



THE MESSENGER



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Our Mission Statement

To proclaim, celebrate, and share
the good news of salvation in
Jesus Christ in accordance
with the Orthodox Tradition.

The Five Tasks of Our Parish Vision

Hear
Pray
Grow
Serve
Share



“In falling asleep you did not forsake the world.”
—From the Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August contains several important commemorations in the Church's liturgical calendar, most notably the Holy Transfiguration on August 6 and the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Theotokos on August 15, which is our church's feast day. This feast, preceded by a two-week fast akin to those of Advent and Lent, invites us to celebrate The Most Holy Mother's transition from earthly life to eternal glory. Please join us for the Divine Liturgy to celebrate on Saturday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m.



METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

See our *Worship Schedule* on page 2 for details on services this month. ➔

Our Life Together

Baptism

Axel

Parents:

Austin & Madelyn Bock

June 28, 2026

Marriages

Alek Lockhart to

Katherine Huber

June 20, 2026

Mark Possis to

Grace Kisch

July 11, 2026

Bible Study and Groups

Saturday Bible Study

On break until
after the Festival

Men's Fellowship

Friday, August 7

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Thank you to our wonderful help who made this year's Vacation Church School a great success!

Fr Tim, Fr Jason, David M, Kally Alevizos, Georgia Andron, Sophia Angelos, Anthony Bendaly, Marc Bendaly, Hermella Birhane, Kirubel Birhane, Andrew Boldt, Ava Boosalis, Kate Boosalis, Danielle Brown, Giulia Chatfield, Jack Dillon, Rachel Dillon, Julie Frederickson, Nancy Gallos, Steve Gallos, Elena Gabor, Zoe Gabor, George Hoffman, Lydia Houck, Paul Houck, Silas Houck, Mark Johnson, Fifi Kafkas, Mary Kafkas, Jojo Karos, Demetra Kordopitoulas, Aggie Koutroupas, Heather Koutroupas, Otto Koutroupas, Robert Koutroupas, Steven Koutroupas, Zac Magness, Mary Makres, Demi McCollar, Lani McCollar, Michael McCollar, Edie McMonagle, John Muchulas, Bea Murdakes, Anna Paraschou, Veula Possis, Chrissie Rakes, Aspasia Rovolis, Krissa Rovolis, Panayiotis Rovolis, Elizabeth Saathoff, Emilia Saathoff, Dena Tortorelis, George Tortorelis, Effy Triantafyllou

Share YourShelf

August's recipient is

Community Emergency Service (CES)

IMMEDIATE NEED:

Pasta sauce, ground coffee, canned fruit (peaches, mixed fruit), hygiene (Individually wrapped toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, razors, shampoo)

Sunday, August 2

Individually wrapped bars of soap

Sunday, August 9

Diapers (Size 5)

Sunday, August 16

Hygiene items (Individually wrapped soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

Sunday, August 23

Individually wrapped toothbrushes

Sunday, August 30

Individually wrapped toothpaste

www.cesmn.org.org



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And let us not grow weary of
doing good, for in due season we
will reap, if we do not give up.
~ Galatians 6:9



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on our website

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www.stmarysgoc.org/resources/the-messenger/

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers will
resume in September.

Sundays (live-streamed)

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 1: Dormition Fast Begins

Monday, August 3

Small Paraklesis – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4

Great Paraklesis – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 5: Eve of Transfiguration

Great Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Orthros – 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, August 7

Small Paraklesis – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 10

Small Paraklesis – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11

Great Paraklesis – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 12

Small Paraklesis – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 14:

Eve of Dormition

Great Vespers – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 15:

The Dormition of the Theotokos

Orthros – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 29:

Beheading of John the Baptist

Orthros – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Parish News & Events

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Andrew Gatchell

Chrissie Hoffman

Heather Koutroupas



FAITH Playgroup

(families with children birth through pre-K) Summer Fellowship Meetups Siblings, grandparents, and families are all welcome to join us!

Tuesday, August 4, 10:45 a.m.: Como Zoo Outing

We will meet at the 1259 Midway Parkway entrance.

If you have any questions, please contact Lea Hoeft at 206.779.1354.



