

September 6, 2026



The Divine Liturgy

Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration: Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew; The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae (Chonae); Holy Martyr Calodote

Morning Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 Tone: Plagal First

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 First Tone*

To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

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 Archangel, *Fourth Tone*

O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commander of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

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

Kontakion of the Birth of the Theotokos, Fourth Tone

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

Epistle.....II Corinthians 1:21 – 2:4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel..... Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Yana Patridge** and **Photine Saar**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for **Anthula and George N. Boosalis**

The coffee hour today is hosted by
Georgia B. George, Marina Cholakis, and Barbara Pappajohn
in memory of their parents, Anthula and George N. Boosalis.



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>



Benefit Concert – Thursday, September 17

St. Mary's parishioner James Newcomb is hosting a concert on Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for treatment for his son Gabriel who's recently been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. On the program are works by Gershwin and Copeland and also features special guest Manny Laureano, former principal trumpet with the Minnesota Orchestra! The concert will be held at Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1040 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. Visit gabrielssaysthanks.com for more information.



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American Legion Food Collection

The Hellenic Post 129 American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a food drive for Community Resource and Referral Center, which assists homeless veterans in our area, at their meeting on September 14. They have invited the parish to join them by bringing any of the following to church the next two Sundays, September 6 or 13: peanut butter, canned chicken, canned tuna, fruit bars, bagged nuts, canned beans (low sodium), canned soups (low sodium), dehydrated beans, cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables (low sodium), cooking oils, powdered milk, pasta/noodles, rice, applesauce, canned fruit/fruit cups, dehydrated potatoes, dehydrated fruit (unsweetened), bottled water, hand-operated can openers. This food drive is in addition to our regular collection, this month for Joyce Uptown Foodshelf.



St. Mary's Men's Retreat

Mark your calendars for the annual Men's Retreat scheduled for **September 26, 2026**. This "daytreat" will again be hosted at the home of Deacon Luke Twito from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Food provided by Sheff and Nouli Priest from their food truck. It will be a great day of fun activities and fellowship. Fr. Perry Kallis from St. George Greek Orthodox Church will be our featured speaker and discussion leader. Register on Realm. Suggested donation to help cover expenses is \$35.00 and can be paid through Realm when registering or by check to the church office. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. More information will be provided to those planning to attend as the day approaches. *Retreat is limited to 40 registrants.*



OCF Meal Volunteers Needed

The University of Minnesota's OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) is looking for volunteers to donate meals. They meet on select Thursday evenings this upcoming fall semester. Please contact Mary Rezcallah at 952.258.3047 if interested or scan this QR code.



"The world has now become fit only for those who live in sin. For this reason, people will separate themselves—the sheep will be separated from the goats. Those who want to live a spiritual life will eventually find that they are not able to do it in this world; they will be searching to find people like themselves, people of God."

—Saint Paisios the Athonite



Saturday Bible Study Resumes

Saturday Morning Bible Study will resume on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room and on Zoom. Please watch the Friday email for more details as we get closer to September 26.



Women's Bible Study to Resume This Fall

Women's Bible Study, hosted by Patty Christopulos, continues with I Peter and will conclude with II Peter. All women are welcome. For questions - please call or text Patty Christopulos: 952.200.9566 or patty@light-n-life.com

Mark your calendars for the following dates:
Saturdays, September 19, October 3, 17, and 31
beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Patty Christopulos' home.



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 or Christine Buss cmariebuss@gmail.com.



St. George Mini Greek Festival!

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

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



Authentic food and pastries, Church Tours, the Greek Dancers of Minnesota, a bazaar, and music await guests for the 2026 Mini Greek Festival!
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, September 6: Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

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

Newsletter Items Deadline

Monday, September 7: Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos; Labor Day

Church and office closed until 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Tuesday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

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

4:00 p.m. – Hummus Preparations, *Kitchen*

5:00 p.m. – Loukoumades Ingredients Preparations, *Kitchen*

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

Wednesday, September 9

3:00 p.m. – Lamb and Chicken Preparations, *Kitchen*

6:00 p.m. – Souvlaki and Lamb Burger Preparations, *Kitchen*

Thursday, September 10

All day – Festival Set Up

Friday, September 11

2:00-9:00 p.m. – Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

3:00 p.m. – 9/11 Memorial Service in the Nave

Saturday, September 12

12:00-9:00 p.m. – Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, September 13: Sunday before Holy Cross

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

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival

3:00 p.m. – Great Vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross



Upcoming Church Festivals

St. Mary's Romanian Festival

854 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul

Saturday, September 19: 12:00 noon-7:00 p.m.

