

November 23, 2025



The Divine Liturgy

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Commemoration: Ninth Sunday of Luke; Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium; Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum; Dionysios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Ischyron, Bishop of Egypt; Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple; Sisinius the Confessor.

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 Tone: Grave

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 Third Antiphon

Hymn of the Presentation of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her:

Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

At the Small Entrance

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!

Resurrection Hymn, Grave Tone

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow you transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world your great mercy.

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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 γενήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει 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 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, Fourth Tone

Behold the temple of the Savior, his precious bridal chamber. Behold the
virginal and sacred vessel of God’s glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord,
bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim:
She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle..... Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the
dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and
ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making
peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby
bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far
off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit
to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow
citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation
of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the
whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom
you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel..... Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he
thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said,
‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all
my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up
for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This
night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’
So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these
things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Ruta Kubits**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for:

William Poulos, Catherine Poulos, John Poulos, Peter Poulos, Chrisoula Demitrakis, Anthony Demitrakis, Cleo Walks, Beth Hartman.

The coffee hour today is hosted by:
the Barakos family



Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale ~ Today

The Daughters of Penelope Holiday Bake and Craft Sale takes place today 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.

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



Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens' Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room. A delicious salmon lunch will be catered by Tony Nicklow. Tickets are \$10.00 for Senior Citizen Club members and \$35.00 for non-members or \$30.00 for membership sign up and party ticket. RSVP to Don Vanover by Sunday, November 30.



Christmas Card and Flowers Donations

Our annual collection for the parish Christmas card and Christmas decorations begins today. A form and envelopes are found in the narthex. The Christmas card (deadline is December 7) is to send greetings from you to fellow parishioners and the flowers donation (deadline is December 21) can be made in memory of departed loved ones. Drop your envelope in the stewardship box. This year the form is double-sided – one side is for the card and the other for the flowers!



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, Missy, Abby Grund, Anthony, 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, 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, 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 30



Peanut Butter and Jelly

November's recipient is **FOCUS Minnesota**

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, November 23: Ninth Sunday of Luke

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

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

Tuesday, November 25: Saint Katherine

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day

Church and Office Closed.

Friday, November 28: Entrance of the Theotokos

Church Office Closed.

Saturday, November 29

No Bible Study

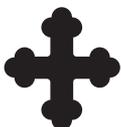
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, November 30:

Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

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

After Liturgy – “Cookies in the Classrooms”



Holy Land Pilgrimage 2026

Tom and Mary Rudquist from St. George Antiochian Church in West St. Paul are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fall of 2026. The pilgrimage will include visits to the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Galilee, and Nablus. The tentative dates for the pilgrimage are August 29, 2026 to September 7, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Tom Rudquist by phone or text at 651.890.6817 or by email at abousean@yahoo.com.



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, and 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.



Toys for Tots and Teens

The Legion Squadron 129 is sponsoring Toys for Tots and Teens again this year. Because of the great giving attitude by our Church community, we will try to fill up four boxes this year instead of three like we did last year. The drop boxes are located throughout the building. Please bring donations to St. Mary's no later than Sunday, December 14.

Philoptochos News



Filo and Sunday Best Coffee Pickup

If you have not picked up your order yet, please contact Andrea Tiggas to schedule a pick up or stop by our Philoptochos table today.



Decorate Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 6

Help decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 6, after the Liturgy for St. Nicholas. Every year we feel deep gratitude for the joyful spirit our volunteers bring as they thoughtfully decorate our Christmas trees. We warmly invite anyone available on December 6 to join us in decorating the trees in the Terrace Room, Foyer and Sunday School hallway starting after the Liturgy. We anticipate finishing by 3:00 p.m. Whether you can stay for the entire day or just a portion of it, your presence will certainly brighten the occasion.

Stewardship Update



2025 Annual Budget

\$1,549,170

Offerings Received:

\$1,023,845*

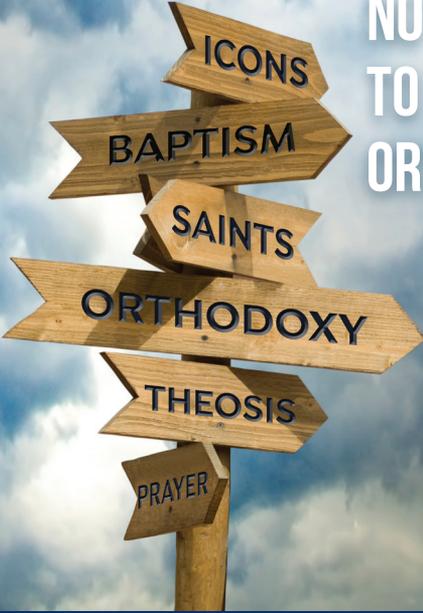
Remaining to Raise:

\$525,325*

**As of November 16, 2025*

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





**NOT SURE WHERE TO GO
TO LEARN ABOUT THE
ORTHODOX FAITH?**

SEEKER SUNDAY

**December 14, 2025 • 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Fireside Room**

For those seeking to become an Orthodox Christian, we are here to help guide the way. Join our first of the monthly Q & A with clergy on Sunday, December 14. Grab some refreshments in the Great Hall, then meet in the Fireside Room at noon.

QUESTIONS? Contact Linda Stanton: mnlas@msn.com

Quick Links

Stay in Contact



To join our mailing list or update your contact information, scan the code.

Digital Donation



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

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, November 24

Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 • Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday, November 25

Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 • Mark 5:24-34

Wednesday, November 26

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 • Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving

II Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5 • Luke 18:31-34

Friday, November 28

II Thessalonians 3:6-18 • Luke 19:12-28

Saturday, November 29

Galatians 1:3-10 • Luke 10:19-21

Sunday, November 30: Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:35-51



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