

January 25, 2026



The Divine Liturgy

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke; Saint Gregory

Commemoration: Fifteenth Sunday of Luke; Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople; Kastinos, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Morning Gospel: John 21:14-25 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 Gregory

The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the horns of the orators. For the more you plumbed the depths of the Spirit, ever greater eloquence was bestowed on you. O Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, entreating Him to save 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 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 λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psichas imon.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Our Lord, *First Tone*

For our salvation you took flesh and you sanctified the Virgin's womb; you blessed the aged Simeon as you lay resting in his arms, and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle* *Hebrews 7:26—8:2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel* *Luke 19:1-19

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaïos; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaïos, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaïos stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by
Participants of the Prosforo Workshop and Maria Prassas.

40-Day Churching for
Collins Elizabeth, parents Theo & Audrey Beauchamp.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Matina Houck (40 days); Byron Zotaley (2 years).

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Zotaley family in memory of Byron Zotaley.

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 Terrace Room for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

Announcements



Are You Good at Making Coffee?

Saint Mary's is in need of people to help make the coffee on Sundays for our social hour. We are looking for 4-6 volunteers who will be part a team that will be assigned a rotating schedule. Requirements include early arrival to church (9:00 a.m.), the ability to lift 30 lbs., and enjoying making coffee. If this is you, please reach out to david@stmarysgoc.org or call the office 612.825.9595. Training will be provided. Thank you.



Bingo Prizes Needed for Basketball Tournament!

Saint Mary's is excited to host this year's Western Region Basketball Tournament on January 30-February 1. As a part of the fun weekend, we will be having a Family Bingo event on Friday evening. To make this event a success, we are seeking donations for our bingo game prizes. We are looking for new or unused items like:

- Gift cards
- Pop: 2-liter bottles or 12 packs of pop
- Toys, card games, board games, and puzzles
- Sports equipment
- Art and craft supplies such as markers, coloring items, and kits
- Self-care items such as warm socks and lotions
- Snack items
- Fitness Items such as insulated water bottles, travel mugs, and yoga mat
- Lap blanket and candles
- Anything else you'd like to donate

You can drop off your items in the marked donation box by the Courtyard doors or contact Elena or Sean Gabor at 952.288.3011. THANK YOU in advance for making the event a success.



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, Deb, Ioanna, Santina, Tia, Margaret, Kathie, Owen, Missy, Anthony, 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, 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, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Donnarae, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Irene Maria, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karris, 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 February 1



***Canned meal – large cans
(e.g. chili, pork and beans)***

January's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, January 25: Fifteenth Sunday of Luke; Saint Gregory

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. – Philoptochos General Meeting, *Lecture Room*

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Friday, January 30: The Three Hierarchs

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 31

Basketball Tournament
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Fireside Room and on Zoom*
5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers (at the Basketball Tournament Hotel)

Sunday, February 1: Publican and Pharisee; Triodion Begins

“The Messenger” News Item Deadline

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
Basketball Tournament
5:00 p.m. – Vespers for the Presentation of the Lord



House Blessings

During January and February, Fr. Tim and Fr. Jason will be doing house blessings. To schedule a blessing, please send an e-mail request to: stmarysgoc@stmarysgoc.org or call the parish office, 612.825.9595. Blessings will be conducted on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (preferred), or by arrangement with a priest.

January 24-27: Northwest Quadrant

Bounded by Highway 394 on the south and 35W on the east.

January 28-February 4: Southeast Quadrant

Bounded by Highway 94 on the north and 35W on the west.

If the preceding dates do not work, we will have open scheduling will take place February 5-19.



Philoptochos Membership Drive

All women of the parish should have received a letter inviting them to ***Step Up! Make a Difference!*** with Philoptochos as a new or returning member. Let's renew and strengthen our efforts together, united in our mission to serve "the least of them." Membership dues are self-determined, with **the first \$22 supporting our Metropolis and National Philoptochos**, and the remainder directly benefiting our local chapter. To learn more, join us today in the Lecture Room at 11:45 a.m. at our first General Membership Meeting of 2026.



General Meeting Today

Our first General Meeting of 2026 will start at 11:45 a.m. today in the **Lecture Room**. We will be discussing and approving the budget for the year and need your vote for approval. We will also discuss upcoming events and Philoptochos needs. A nice breakfast will be served.



Sweet Sunday

Sweet Sunday is a cherished Philoptochos fundraiser where we host coffee hour after Liturgy and collect donations to support charitable organizations. All proceeds this year event will be donated to FOCUS MN. There are many volunteer opportunities so please consider helping with this event by signing up at the Philoptochos table on Sundays or scan the QR code.



Little Orthodox Library

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Little Orthodox Library this past year. Your generosity in donating books and your time to keep the library stocked is appreciated very much! It's time to schedule for 2026. If you would like to sign up to help monthly, please go to the Philoptochos table during coffee hour. All you need to do is check the library box weekly (during your month) to remove any books that are not Orthodox then replenish the supply (kept behind the stage), putting a bookmark in each book.



