

June 28, 2026



The Divine Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration:

Fourth Sunday of Matthew; Finding of the Relics of Cyrus and John the Unmercenary; Sergios the Magister; Pappias the Martyr; Righteous Fathers Sergius and Herman, Founders of Valaam Monastery; Synaxis of the Icon of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos; Paul the Physician of Corinth.

Morning Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.....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 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 iparhousa tis zois, ke tes presvies

ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psichas 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.....Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel.....Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Raymond Stockwell (40 days) **father of Cory Stockwell;**
Evdoxia Gergeorge (1 year);
Vasilike Pappas Canelake (10 years) **and John Canelake** (10 years)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Gergeorge family in memory of Evdoxia Gergeorge.



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



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour hosts are needed for Sundays, July 5 and 26. Please contact the church office if you are interested in hosting either Sunday.



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Sign Up*

2026 St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church's Middle Eastern Festival: July 19 and 20—Volunteers Requested!

As many of you know, festival season is upon us once again and we are asking you, our Minnesota Pan-Orthodox community for assistance. We are looking for volunteers to help at our festival on July 18 and 19, if you are available please review our online sign-up for the 2026 festival by scanning the code! Please feel free to share this link with friends and family as well! We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you soon! Please direct questions to Rebecca Michaels at MidEastFest.Volunteers@gmail.com

Philoptochos News



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2026 Taste of Greece *Let the Baking Continue!*

The Festival Bake Sale preparations are off to a great start! There are now 3,418 kourambiethes, 3,040 koulouria, and 5,600 pieces of baklava baked and in the freezer. We are grateful to all our cookie chairs and volunteers who made this possible. Thank you! Our upcoming baking sessions are:

Melomakarona:

Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Amygdalota:

Thursday, July 30, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

No experience necessary - we provide on the job training. Please come for an hour or two (or more) and bring a friend as many hands lighten the load. You can sign up here (scan the QR code or use this URL: <https://bit.ly/4csN1SZ>) or at the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Thank you for volunteering!



The Little Library Needs Books

Our supply of Orthodox books is getting low. If you happen to have any books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Philoptochos table on Sundays or drop them off in the church office during the week.



Women's Book Club

The next book participants in the Women's Book Club will be reading and discussing *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* by Father Jack Sparks. Copies are available in the bookstore.



“The brave is not only the one who has the strength to fight but also the one who resists pleasures with strength. Often many win wars but indulge in pleasures. It seems to me that the one who conquers his desires is more valiant than the one who wins the war because it is more difficult to conquer oneself.”

— *Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis and Aegina*



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; Dawn, Sarah, Ivan, Greg, Matthew, Judy, Bettsy, Mr. Berscheit; Juliana, Beth, Mia, Deb, Dean, 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, George, Billie, Nino, 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, 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, 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, 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 July 5



Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

July's recipient is FOCUS MINNESOTA

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, June 28: Fourth Sunday of Matthew; Father's Day

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
after Liturgy – Hope for Our Neighbors Food Packing, *Great Hall*

Monday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, June 30: Twelve Holy Apostles

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping
6:00 p.m. – Summer Chant Seminar, *Fireside Room*

Friday, July 3

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *Fireside Room*
Church and office closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Sunday, July 5: Fifth Sunday of Matthew

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



Clergy Out of Office

Members of our clergy and ministry staff will be out of the office at various times during the upcoming two weeks due to the Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity Congress and St. Mary's Summer Camp. During this time at least one member of staff will be in the office during weekday business hours and can assist in contacting a member of the clergy in an emergency. If a pastoral emergency arises during the overnight hours, please call our main telephone number (612.825.9595). When the voice message begins, dial 104 and leave a message. Someone will be in touch soon.

Please note: the office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



Youth Ministry Advisory Committee

We are forming a team of parishioners who are parents of youth in preschool through high school. Together with our youth ministry staff and clergy the YMAC will serve prayerfully and thoughtfully through evaluation, reflection, and collaboration to offer advice and support for our youth ministry staff. We are seeking 6-8 volunteers. **Interested? Please contact Heather Koutroupas 952.843.8643 or Chrissie Hoffman 612.618.0180**

Bring Hope to Our Neighbors *Summer Season*



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- *May 31st ~ THANK YOU!*
- *Sunday, June 28th*
- *Sunday, July 26th*

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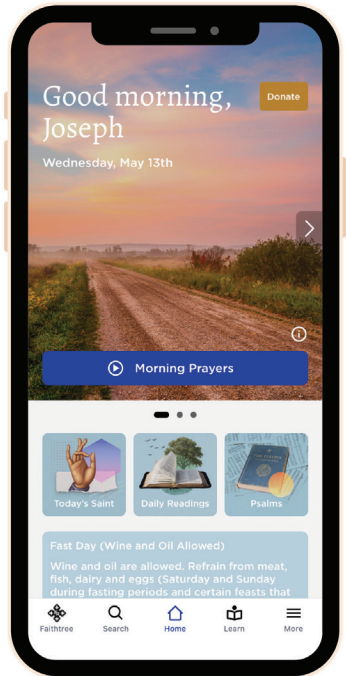
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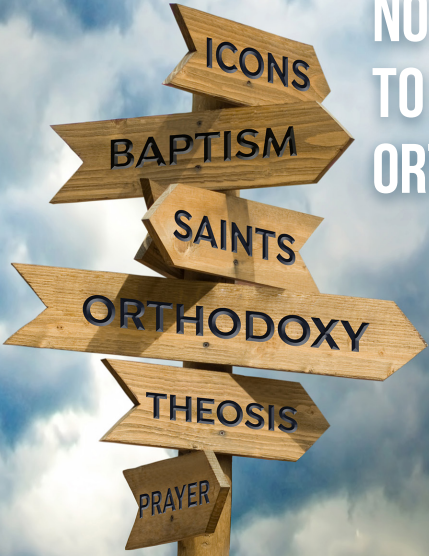
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ORTHODOX FAITH?

SEEKER SESSIONS

Second Sunday of the Month

11:45 a.m., Fireside Room

For those seeking to become Orthodox Christians, we are here to guide you. Join us on the second Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Following the Divine Liturgy, we'll gather for a discussion and Q&A led by clergy.

SUMMER SESSIONS:

- **Sunday, July 12**
- **Sunday, August 9**

► *If you have questions or have specific topics you would like to discuss, please visit the Welcome Table after liturgy on Sundays or email: welcome@stmarysgoc.org*

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul

II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9 • Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30: Twelve Holy Apostles

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

Hebrews 9:1-7 • Luke 1:39-49, 56

Friday, July 3

Romans 16:1-16 • Matthew 13:3-9

Saturday, July 4

Romans 8:14-21 • Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, July 5: Fifth Sunday of Matthew

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1



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