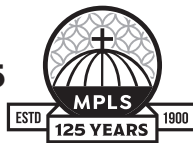


October 19, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Third Sunday of Luke

Commemoration: Third Sunday of Luke; Joel the Prophet; Varys the Martyr;
John of Rilas; Felix the Hieromartyr and Eusebius the Deacon;
John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt; Frideswide of Oxford.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18 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 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..... II Corinthians 11:31—12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel.....Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**.

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

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



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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.



FOCUS Minnesota Needs

FOCUS is in urgent need of men's clothing and heavy jackets. Both new and gently used are accepted. Bring them to St. Mary's and place them by the sign in the hallway to the Church Office.



Pumpkins 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.



New Gift Acceptance Policy Presentations

Athena Mihas, Lani McCollar, and Nick Santrizos will present a town hall forum on our new Gift Acceptance Policy today in the Fireside Room, beginning immediately after Liturgy. This is to introduce members to the new policy and answer their questions in advance of the October 26 Fall Assembly.



YAL Night In

Thursday, October 23

Twin Cities YAL will have a "Night In" at *St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5th St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413*, this Thursday, October 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Join us for a relaxing night with snacks, crafts, and a service project.



Children's Glendi and Pizza Party Last Day to RSVP Is Today!

Saturday, October 25, 5:00–8:00 p.m.



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RSVP

Join us for a joyful evening of pizza, music, and dancing hosted by the Sioris/Kempf family! A \$10 free-will offering per person is suggested, with all proceeds supporting Sophia and the Forchas family. Open to preschool and elementary-aged children of the parish and their families. **RSVP by Sunday, October 19.** *Please note – this is not a drop-off event; parents/guardians are responsible for their children.*



Rochester Philoxenia House Fundraiser

November 1



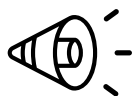
In celebration of their feast day, Holy Anargyroi Church in Rochester is hosting a semi-formal dinner at the church on Saturday, November 1, 6:00-9:00 p.m., to celebrate Saints Cosmas and Damianos. Enjoy food, fellowship, and a silent auction benefiting the church's hospitality ministry, Philoxenia House. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. Go to the Philoxenia House website to purchase tickets: <https://philoxeniacharities.org/2025-event.html>



2026 Monastery Pilgrimage

A small group of ladies will make a pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery in **Safford, Arizona, January 27–31, 2026**. Space is limited to 11 pilgrims. While the monastery does not charge for lodging, a donation is customary. Current airfare ranges from \$400–\$550 (subject to change); tickets will be purchased at the end of October. A rental van will also be shared, with costs divided among attendees. Please visit stpaisiusmonastery.org to review visitor information before the trip. If you are interested, please contact: **Cristina Nicklow**, Email: cnicklow@outlook.com, Cell: **612.839.4560**

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, October 5-November 16. Listed below are items needed for girls and boys: **Coats, boots, gloves and mittens, socks, and underwear** Sizing as follows: **Clothes:** ages 5-12, sizes 4-16; **Boots and sneakers:** ages 5-12, 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.



General Meeting

Please plan to join us on **Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Terrace Room for our General Meeting.



2025 Fall FOCUS Meal

Sunday, October 26

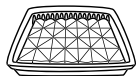
Philoptochos will coordinate a free community meal for FOCUS Minnesota, a Pan-Orthodox outreach serving a growing number of clients—over 300 meals expected! We're seeking 50+ volunteers to help by:

- Making rigatoni or green bean casserole
- Bringing homemade cookies or dinner rolls
- Volunteering in person at church and/or at FOCUS

Pans will be available at the Philoptochos table after Sunday services, and recipes are linked online. Please deliver food to the church kitchen by 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 26 (or bring hot dishes by 3:00 p.m. if cooking day of). Sign up using the QR code or at the Philoptochos table on Sundays.



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Sign Up



Filo Sales...and Sunday Best Coffee too!

Place your orders for fresh filo and Sunday Best Coffee between October 26 and 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.



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; Sophia and the students, staff, and parents of Annunciation Church and School, 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 October 26



Creamettes / egg noodles / spaghetti

October's recipient is **Simpson Food Pantry**

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, October 19: Third Sunday of Luke

Family Camp

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

No Church School

after Liturgy – Town Hall on the new gift acceptance policy, *Fireside Room*

Tuesday, October 21

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*

6:30 p.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, *Terrace Room*

Wednesday, October 22

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, October 23: Saint Iakovos

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. – YAL Night In, *St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral*

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

Saturday, October 25

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

after Vespers – Children's Glendi, *Great Hall*

Sunday, October 26: Sixth Sunday of Luke; Saint Demetrios

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

11:30 a.m. – Fall Parish Assembly, *Great Hall*

Philoptochos hosting dinner at FOCUS



Saint Mary's Fall Parish Assembly

Sunday, October 26 following the Divine Liturgy, in the Great Hall, the Parish Council will be reviewing the following agenda items and a snack will be provided.

- Opening Prayer
- Taste of Greece Results
- Approve Spring Parish Assembly Minutes
- Buildings & Grounds Project Updates and Approvals
- Nominees for 2026 Board of Auditors (Mike Makredes, Tom Angelus, Theo Boosalis)
- Capital Funds Availability
- Approval to adopt St. Mary's Gift Acceptance Policy into St. Mary's Bylaws
- Capital Campaign
- 2025 Stewardship Update
- Upcoming Events - 125th Anniversary Celebration
- 2026 Budget Approval
- Clergy Update
- Closing Prayer and Adjourn



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–

**For more information and
to purchase tickets, scan here or visit:
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.***

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 20

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday, October 21

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday, October 22

Philippians 2:24-30 • Luke 9:44-50

Thursday, October 23: Saint Iakovos

Galatians 1:11-19 • Matthew 13:54-58

Friday, October 24

Philippians 3:8-19 • Luke 10:1-15

Saturday, October 25: Saint Luke

II Corinthians 1:8-11 • Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, October 26: Sixth Sunday of Luke; Saint Demetrios

II Timothy 2:1-10 • Luke 8:26-39



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