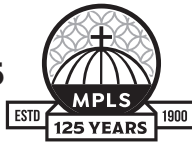


October 26, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Sixth Sunday of Luke; Saint Demetrios

Commemoration: Sixth Sunday of Luke; The Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople (740); Eata of Hexham.

Morning Gospel: John 20:19-31..... 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 Earthquake, Plagal Fourth Tone

You who look upon the earth and make it tremble, rescue us from the frightful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God. Send down Your abundant mercies on us, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O only benevolent Lord.

Hymn of Saint Demetrios, Third Tone

All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great-martyr Demetrios, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

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 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 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 Timothy 2:1-10

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel..... Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they

came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Olga Berkovskaya**.

40-Day Churching: **Charles Alexander**, parents: **Patrick & Alexandra Carroll**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **James M. Boosalis** (40 days).

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Terri Leckas and **Maria Smith** on behalf of **Orthodox Christian Mission Center**.
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.

Saint Mary's Fall Parish Assembly

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



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 November 2



Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

November's recipient is **FOCUS Minnesota**

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

Calendar of the Week

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Saturday, November 1: Saints Cosmas and Damianos

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

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Set your clocks back one hour tonight.

Sunday, November 2: Fifth Sunday of Luke

Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

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

2025 Annual Budget

\$1,549,170

Offerings Received:

Remaining to Raise:

\$927,574*

\$621,596*

**As of October 22, 2025*

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



Announcements



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.



*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*. Stay tuned for more dates and activities to come!

Sunday, November 9 - *Right after Sunday School*

Help adorn the Nave for the Nativity Feast.

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 by the FOCUS sign in the hallway to the office.



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>



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

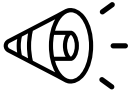
Subway - \$20

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.

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

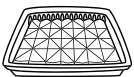
If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Philoptochos and memo: Bancroft Elementary. Drop off at the Philoptochos table in October and November.

A big warm thank you to all.



2025 Fall FOCUS Meal—Today

If you signed up to supply a food item for the meal at FOCUS today, please remember to bring your item(s) to church before (and leave in the front refrigerator with a label for FOCUS) 3:00 p.m. today. Thank you to those who helped make this meal possible!



Filo Sales...and Sunday Best Coffee too!

Place your orders for fresh filo and Sunday Best Coffee today through 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.



Celebrating Philoptochos Sunday – November 2

A special collection for the Ecumenical Patriarchate will be received at the back of the church after the service next Sunday. Then, please join us for coffee hour in the Great Hall as we share more about our mission and highlight the important work of Philoptochos.



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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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.





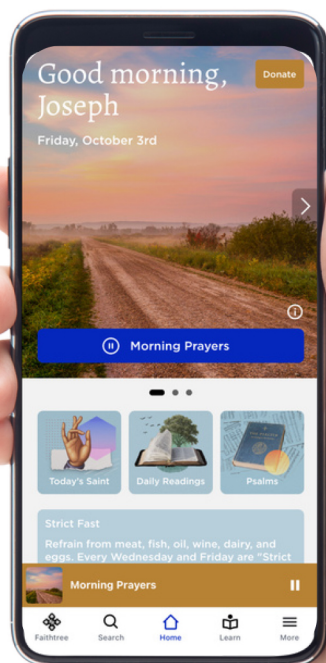
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 27

Philippians 4:10-23 • Luke 10:22-24

Tuesday, October 28

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Wednesday, October 29

Colossians 1:18-23 • Luke 11:9-13

Thursday, October 30

Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1 • Luke 11:14-23

Friday, October 31

Romans 16:1-16 • Luke 11:23-26

Saturday, November 1

I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 • Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Sunday, November 2: Fifth Sunday of Luke

Galatians 2:16-20 • Luke 16:19-31



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