most needed items are: kids and women's coats, new men's underwear (S/M/L), backpacks, pasta sauce, deodorant, hand and body lotion

Additionally, FOCUS accepts the following common items: coffee mugs, ties, belts, water bottles, plastic shopping bags, paper grocery bags with handles

- FOCUS currently has a sufficient supply of women's clothing.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Please leave items for FOCUS near the FOCUS sign near the office.



Senior Citizens' Meeting

November 11

Our Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, November 11, 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. After the customary formalities, a delicious buffet luncheon hosted by a committee of members followed by a scrumptious cake by Terri Leckas. Our program will include a short presentation by Hellenic American Legion Auxiliary #129 President Mary Kozak. We will also honor the Veterans in our community, in recognition of this Veterans' Day. A short meeting and announcements will follow.



Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake Sale

The Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake and Craft Sale takes place on Sunday, November 23, during coffee hour. In addition to baked goods, spanakopita and tiropita will also be available. Come stock up on many gourmet treats for the holidays! Thank you for your support for the Daughters' many benevolent projects.



American Legion Veterans' Day Food Drive Update

Sunday, November 9

Due to on-going construction at the Community Resource and Referral Center, CRRC, their storage area is minimal. Instead of accepting food donations for their food shelf, we are asking for donations of gift cards that the veterans can use to purchase needed items. The cards and denominations needed are:

Walmart - \$30

Target - \$30

Cub - \$30

McDonalds - \$20

Subway - \$20

Holiday - \$30

Speedway - \$30

Thank you to all that can help. We are here to honor and serve! Please bring your donations on **Sunday, November 9**. A donation box will be available by the food shelf cart for your gift cards.



Bloodmobile at St. Mary's

Saturday, November 22

The Hellenic Sons Squadron 129 are hosting a blood drive at St. Mary's on Saturday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Scan the code to sign up.



REGISTER NOW for the Philip Mamalakis speaker series!

November 14-15

Dr. Philip Mamalakis will be coming to the Twin Cities November 14-15 to share his knowledge of marriage, family and mental health from an Orthodox perspective. An entertaining and practical speaker, he is someone you do not want to miss! Sign up today for one or more of the workshops he will lead at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church: *Thriving in Relationships, Friday at 7:00 p.m.; Marriage as a Path for All, Saturday at 10:00 a.m.; Parenting Toward the Kingdom, Saturday at 1:00 p.m.; Parenting from the Inside Out, Saturday at 3:00 p.m.* To register or learn more, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/MamalakisWeekendSignUp> or use the QR code. Everyone is invited. Childcare will be provided for the Saturday afternoon sessions, first come, first served.



Join Us in Prayer on the Newly Redone Encounter App!

The Encounter Orthodox prayer app by Faithtree Resources was recently completely rebuilt. Several St. Mary's parishioners including Joseph Karos, Thespina Makres, Mike Rakes, Presvytera Alexandra, Deana Klein can be heard on the App! It's the perfect companion to help you build a meaningful habit of prayer. The app has daily prayers, Scripture, Psalms, and Saints lives in audio and text form. All of this and much more in one peaceful place, helping you dive in wherever you are! Download the Encounter Orthodox prayer app with the QR code!

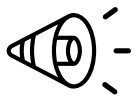


Greek School Classes at St. George Church

Saint George Greek School is a place for students, PreK-12, to learn and to feel a connection to the Greek language and culture. It is also a space for youth and families to connect, feel a sense of belonging, and have fun. ALL are welcome to participate. Classes are taught by volunteer teachers. There will be a fall, winter, and spring session. This registration is for FALL only. Fall session: October 30-December 18, 2025 (seven Wednesday sessions, 6:00-7:30 p.m.) If you are able, we request a \$10, one-time registration fee per child. This helps fund curriculum and other programmatic resources. This will be collected the first day of the program. Scholarships available.



Philoptochos News



Operation Classroom

Winter Clothing Drive for Bancroft Elementary School

Winter is coming and many children don't have warm clothes at our partner school in South Minneapolis. Please consider donating your gently used or new winter clothes for Bancroft Elementary kids at the Philoptochos table in October and November. We are collecting outerwear as well as other clothing on **Sundays through November 16.**

Sizing as follows:

Clothes: ages 5-12, sizes 4-16

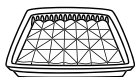
Boots and sneakers: ages 5-12, sizes child 12-adult 7

Socks, ages 5-10 and 10-12, sizes 8-9.5 and 9-11

Underwear, ages 4-12, sizes XS-XL

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Philoptochos and memo: Bancroft Elementary. Drop off at the Philoptochos table in October and November.

A big warm thank you to all.



Filo Sales...and Sunday Best Coffee too!

Place your orders for fresh filo and Sunday Best Coffee today through next Sunday, November 9, with delivery on November 16. Stop by our table during coffee hour or email (preferable) Andrea Tiggas at adtiggas@msn.com or call Andrea at 612.239.1522. Filo price remains \$6.00 per pound. Coffee prices are \$14 for 1-pound whole bean and ground or \$15 for combo K-pods. If using credit card, add \$.25 for filo and \$.50 for coffee per order. Payment is due at time of order.



Decorating the Nave – November 9

Help us prepare our church for the Nativity Fast and to greet our Lord. Join Philoptochos and the St. Olympia young ladies in preparing the nave on Sunday, November 9, after Sunday school. This is a great opportunity to work together with our young ladies in serving our church and our Lord. All are welcome!



ST. MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Celebrating **125 YEARS**

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

**12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305**

6:00 p.m. – Appetizers

7:00 p.m. – Dinner

8:00–11:00 p.m. – Program and Dancing

–Dress Code: Cocktail Attire–

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO
PURCHASE TICKETS!**

www.stmarysgoc.org/125-Anniversary/



This is a ticketed event and space is limited. Tickets are required for event attendance. Ticket sales end at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2. No exceptions.



IOCC®



Twin Cities Annual Reception to Benefit IOCC

Thursday, November 13, 2025 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Please join us at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church for an evening of fellowship, pizza, wine, and desserts. Hear from IOCC's Gift Officer, Nick Kasemeotes, about his recent visit to witness IOCC's programs in Greece and the Republic of Georgia.

In West Georgia, IOCC helps small farmers improve production and increase the value of their products by providing greenhouses and solar dryers to prepare herbs and other produce for a year-round market.

Please confirm your participation for the event. Scan the code to reserve your seats. Please let us know if you can participate by November 4. Thank you.



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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 3

Colossians 2:13-20 • Luke 11:29-33

Tuesday, November 4

Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3 • Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday, November 5

Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1 • Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, November 6

Hebrews 8:1-6 • Luke 12:8-12

Friday, November 7

Colossians 4:10-18 • Luke 12:2-12

Saturday, November 8: Archangels Michael and Gabriel

Hebrews 2:2-10 • Luke 10:16-21

Sunday, November 9: Seventh Sunday of Luke

Galatians 6:11-18 • Luke 8:41-56



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