



December 7, 2025

The Divine Liturgy

Tenth Sunday of Luke

Commemoration: Tenth Sunday of Luke; Ambrose, Bishop of Milan; Athenodoros the Martyr of Mesopotamia; Righteous Father Gerasimus, Ascetic of Euboea.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:1-12..... Tone: First

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, First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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 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 ζωήν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρονυμένῃ 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*.....*Ephesians 5:8-18

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Gospel..... Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patridge**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for:

Larry Dunham (1 year);

Iakovos Iakovou (husband of Anna Iakovou);

Polyxeni Andrea (Godmother of Anna Iakovou)

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Ina Dunham and friends**
in memory of Larry Dunham.

The coffee hour will be held in the Terrace Room this morning
due to the floor repairs and restoration in the Great Hall.

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



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 - Fridays 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 14



Diapers (Size 5)

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

Calendar of the Week

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*

Tuesday, December 9: Conception of the Theotokos

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. – Senior Citizens’ Christmas Luncheon
(ticket required), *Terrace Room*

6:15 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting, *Fireside Room*

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

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 p.m. – Parish Night

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, December 11

6:00 p.m. – Koinonia (Tia Muchulas, coordinator), *Fireside Room*

Friday, December 12: Saint Spyridon

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

The Unction service previously announced for this evening has been cancelled.

Saturday, December 13

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

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, December 14: Eleventh Sunday of Luke

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

12:00 noon – Welcome and Hospitality Event, *Fireside 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.



Year-End Giving

Electronic donations, via online giving or Venmo, must be made by **Friday, December 26**. Online contributions can take 3-5 days to process. Contributions made after December 27 cannot be guaranteed to be recorded as a 2025 contribution. Please plan ahead when making your year-end contributions. Contributions placed in the offering tray on Sunday, December 28, will be credited as 2025 contributions.

- **Important note!** When giving through an investment account, please request that your name be included on the check. We have received a number of checks from investment companies that have no name on them and we need to take time to track down the donor. We cannot properly credit these donations without your name.



Bookstore Book Fair Today!

Today the bookstore is having a book fair for church school families, all grandparents, and friends 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.



Christmas Card and Flowers Donations

Our annual collection for the parish Christmas card and Christmas decorations is happening. A form and envelopes are found in the narthex. The Christmas card (**deadline is today**) 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!



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 next 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) if you can help.

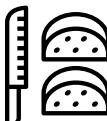
Philoptochos News



Christmas Gifts for Healing House Families

Due Today

If you selected a gift tag for a child or mother, please ensure your wrapped gift (with child's name tag attached) and Target gift cards are delivered to the Philoptochos table today. Gifts will be distributed at the AHEPA Children's Christmas Party next Saturday, December 13. Let's make this Christmas special for the women and children of Healing House!



Vasilopita Sales Start Sunday, December 21

Vasilopita sales will begin after the Liturgy on Sunday, December 21, and continue through Sunday, January 11, or until they are all sold. The price again this year will be \$15 via cash or check (to Philoptochos) and \$15.50 via credit card.



Saint Mary's to Host the 2026 West Region Basketball Tournament!

January 30 - February 1, 2026 • Minneapolis, MN

We are thrilled to announce that St. Mary's is hosting this year's Metropolis Basketball Tournament! This is one of the largest family and youth events of the year and we need our whole parish community to make it a success.



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Players and Volunteers Needed!

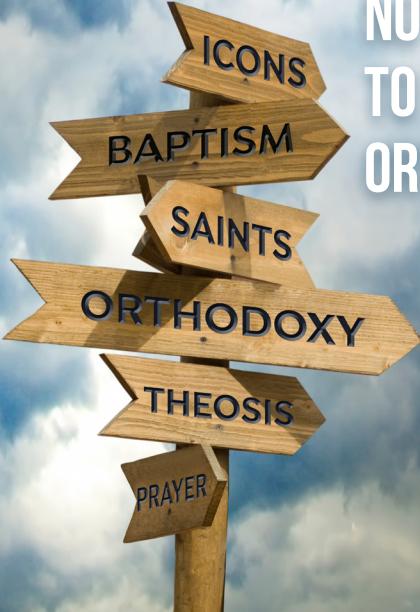
Whether you're playing, coaching, helping with hospitality, working the score table, or assisting with logistics, your participation is essential.

Sponsorship Needed!

Want to support the Tournament? There will be a table set up during the coffee hour where you can sign up for sponsorship. Make sure to stop by.

Want to Learn More About the Basketball Tournament?

Scan the code to visit our website. There you can learn more about the weekend schedule, meal tickets, hotel reservations, and more!



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 the first of our 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



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- 11/11** 2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly Adjourns, Marking a Season of Growth
- 11/11** Archons in Chicago Raise Awareness about Pilgrimage of Discovery and Religious Freedom Initiatives
- 11/21** The Falling Asleep of His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/13** TEAM Belong: A Christmas Gathering
- 12/14** Metropolis of Chicago Christmas Celebration
- 12/27** Metropolis of Chicago Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament
- 1/8** Metropolis of Chicago Vasilopita Celebration
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 8

I Timothy 5:1-10 • Luke 20:27-44

Tuesday, December 9: Conception of the Theotokos

Galatians 4:22-27 • Luke 8:16-21

Wednesday, December 10

I Timothy 5:22-25; 6:1-11 • Luke 21:5-8, 10-11, 20-24

Thursday, December 11

I Timothy 6:17-21 • Luke 21:28-33

Friday, December 12: Saint Spyridon

Ephesians 5:8-19 • John 10:9-16

Saturday, December 13

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Luke 13:19-29

Sunday, December 14: Eleventh Sunday of Luke

Colossians 3:4-11 • Luke 14:16-24



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