



November 30, 2025

The Divine Liturgy

## Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

**Commemoration:** Andrew the First-Called Apostle; Froumentios, Archbishop of Abyssina; Alexander the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Mithymna.

*Morning Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 ..... Tone: Plagal 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, Plagal Fourth Tone**

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **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 Saint Andrew, Fourth Tone**

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, 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!

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 kateipes,  
Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις  
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies  
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρονυμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.  
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psihas imon.

### **Kontakion of Preparation for the Birth of Christ, *Third Tone***

Today the Virgin cometh, cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, Begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, Oh universe if thou should hear and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify him who by his will shall become a new-born babe and who is our God before all ages.

### ***Epistle* ..... *I Corinthians 4:9-16***

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### ***Gospel* ..... *John 1:35-51***

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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

## Communion Hymn

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

## Today

Prosforo is provided by **Maria Prassas**.

40-Day Churching:  
**Lydia Katherine**, parents: **Theo & Katie Boosalis**

Coffee and Cookies in the Classrooms today! Due to the floor restoration project in the Great Hall and the pottery show in the Terrace Room, coffee hour will be held in the Church School area. Coffee and cookies will be served in the Lecture Room and everyone is encouraged to visit the classrooms to find out what takes place when the kids leave the Liturgy at communion! Teachers will be on hand to answer your questions and tell you about our education programs.

## Welcome Visitors and Guests!

After Liturgy this morning, stop by the welcome and information table located in the hallway (near the main building entrance) leading to the coffee hour. 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 Lecture Room for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

## Announcements

### Contacting Our Clergy

*“And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had done, and he rested.”* ~Genesis 2:2

#### Our clergy need time to rest, too!

Let us be mindful of the clergy's scheduled days off:

- **Fr. Tim - Mondays and Tuesdays\***
- **Fr. Jason - Thursdays and Saturdays\***

*\*with the exception of Great Feasts and emergencies*

Fr. Tim and Fr. Jason rotate being on call for emergencies. In order to be available to receive emergency messages (including text alerts), they must leave their cell phones on 24 hours a day. Therefore, out of respect to our priests and their families, **please do not call or text Fr. Tim or Fr. Jason before 8:30 a.m. or after 8:30 p.m. - with the exception of emergency messages.** The same courtesy should apply to Deacons Paul, Luke, and Stephen and their families. Thank you for honoring our clergy and giving them the rest and respite they deserve and need. —**St. Mary's Parish Council**





## 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, Karrissa, 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 December 7



### *Individually wrapped bars of soap*

December's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES)  
*Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.*

# Calendar of the Week

## Sunday, November 30:

### Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy; No Church School today

After Liturgy – “Cookies in the Classrooms”

## Tuesday, December 2

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

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

5:15 p.m. – HOPE/JOY Christmas Party, *Youth Room*

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

## Wednesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping

10:30 a.m. – FAITH Playgroup

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

## Thursday, December 4: Saint Barbara

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

6:15 p.m. – Junior GOYA Christmas Party, *Youth Room*

## Friday, December 5

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

## Saturday, December 6: Saint Nicholas

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

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Church Decorating

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## Sunday, December 7: Tenth Sunday of Luke

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

*Church School St. Nicholas Celebration*

5:30 p.m. – Senior GOYA Christmas Party, *Youth Room*



## 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 by the FOCUS sign near the office.



## Bookstore Book Fair

The bookstore will have a book fair for church school families, all grandparents, and friends on **Sunday, December 7**, in the hallway between the narthex and the church office. Please come to find Christmas gifts that are truly meaningful for the children God has blessed you to have in your lives.



## 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 next Sunday, 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!



## OCMC Update

Do you want to learn more about what the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is doing in Guatemala? Emily Broderson will be giving a presentation about a recent medical mission trip on Friday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Archangel Michael Hall (962 Forest St. N., St. Paul). Free and open to the public. Everyone welcome!"