St. Sahag Armenian Orthodox Church Festival

203 N. Howell Street, St. Paul

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church — Harvest Festival

532 – 1st Street, Clayton, Wisconsin

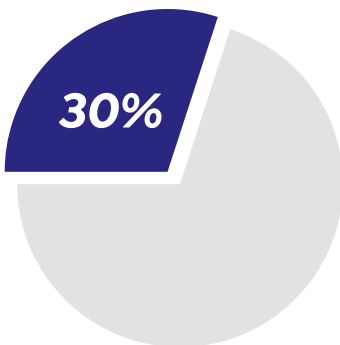
Sunday, September 20: 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



COUNTDOWN
5
DAYS



30% OF VOLUNTEER SHIFTS STILL NEED TO BE COVERED! SIGN UP TODAY!

This is it! We are one week from the start of the Greek Festival and we need you. Many of our volunteers have already committed to not only one, but to several shifts. Thank you!

We still have many open shifts - the most needs are as follows:

- Pastry / Bake Sale - Friday and Saturday night
- Loukomathes - Friday and Saturday night
- Food Tent #2 - various times and positions throughout the weekend

We can also use your help leading up to the festival with pre-festival set-up and food prep. 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: sikkila@comcast.net or 763.227.6154 (text or call)



Scan for **Festival Volunteer Sign-Up**



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!



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!!



Taste of Greece Festival Gift Cards

Festival gift cards are available at the Festival table this morning. Stop by and purchase cards for family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone you'd like to treat. You choose the amount of the card!



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; 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, 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 September 13



Cereal (both hot and cold)

September's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf

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

Philoptochos News



Scan to
Sign Up

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

Since May, Festival Cookie Captains led volunteers to fill St. Mary's freezers with thousands of koulouria, kourambietes, 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!

- 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 kourambietes, 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.



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 until about noon.



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 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.



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 now closes on Friday, September 11, at 11:59 p.m.

Registration Extended to
SEPTEMBER 11

\$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

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

stmaryscamp.com/family-camp/



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AN EVENING OF

CLASSICAL & BYZANTINE MUSIC

FEATURING

Anna Pitsavas Wakely, *violin*

2025 Karin Larson YourClassical Prize Winner

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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
TO PURCHASE



SATURDAY, 
OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 P.M. 

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

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60 Kent Street, Saint Paul, MN



Supporting St. George Greek Orthodox Church and FOCUS MN





Monastery Pilgrimage

Monday, September 21 – Thursday, September 24, 2026

Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery • Rives Junction, MI

Register by Wednesday, September 9 – Contact the church office.

The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery is a source of spiritual refreshment, peace, restoration, and the experience of other-worldly Orthodox Christian worship with the nuns including our own “village daughter” Mother Macrina (Makres). Our parishioners have an opportunity to experience this joy of God’s presence over three days from Monday, September 21-Thursday, September 24. There are limited spaces available. An informational meeting will take place during Fellowship after Divine Liturgy Sunday, September 6, in the Fireside Room.

*For further questions please contact Mary Makres 612.619.0950
or Presbytera Gabriela Sas at 218.343.5754.*

Quick Links

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 7: Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Galatians 2:11-16 • Mark 5:24-34

Tuesday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

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

Wednesday, September 9

Galatians 4:22-27 • Luke 8:16-21

Thursday, September 10

Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 • John 3:16-21

Friday, September 11

Galatians 4:8-21 • John 12:19-36

Saturday, September 12

I Corinthians 2:6-9 • Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1

Sunday, September 13: Sunday Before Holy Cross

Galatians 6:11-18 • John 3:13-17



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