

August 9, 2026



The Divine Liturgy

Tenth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration:

Tenth Sunday of Matthew; The Holy Apostle Matthias; Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople; Euthymios the Hieromartyr, Metropolitan of Rhodes; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Anthony the Martyr of Alexandria; Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska and First Saint of America.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14..... Tone: First

VARIABLE HYMNS AND READINGS IN THE LITURGY

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor; save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Third Antiphon: Hymn of the Transfiguration, *Grave Tone*

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

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 Hymn of the Transfiguration, 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!

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, (Greek)

Εν 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 λυτρουμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psichas imon.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Christ, Grave Tone

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld
Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would
see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and
declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

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..... Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Amy Wehr**

The coffee hour today is hosted by **Scott Rudquist**



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



Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Classes

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity (catechism classes) will be offered beginning in September. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and continue through the fall. This year the location has been moved to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1250 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118 or online via Zoom.

*Information can be found
on the MEOCCA website*



*Register
Online*



<https://meocca.org/our-faith/cooperative-catechism>



A Benefit Dinner for FOCUS Minnesota

Love in Action, a benefit dinner supporting the work of FOCUS Minnesota, will take place on Thursday, August 20, 6:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Enjoy an evening of drinks, dinner, and dessert as we celebrate the impact being made in our community and the lives being transformed through Christ-centered service. Admission is free, and guests will be invited to make a meaningful contribution in support of FOCUS Minnesota's ministry. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you. We kindly ask that you respond using the QR code provided or by visiting focusna.org/mndinner

For more information, contact Dustin Hertzog at dhertzog@focusna.org



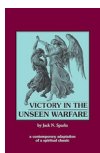
NEW THIS SUMMER

For all readers young and old: **St. Mary's Lending Library**

Thee **St. Mary's Lending Library** is open! Our collection is primarily for children, with a selection of books for adults as well. We have many wonderful books that have been tucked away on our bookshelves for years, along with some brand-new additions waiting to be enjoyed. The lending library is available every Sunday throughout the summer, as well as during Christmas break. Look for the *rolling book cart in the Great Hall*, in the corner by **Mrs. Tortorelis**.

How it works: Borrow up to **three books** at a time and return your books within **two weeks**, or sooner if you've finished them.

Whether you're looking for a new bedtime story, a family read-aloud, or a good book for yourself, we hope you'll stop by and explore our collection. ***Come check it out!***



Women's Book Club

The next book participants in the Women's Book Club will be reading and discussing is *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* by Father Jack Sparks. Copies are available in the bookstore. Our first meeting of the fall will be Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, August 9: Tenth Sunday of Matthew

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

11:45 a.m. – Seekers' Q&A, *Fireside Room*

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. – Small Paraklesis

7:00 p.m. – Greek Dance Practice, *Great Hall*

Tuesday, August 11

9:30 a.m. – Great Paraklesis

12:00 noon – Senior Citizens' Meeting, *Terrace Room*

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

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 p.m. – Small Paraklesis

Friday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers followed by a reception in the Terrace Room

Saturday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

9:00 a.m. – Matins; 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

after Liturgy – Dormition Luncheon, *Great Hall*

Sunday, August 16: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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



“The word ‘eternity’ is frightful! To undersdtand in part what eternity means, I should give you an example. Imagine that the whole earth is one big piece of granite, and every thousand years a bird comes to sharpen its beak on this rock. When the entire rock is worn away by the bird sharpening its beak, then we shall have some faint notion of what eternity means—not that we have actually understood eternity, immortality, or life without end! So this life of ours here on earth determines out eternity, like flipping a coin: paradise or hell! Therefore, how much caution must we have?”

—Elder Ephraim of Arizona †



mplsgreekfest.org

Spread the word and tell your friends!

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

Friday, September 11: 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12: Noon-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 13: Noon-5:00 p.m.



Festival Volunteer Sign-up Is Open!