Transfiguration Day Lunch

Our Transfiguration Day tradition of a potluck lunch in the Courtyard following the Divine Liturgy continues. On Thursday, August 6, bring a celebratory (but Lenten!) dish to share (fish is permitted this day). After Liturgy, we'll dine in our beautiful Courtyard, enjoy wonderful company, and the spectacular views of the lake. Don't miss it!



Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, August 11, at noon in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate all August birthdays and anniversaries with a group photo of all celebrants, and a delicious cake by Terri Leckas. The luncheon will be hosted by a committee of our members. Our program will feature our St. Mary's Chant Director, Joseph Karos, who will give a presentation on Byzantine Chant. A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's Seniors (55+) are welcome to join this lively group. Current dues are \$20 per year. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis at tbourdamis@comcast.net or any current officer.



Blessing of the Backpacks (and bookbags and briefcases!)

Sunday, August 23

Students of all ages and teachers, bring your backpacks to have them blessed and be ready for the school year.



2027 Monastery Pilgrimage

A small group of ladies will make a pilgrimage to the St. Paisius Monastery in Safford, Arizona. The dates planned are January 26-30, 2027. There is room for eleven pilgrims. The monastery does not charge us for our stay; however, it is proper to leave a donation as you are able. The cost of airfare right now ranges from \$350-\$550 and is subject to change. Tickets will be purchased at the end of October. There is also a cost for a rental van for the group. The cost of this van is determined by how many pilgrims attend. The Monastery website is: <http://stpaisiusmonastery.org>. Please familiarize yourself with visitor information. If you are interested or want more information, please contact: Cristina Nicklow, e-mail: cnicklow@outlook.com or cell 612.839.4560



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COUNCIL CORNER

Reflections from the 48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress

Immediately prior to our Nation's 250th birthday, St. Mary's Parishioners **Andreas Hoeft**, **Connie Kouzes**, **Diakonissa Alexandria Kalina**, and I had the honor of joining **Father Tim** and **Presbytera Gabriela** at the Clergy-Laity Congress in Cleveland. Within the patriotic backdrop, the Congress was grounded in the theme - "Rise & Build" - as defined by **His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**. It offered participants a ministry-focused series of keynotes, workshops, and panel discussions along thematic topics, allowing us to engage with other parish leaders in all areas of parish life such as youth and family, Sunday School, safety, planned giving (offered by **Melpo Murdakes**), leadership training, Byzantine chant, and other essential aspects of ministry. As this was my first Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity, I am told that this was the most useful Congress in memory for local parishes in that it gave us ample opportunity to listen, learn, and share insights and hopes to strengthen and grow our local Orthodox communities.

Of the sessions I attended, the panel run by **Father Jim Kordaris** entitled "From Inquirer to Lifetime Member" was particularly relevant to St. Mary's (and many parishes throughout the Archdiocese) as we continue to welcome people to the Orthodox Faith. **Father Panayiotis Bosnos**, Vicar General for the Chicago Metropolis, offered a set of recommendations curated from across the Archdiocese, many of which our new Welcoming Committee led by **Kathy Boosalis** and **Kathy Wahlers** already do! Father Panayiotis said that first and foremost, we should make it a steady practice to pray for Inquirers and Catechumens in our community as we also pray in the Divine Liturgy, "Unite them unto Thy Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and number them with Thy chosen flock."

Initial news articles of the proceedings can be found at the Orthodox Observer website. Video recordings will likely be available on the Goarch.org website prior to distribution of this letter. Please greet Andreas, Connie, Diakonissa Alexandria or me at church if you would like additional thoughts about the conference.

We Did It for the Dome!

"For all things come from thee (O Lord), and of thy own we have given thee."

In this verse from 1 Chronicles 29:14, King David describes how in giving his treasure to the Temple, that all good things come from God. He is simply giving back to the Lord the gifts He so richly gave to him. On behalf of the Church and the Parish Council, we want to thank you, St. Mary's parishioners and friends, for prayerfully reflecting on the gifts that our Heavenly Father has given you and returning a portion of them to His Church. Earlier this year, we established a \$1M goal for the Dome and other capital projects. I am pleased to share that we exceeded our mark with approximately \$1.2M committed and collected from over 120 individuals and families. Your donations will guarantee that our Church Dome will shine even brighter over the Minneapolis skyline and improve how our Church facility functions well into the future. If you have not yet had a chance to donate and wish to do so, it's not too late. You may call the Church Office or donate via this link (<https://stmarysgoc.org/for-the-dome/>).