## 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.



## Christmas Mailing Help Wanted!

The mailing crew will be putting together our annual Christmas mailing on Wednesday, December 17, at 9:00 a.m., in the Terrace Room. This is the big mailing with the newsletter, calendar, Christmas card, Christmas letter, and the Christmas offering envelope. Last year we had a great crew and were finished in no time. We hope to have a good bunch of "elves" again this year to make the work light! Please contact David in the office ([david@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:david@stmarysgoc.org)) if you can help.



Dear St Mary's family,

We want to express our deep gratitude to our 2025 donors and stewards, for the many ways you have engaged in St Mary's in worship and ministries, sharing your time, talent and treasure. It is because of your gifts that our parish continues to thrive and grow. We've had much to be thankful for at St. Mary's this year:

- 400-500 Parishoners attending weekly liturgies**
- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish**
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philoptochos**
- 342 Pledged stewards**
- 50 Years of service for Thespina & Mark Macres**
- 11 Koinonia groups**
- 1 New Deacon - Steven Wehr**

We have over \$1M committed for 2025 and we are hopeful to exceed our goal of \$1.5M to continue to fulfill our growing mission. As we reflect on the year and offer our thanksgiving, may we remember to offer our first firsts ~ fulfilling and enriching our commitment to our parish. A Blessed Nativity and May God Bless You!

—The St Mary's Stewardship Committee



\*As of November 24, 2025

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



# Philoptochos News



## Filo and Sunday Best Coffee Pickup

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



## 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.



## Christmas Gifts for Healing House Families

**Due by next Sunday, December 7**

If you selected a gift tag for a child or mother, please ensure your wrapped gift (with child name tag attached) and Target gift cards are delivered to the Philoptochos table by next Sunday, December 7.

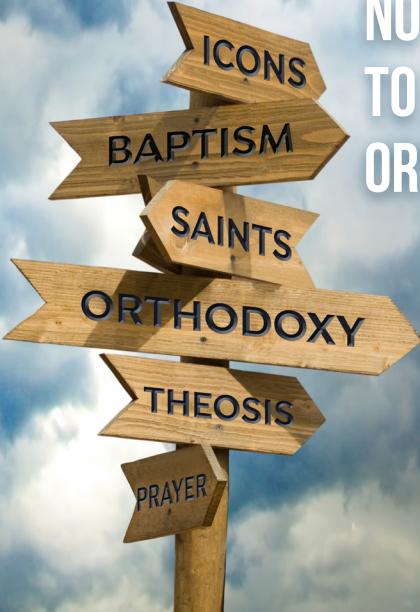
**NOTE: Today only, please drop off your items in the Church Office hallway as the Great Hall is closed.**

Gifts will be distributed at the AHEPA Children's Christmas Party on December 13. Let's make this Christmas special for the women and children of Healing House!



“Those who do not have Christ in them are full of anxiety. But when man grasps the deepest meaning of life, then all his anxiety goes away and the divine consolation comes and heals. And when a man is freed from stress then all kinds of people rest near him. Do not worry about anything. Anxiety is the devil. When you see anxiety, know that it's the devil's work. When we feel anxious in our struggle, let us know that we are not moving in the space of God. God is not a tyrant to drown us.”

— Saint Paisios the Athonite



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](mailto:mnlas@msn.com)

# Quick Links

## Stay in Contact



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

## Digital Donation



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## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, December 1*

I Timothy 1:1-7 • Luke 19:37-44

### *Tuesday, December 2*

I Timothy 1:8-14 • Luke 19:45-48

### *Wednesday, December 3*

I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15 • Luke 20:1-8

### *Thursday, December 4: Saint Barbara*

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

### *Friday, December 5*

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Matthew 11:27-30

### *Saturday, December 6: Saint Nicholas*

Hebrews 13:17-21 • Luke 6:17-23

### *Sunday, December 7: Tenth Sunday of Luke*

Ephesians 5:8-19 • Luke 13:10-17



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