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival offers wonderful opportunities to get involved, and volunteering is one of the most rewarding ways to participate—especially with family and friends. This cherished tradition brings our parish together in faith, fellowship, and fun. Volunteers are the heart of the Festival, and your energy and generosity make everything possible. Thank you to those who have already signed up—we look forward to an amazing team effort! Signing up is easy:

- Scan the QR code below.
- Choose between Pre-Festival Set Up or Festival Weekend.
- Follow the prompts and select a spot or two to volunteer.
- Decide on dates/times that work for you.
- Lastly, verify your email address to confirm your selection. You only have to verify your email once. Without this, your selection will not be confirmed.

Please contact Krisanthi Sikkila with questions or assistance at: **763.227.6154** or sikkila@comcast.net



Scan for **Festival Volunteer Sign-Up**



Greek Festival Boutique – Vicki Hanson Needs Your Treasures!

The Vintage Section of our Church Boutique is looking for donations of icons, linens, Greek artwork, and other quality vintage items in good condition. Every donated item makes a difference—100% of the proceeds from Vintage Section sales support our mission. Your generosity helps make our Greek Festival Boutique a success while giving new life to treasured items. To donate, please contact **Vicki Hanson at 612.327.0797**. Thank you for your kindness and support!!



The Taste of Greece is on Instagram and Tiktok!

The Taste of Greece is on Instagram and Tiktok! Please follow our new accounts (@[mpls.greekfest](#) on both platforms), spread the word, and repost to help make the festival a success! If you would like to be featured in content please reach out to Sia Tortorelis or Marina Gabor or email mplsgreekfest.socials@gmail.com

Additionally, as we ramp up our social media presence, the Festival Social Media team is looking to do a series of “Throwback Thursday” posts and we need your help collecting photos from past years’ festivals! If you have photos (think working the souvlaki grill, baking melomakarona, enjoying loukoumades, or really any church baking or glendi photos for that matter!) that you are willing to have posted on the Instagram account please share them with us at mplsgreekfest.socials@gmail.com and include the year if you know it. Thank you for your support!



Blood Donors Needed!

On Friday, September 11, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Memorial Blood Center will have two buses on site during the Festival. Our goal is to collect 80 units. Sign up here!



Scan to
Sign Up

2026 Taste of Greece Bakery— *Philoptochos Invities you to help!*

Since May, Festival Cookie Captains led volunteers to fill St. Mary’s freezers with thousands of koulouria, kourambiethes, baklava, and melomakarona plus filled bins with baklava sundae topping. Thank you to the captains and the dozens of parishioners and friends for working toward a successful 2026 Taste of Greece Bakery!

- Friday, September 4, 8:30-11:30 a.m. – *Drizzle chocolate baklava*
- Tuesday, September 8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – *Cut and package baklava*
- Wednesday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – *Powder and package kourambiethes, package amygdalota, package melomakarona, assemble variety packs*
- Thursday, September 10, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – *Final set up of bakery and prepare kitchen*

Please also volunteer to work in the Festival bakery, Friday, September 11- Sunday, September 13! Stop by the Philoptochos Table in the Great Hall after Sunday Liturgies or use the online link/QRC provided in church materials.



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; Lukas N., Jolene, Sarah, Ivan, Greg, Matthew, Judy, Bettsy, Mr. Berscheit; Naira, Juliana, Beth, Mia, Deb, Dean, Tia, Kathie, Owen, Missy, Anthony, 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, 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 August 16



Hygiene items

(Individually wrapped toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

August's recipient is Community Emergency Service (CES)

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



Bancroft Elementary School Supply Drive Today-August 23

Saint Mary's Philoptochos is once again supporting Bancroft Elementary School in South Minneapolis through the Operation Classroom initiative. We are collecting school supplies for kindergarteners through fifth graders to help them start a successful school year. Please bring your donations to the Philoptochos table on Sundays now through August 23.

If you prefer to contribute funds instead of physical supplies, please make checks payable to St. Mary's Philoptochos with "Bancroft Elementary School" in the memo line.