Planning for the Dome is underway with the Buildings & Grounds Committee and our hired engineers and general contractor for the most beautiful and longest lasting solution. We will deliver ongoing project updates for both the Dome and the Great Hall Air Handler via Realm.

Thank you again for your overwhelming response and generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Nick Santrizos

St. Mary's Parish Council President

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**NOT SURE WHERE TO GO
TO LEARN ABOUT THE
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.

UPCOMING SUMMER SESSIONS:

- **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*



Philoptochos

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS

During the summer, Philoptochos moves into a season of few meetings and many activities, including bake sale preparations, Dormition celebrations, and more. Please watch for details in weekly church bulletins, emails, and website. Also, watch for details of our September general meeting

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dormition Celebration Events—August 12 and 15

Philoptochos will help St. Mary's celebrate our parish feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. We will host the coffee hour after



Vespers on Friday, August 14 and brunch after the liturgy on Saturday, August 15. All are welcome and encouraged to help with this event. Please sign up to help either at the Philoptochos table on Sundays or on Signup Genius by scanning the QR code.

Taste of Greece Bake Sale

During the past three months, our Cookie Captains led volunteers to make thousands of koulouria, kourambietes, baklava, melomakarona, and amygdalota for the 2026 Taste of Greece.

A special thank you to our cookie leads, who made this possible:

Toni Bazakos, Cathy Forchas, Paulette Hastings, Connie Kouzes, Lani McCollar, Tina Menter and Maria Prassas.

August will be quieter, with the karithopita team already in place and the Bake Sale Chairs, **Paulette Hastings, Tina Menter, and Photine Saar**, doing behind the scenes work to make festival weekend a success.

What can you do this month?

1. Save These Dates:

Tuesday, September 7–Thursday, September 9, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is when the freezers get emptied, baklava is cut, kourambietes are re-powdered, all cookies are trayed and packaged, display trays are made for TV stations, the Fireside Room is set up for food demonstrations, Hellas Bakery items are delivered, the prep kitchen is created, and the bakery tables are dressed and readied! **WE NEED YOU!** Please mark your calendar to come for part or all of these days.

2. Volunteer for the Festival Bakery:

Friday, September 11–Sunday, September 13

Stop by the Philoptochos Table in the Great Hall after Sunday Liturgies to sign up to volunteer or sign up online when you receive the link.

Sunday Table Coverage Reminder

We ask for your assistance in ensuring that the Philoptochos table remains staffed after Liturgy each week. We're looking for a minimum of two members to manage the Sunday table, providing updates on current volunteer opportunities and addressing general inquiries about our mission and membership. Ideally, this should involve one board or chair member and one general member. Please consider joining us after the liturgy and committing approximately one hour to this vital task. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Operation Classroom 2026-2027 School Year

School has barely ended and it is already time to be looking ahead to needs for Fall 2026! We are supporting kindergarteners through fifth graders needing supplies to be successful in school at Bancroft Elementary in South Minneapolis. If you prefer to contribute funds rather than supplies, please feel free to make out checks in any amount to St. Mary's Philoptochos specifying Bancroft Elementary. Thank you as always for considering this ministry. Please bring your contribution to the Philoptochos table on **Sundays beginning August 2 to August 23. Shopping List:**

- Plastic pencil boxes (especially needed)
- Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 count)
- Crayola Crayons (16- and 24-packs)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Wooden lead pencils (Ticonderoga #2 preferred)
- Pink erasers
- Kid-sized Fiskars scissors
- Backpacks

Women's Book Club Discussion

We're taking a summer break, but the Women's Book Club will resume on Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's. Our next book is *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* by Father Jack Sparks. Copies are available in the bookstore. All women are welcome. To have your name added to the list, contact Katherine Boosalis (katherine@boosalis.net).

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.