Church Kitchen Refrigerator Monthly Clean Up

We are looking for volunteers again in 2026 to help with keeping our church kitchen refrigerators clean. We need individuals to sign up for a monthly clean out of old and expired food and clean up any spills. Please stop by our table to pick a month you would be able to help.



Upcoming Events

- **Sitari (Memorial Wheat) Workshop** – Friday, February 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration for the sitari workshop closes on Sunday, February 8.

**** Signup at the Philoptochos table for any of these events. ****



NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

- ✓ ***The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person***
by Paul Karos, published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.
- ✓ **Icons of the mosaics of the Theotokos and Christ with the Theotokos at St. Mary's**—photography and design by Patrick Wehr; made by Saint Paul's Icons.



Online Workshop for Church School Teachers

Saturday, February 7

The Metropolis of Chicago Youth Religious Education Committee is holding a Teacher and Director Workshop via Zoom on Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Our topic is ***Learning to Live the Liturgy***. Father Sotirios Malamis will begin with a prayer and reflection on the Divine Liturgy. Our guest speaker is Jennifer Hock of Illumination Learning. Join us for this short yet enlightening workshop. Scan the code to register.



Pan-Orthodox Dance

Saturday, February 7

Whether you know how to dance or want to learn, join us for our annual Pan-Orthodox Dance on Saturday, February 7. We will be teaching Middle Eastern, Greek, Russian, Romanian, and a wide variety of other dances starting at 6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. Vespers). At 7:00 we will continue to have open dance for the rest of the evening. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Hosted at St. George Antiochian (1250 Oakdale Ave, West St Paul). Ages 12+ are welcome to join! Contact Anna Karos with any questions: 612.308.0061.



Saint Olympia Ministry Events

Friday, February 13: 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sitari (Memorial Wheat) Workshop in the church kitchen. Bring mom and/or a friend. Sign up at the Philoptochos table on Sundays or call the church office, 612.825.9595, during the week. **Registration closes on Sunday, February 8.**



SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 15-19, 2026



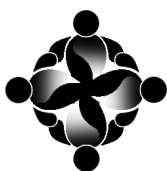
YAL Chicago Conference

The Metropolis of Chicago's annual YAL conference will be taking place this Presidents' Day Weekend (February 13-16) in Downtown Chicago! This conference is filled with inspiring speakers, fulfilling workshops, fantastic service projects, amazing glendies, and many opportunities to connect with Orthodox young adults from across the country. Registration is now open with limited spots remaining. Register now!



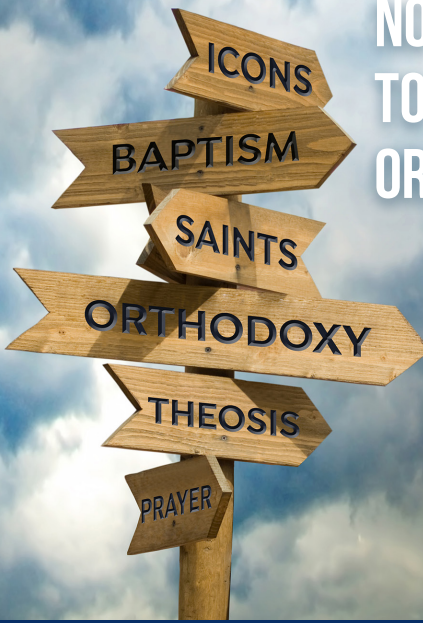
Support the YAL Conference

Many of you attended conferences back in the day, met some of your closest friends, and maybe even met your spouse at a YAL event. Oftentimes we hear the question, "where are the youth in the church?" The answer is here. There is a movement and desire to be connected with other Orthodox young adults and people in this age group look forward to these weekends each year. In order to keep ticket prices down (it costs YAL over \$500 per participant for food, entertainment, transportation, service project materials, etc.!) We are looking for various forms of sponsorship and donations including: food and drink, merchandise, and monetary gifts. To donate or become a sponsor please visit the link in the QR code or reach out to Sia Tortorelis and the conference committee at yalchicagoconference@gmail.com



Today is OVC Sunday

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation and training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered. OVC began in Pittsburgh in 2022 and expanded to Boston in 2024. We invite you to give a gift and help us expand to more cities! Application deadline for Fall 2026 is February 19. Applicants must be 21-29 years old. Scan the QR code to nominate a young adult, apply yourself, or give a gift today! You can also email questions to: info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org



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

SEEKER SUNDAYS

February 8 and March 8, 2026

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 monthly Q & A with clergy on the second Sunday of the month. Grab some refreshments at the Coffee Hour, then meet us at noon. Come early for social time.

If you would like to send a question in advance, send it to: **welcome@stmarysgoc.org**

Quick Links

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or update your contact
information, scan the code.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, January 26

I Peter 2:21-25; 3:1-9 • Mark 12:13-17

Tuesday, January 27

Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 • John 10:9-16

Wednesday, January 28

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Luke 6:17-23

Thursday, January 29

Hebrews 10:32-38 • Mark 9:33-41

Friday, January 30: : The Three Hierarchs

Hebrews 13:7-16 • Matthew 5:14-19

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1: Publican and Pharisee; Triodion Begins

Romans 8:28-39 • Luke 18:10-14



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