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## **First Sunday of Luke**

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**Commemoration:** First Sunday of Luke; Callistratus the Martyr and his 49 Companions; Mark, Aristarchos, and Zenon, Apostles of the 70; Akylina the New Martyr of Thessaloniki; Gideon the Righteous.

*Morning Gospel: Luke 24:36-53..... 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 the Martyrs (Callistratus), Fourth Tone**

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, 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!

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 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.....II Corinthians 6:16—7:1***

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### ***Gospel.....Luke 5:1-11***

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

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# Today

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Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patridge** and **Popie Rakes**

The coffee hour today is hosted by  
**the Colaianne family**

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## 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.

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## Announcements

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### Twin Cities Marathon Next Sunday

The Twin Cities Marathon will take place next Sunday, October 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. in downtown Minneapolis. The route will run along the west side of Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun to the William Berry Parkway and south along the east side of Lake Harriet to the Minnehaha Parkway. If your drive to church takes you along this Marathon route, you should consider an alternate route to Church.



### Koinonia Groups Beginning for the Season

Koinonia groups are small parish gatherings rooted in the early Christian practice of fellowship and shared life in Christ. Meeting once a month in homes or at the church, they offer an opportunity to know more deeply the people we worship beside each week through prayer, conversation, and simple hospitality. This fall, we are expanding our existing groups and forming new ones beginning in October. If you would like to learn more or join a group, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Lani McCollar [lanimccollar@gmail.com](mailto:lanimccollar@gmail.com) or Christine Buss [cmariabuss@gmail.com](mailto:cmariabuss@gmail.com).



## Golf Tournament

The Tiger Open Golf Tournament (started in 1955) will be held on **Sunday, October 4, 2026** at Heritage Links Golf Club (8075 Lucerne Boulevard, Lakeville, MN) It's a scramble format with a 12:30 Shotgun start. Registration fee is \$90.00 and includes green fees, carts, skins game, prizes and something to eat. See [facebook.com/tigeropengolf](https://facebook.com/tigeropengolf) for the registration form. Contact Mike Hasselstrom (612.840.5496) or Mike Makredes (651.253.4203) for details.



## St. George “Food on the Run” Festival

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Due to renovation work at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul, a modified Greek Festival, “Food on the Run,” will take place next weekend, October 3 and 4, at the Church. Saturday's hours are 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Food, fun, and entertainment throughout the weekend. Cheer on your favorite marathon runners on Sunday!



## St. George Festival Volunteers Needed!

**Volunteers are needed** to help make the Mini Greek Fest a success! Returning and first-time volunteers are encouraged to sign up. Signing up is easy! Simply **scan the QR code to access the SignUpGenius** page. From there, you can select your area of interest and choose a date and time that works with your schedule. Please contact Carey Pappas at [carey.pappas@frontiernet.net](mailto:carey.pappas@frontiernet.net) with any questions.



“We are used to smell the aroma of a flower, to inhale the scent of the earth after rain or the smell of the sea left on the skin after swimming. It's a pity no one told us that the soul also has a fragrance. It also smells, and what it smells of depends on how it lives with and what it fills with every day. With beauty, kindness, affability, mercy you can shine in this world.”

—Saint Luke the Surgeon

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# Philoptochos News

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## Fall Kick-off Meeting

**Tuesday, September 29 – 5:30 p.m.**

Philoptochos begins a new year on Tuesday, September 129. Please plan on attending this important event. We will discuss upcoming events and will have a program on internet safety.

| Social Hour – 5:30 p.m. | Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

| Program on Internet Safety Meeting

Visit the Philoptochos table to sign up and to volunteer to set up that day.



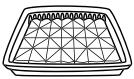
## Please Sign Up to Help at Our Table on Sundays

We would love for you to help at our table on Sundays. Please stop by and sign up to sit at the table on a specific Sunday to assist in answering questions and promote individuals to sign up for activities happening in the coming weeks. We need ladies to be there after Liturgy till about noon.



## The Little Library Temporary Closure

The Little Library is temporarily closed for repairs. Even though it is closed for repairs, we are still accepting donations. Our supply of Orthodox books is low. If you happen to have any books that you would like to donate, please still bring them to the Philoptochos table on Sundays or drop them off in the church office during the week.