THANK YOU

- Once again, thank you from the bottom of our mixing bowls to the Bake Sale Co-Chairs **Paulette Hastings, Tina Menter, and Photine Saar** for their strategic leadership through the Festival Baking!
- **Connie Kouzes** for being the host delegate that attended the Clergy Laity conference
- Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who have already dedicated their time this spring to create thousands of cookies/baklava for the Taste of Greece Bake Sale! Let's keep this incredible momentum going with our upcoming bake sale needs.

Please watch for updates on events or needs from us in the weekly bulletin, webpage and our table on Sundays

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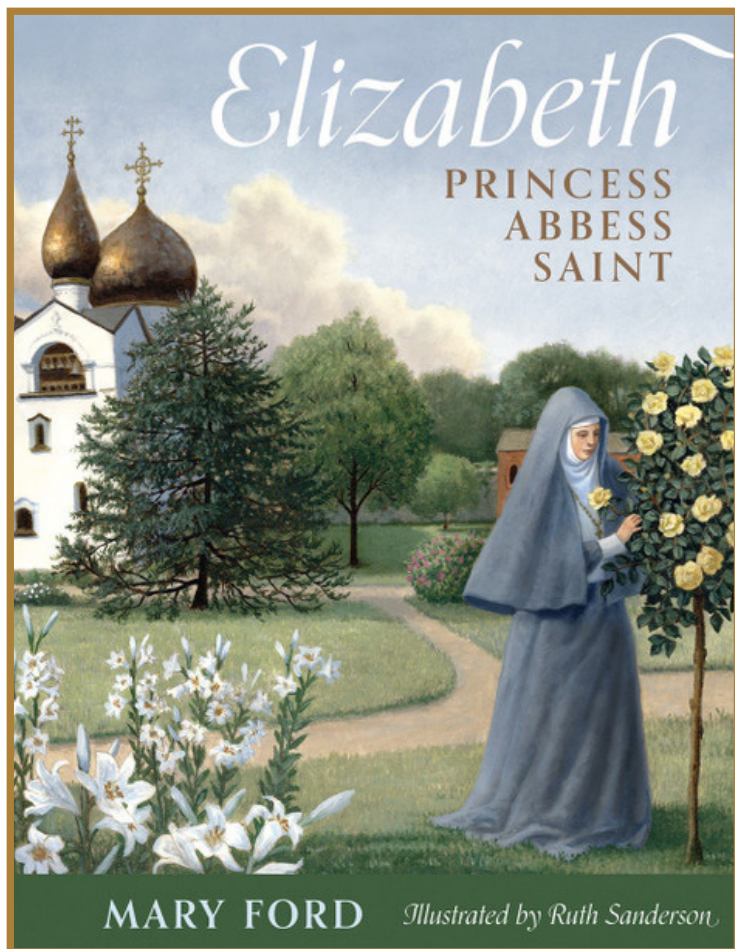


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In the Bookstore

By Rebecca Myerly
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Elizabeth: Princess, Abbess, Saint is a biography of Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr written by Mary Ford and illustrated by Ruth Sanderson. Ostensibly promoted as a book of juvenile nonfiction (specifically for young people ages five to twelve according to the publisher's website), it is really a book for people of all ages five or above. Both the author and the illustrator were very careful about being true to the facts—the author with the accuracy of all aspects of Elizabeth's life and the illustrator with the accuracy of the details in the drawings and paintings, for which she used actual photos as guides and references. The result is a superb book that reads as lively as what one could call a "page turner," yet with the accuracy one would expect of a textbook.

One outstanding feature of this book is its genuineness—in Elizabeth herself and with Mary Ford and Ruth Sanderson in their telling, both in the writing and in the drawings and paintings, of Elizabeth's life.* There is humility and grace here.

Another characteristic clearly evident throughout the story of Elizabeth's life is privilege used as a means to serve rather than to be served. Elizabeth was born into privilege as a princess in a royal German family, the grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, and married into privilege—her husband, Russian Grand Duke Sergei, was the younger brother of Tsar Alexander III.** Even in her childhood in

Germany, Elizabeth was serving others, charity always being a priority for her. After her husband Sergei's murder, she lived a life sacrificing to serve others as she incarnated the Gospel message in her being through her many ministries, not just doing for but also being with people in need of love. Her understanding and determination witnessed the strength of Christ's love in and through her. As the author writes:

After that [her husband's murder], Elizabeth was inspired to have a new kind of life. She called it "a road full of light" that God had shown her after her husband's death. She stopped going to balls and gave away her beautiful clothes and some valuables. She sold the rest. She used that money to build a special kind of monastery in Moscow for women.