Shopping List:

- Plastic pencil boxes
- Crayola Washable Markers (8 or 10 count)
- Crayola Crayons (16 or 24 packs)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Wooden lead pencils (Ticonderoga #2 preferred)
- Pink erasers
- Kid-sized Fiskars scissors
- Backpacks
- Reusable hot/cold packs (Amazon: Everlasting Ice or Revix)
- Mesh Bags (Amazon: Papejoon)
- 6x9 Heavy duty zip bags (Amazon: GPI)

Thank you for your continuous support of this ministry.



*Scan to
Sign Up*

Dormition Meals after Vespers and Liturgy August 14 and 15

Philoptochos will help St. Mary's celebrate our parish feast day, 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 at the Philoptochos table on Sundays or on SignUpGenius using the QR code.



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.



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.



*"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



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.

Registration is Now Open 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

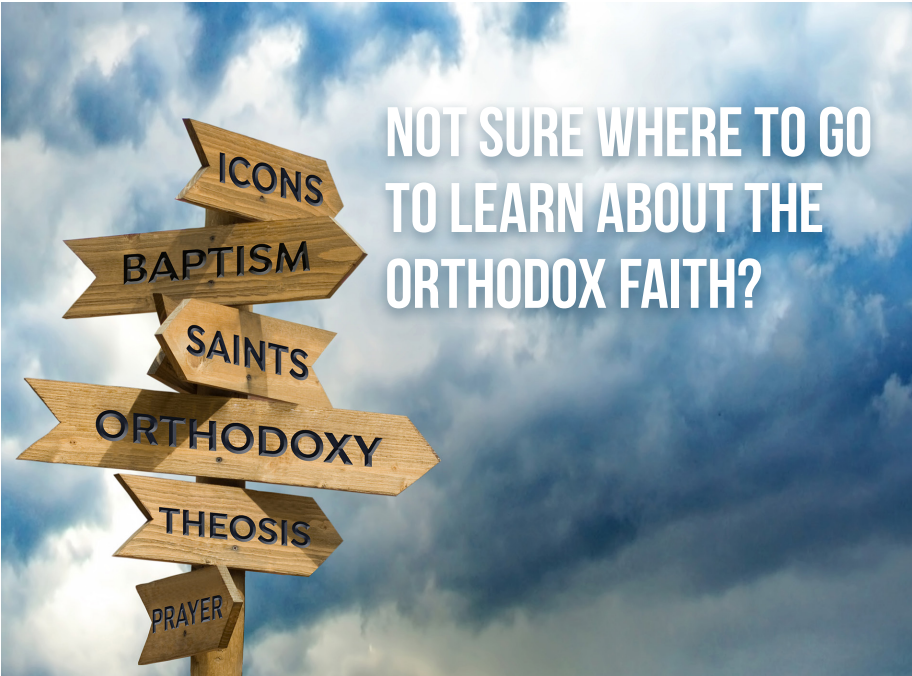
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*Reduce fees by paying with an Electronic Check (ACH): Electronic Check (ACH) Fee: 1.53% + \$0.50 per registrant versus the CampDoc Convenience Fee of 4.12% + \$0.30 per registrant

To learn more about Family Camp or to register, visit the website.

stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/





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

SEEKER SESSION

**Today, Sunday, August 9
11:45 a.m., Fireside Room**

For those seeking to become Orthodox Christians, we are here to guide you. Join us today, 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.

- ***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***

Quick Links

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, August 10

II Corinthians 2:3-15 • Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 11

II Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3 • Matthew 23:23-28

Wednesday, August 12

II Corinthians 3:4-11 • Matthew 23:29-39

Thursday, August 13

II Corinthians 4:1-12 • Matthew 24:13-28

Friday, August 14: Eve of Dormition

II Corinthians 4:13-18 • Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51

Saturday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sunday, August 16: Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

I Corinthians 9:2-12 • Matthew 18:23-35



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