## Fall Filo Sale

Once again, fresh filo will be sold at the Philoptochos table during the social hour beginning next Sunday, October 4 and Sundays, October 11 and 18, with pick up on October 25.

# Calendar of the Week

## **Sunday, September 27: First Sunday of Luke**

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

## **Tuesday, September 29**

6:00 p.m. – Philoptochos Kickoff Dinner Meeting, *Terrace Room*

## **Wednesday, September 30**

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Visitation for Besse Maragos, *Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel*  
Trisagion Service at 5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

## **Thursday, October 1: Holy Protection of the Theotokos**

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. – Funeral Service for Besse Maragos, *St. Mary's*

## **Friday, October 2**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship, *Fireside Room*

## **Saturday, October 3**

8:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, *Patty Christopoulos' home*

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Zoom only today*

## **Sunday, October 4: Second Sunday of Luke**

*"The Messenger" news item deadline, November issue*

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



## **Upcoming Church Festivals**

### **Taste of Northeast Festival**

Saint Mary's Orthodox Cathedral

1701 5th Street NE, Minneapolis

Today, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### **St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

1111 Summit Ave, St Paul

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.



## Prayer Ministry

***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:***

The family of Besse Maragos; 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; Lydia, Ina, Katia Dragotis, Joe & Linda; 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, Emebet, Billie, Nino, Mechelle, 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 October 4



***Canned Meal – large cans***

***(e.g. chili/pork and beans)***

**October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry**

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

BENEFIT CONCERT

AN EVENING OF

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FEATURING

Anna Pitsavas Wakely, *violin*

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Samuel Dangerfield, *cello*

Brigham Dangerfield, *violin*

Performances by

Twin Cities Byzantine Choir

Directed by Joseph Karos

Christopher Atheneos

Byzantine Chanter, South Florida

## TICKETS & INFO

SCAN QR CODE  
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SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 P.M.

(doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

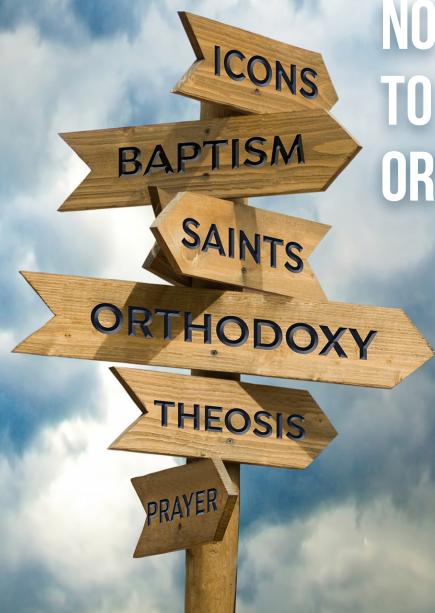
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TO LEARN ABOUT THE  
ORTHODOX FAITH?

## SEEKER SUNDAYS

October 11, November 8, and December 13  
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Fireside Room

For those who want to learn more about the Orthodox Christian faith. If you are brand new to St. Mary's, we are here to help guide you. Attend one of our monthly Q&A sessions with clergy on the second Sunday of the month after Divine Liturgy. Feel free to get refreshments at Coffee Hour, then meet us in the Fireside Room.

► *If you would like to send a question in advance,  
send it to: [welcome@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:welcome@stmarysgoc.org)*

## Quick Links

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## Daily Bible Readings

### *Monday, September 28*

II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Luke 6:17-23

### *Tuesday, September 29*

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 • Luke 5:12-16

### *Wednesday, September 30*

I Corinthians 16:13-24 • Matthew 24:42-47

### *Thursday, October 1: Holy Protection of the Theotokos*

Acts 9:10-19 • Luke 6:12-19

### *Friday, October 2*

I Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 6:17-23

### *Saturday, October 3*

Acts 17:16-34 • Luke 5:17-26

### *Sunday, October 4: Second Sunday of Luke*

II Corinthians 9:6-11 • Luke 6:31-36



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