She called it the Martha-Mary Convent, after the two sisters of St. Lazarus. Saint Martha was most concerned with practical things like helping the needy, while St. Mary was more concerned with prayer and spiritual things. Elizabeth wanted her monastery to be a place where the practical and the prayerful aspects were equally important...

The Martha-Mary Convent grew to have 105 sisters. Its hospital provided excellent free medical care and medicines for the poor, a home for the elderly, an orphanage, and a dining hall that fed about three hundred needy people every day.

Abbess Elizabeth and other sisters also went daily into the poorest parts of the city, especially to help the children with both their physical and spiritual needs.

This and much more the author and illustrator of ***Elizabeth: Princess, Abbess, and Saint*** convey with a quiet humble energy. The anecdotes and illustrations reveal the grace given to Elizabeth, which she cultivated throughout her life and in her death. The reader learns gently yet clearly much about Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr, and also about Christ, in this book.

*Ancient Faith Ministries offers an interview with Mary Ford and Ruth Sanderson, in which they speak about their purposes and priorities in, with, and through this book. See: <https://youtu.be/4-QBzSWeAYU>

**Elizabeth's younger sister, Alexandra, married Tsar Nicholas II. They are known, together with their five children, as the Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia.



Please visit the bookstore on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy for truly meaningful gifts.



ST. MARY'S FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND 2026

Camp Wapogasset
"Camp Wapo"
Amery, WI

Friday, October 16, 1:00 p.m. — Sunday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.



ORTHODOXY IN THE HOME

"Let everything take second place to our care for our children, our bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord...Give them the great things, not the little things."

—St. John Chrysostom,
On Marriage and Family Life, Homily 21

If being an Orthodox Christian is a way of life, a participation in Christ, lived as a growing union with the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, participating in the Body of Christ as a full member of the Church, and fueled by the energizing grace of the All-Holy Spirit. What then does it mean to be an Orthodox Family or an Orthodox Home? How does being an Orthodox Family inform the rhythms of our communal life, direct the usage of our resources, help us navigate the struggles and disappointments of life, nurture a family dynamic that is healing and empowering, and lead us to salvation?



With Guest Speaker: Fr. David Hyatt

The Rev. Fr. David Hyatt is the pastor of St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He and Khouryee BethAnn have three sons who were born and raised in northern Minnesota where he served as a Baptist pastor for more than twelve years before converting to the Orthodox

Church at Twelve Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church under the guidance of Fr. Timothy Sas. After moving to Pennsylvania in 2017, their family joined an Antiochian parish north of Philadelphia. While there, Fr. David worked as an assistant to the director of Saint Emmelia Ministries of the Department of Homeschooling of the Antiochian Archdiocese helping to organize homeschooling conferences across the country. He completed his Orthodox education through the Antiochian House of Studies and was subsequently ordained to the Holy Diaconate in 2020 and the Holy Priesthood in 2021. Fr. David has served as the assistant to His Grace Bp. THOMAS (Joseph), auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, since 2019. Fr. David and Kh. BethAnn, and their three sons, moved to Greensburg, Pennsylvania in July 2023 to serve as the pastor of St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Registration Opens August 1, at 10:00 a.m. and closes August 31, at 11:59 p.m.

Early Bird Registration Period
AUGUST 1 –15

\$160 + Convenience Fee* / Camper

Regular Rate Registration Period
AUGUST 16 –31

\$170 + Convenience Fee* / Camper

*Reduce fees by paying with an Electronic Check (ACH): Electronic Check (ACH) Fee: 1.53% + \$0.50 per registrant versus the CampDoc Convenience Fee of 4.12% + \$0.30 per registrant

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stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/



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SATURDAY
NOON – 9:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY
NOON – 5:00 P.M.

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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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