



Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Commemoration: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the seven Deacons; Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea; Holy Martyrs Zenais and Philonilla; Nectarios, Arsakios, Sisinius and Philotheos Kokkinos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking; Our righteous Father Kenneth, Founder of the Monastery of Aghaboe in Ireland.

Morning Gospel: John 20:11-18 Tone: Second

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, *Second Tone*

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you.

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 Holy Fathers, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith.

Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

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 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..... Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel.....Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Cristina Nicklow**

40-Day Churching: **David Michael**,
parents: James & Maggie Menter

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Tommy Mihas (10 years)

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the family of Tommy Mihas in his memory

Thank You

Our choir, director, protopsaltis, and a number of chanters are participating in the annual Metropolis Choir Conference held at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora, Illinois, this weekend. We thank today's chanters for leading the music at Orthros and Divine Liturgy.

Seekers' Gathering

For those who are brand new to St. Mary's, and plan to attend the *Seeker Sunday session*, meet in the Fireside Room today at 11:45 a.m. for this month's meeting.



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



Men's Bible Study

We're excited to announce our Orthodox Men's Zoom Bible study has started again. It will be Wednesdays from 8:30-9:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will begin with the Gospel according to St Matthew. If you are interested, please reach out to Michael Richardson at mbrich38@gmail.com. We'd love to have you join us!



Senior Citizens' Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 12:00 noon

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. We will celebrate all October birthdays and anniversaries. The luncheon will be hosted by a committee of our members. Our program will feature a presentation about FOCUS MN by Director Dustin Hertzog. We will also participate in a simple project to make 100 snack packs for FOCUS. A short meeting and announcements will follow. All St. Mary's Seniors (55+) are welcome to join this lively group. Current dues are \$20 yearly. For further information, please contact President Tessie Bourdamis at tbourdamis@comcast.net or any current officer.



Fall Parish Assembly Meeting

Sunday, October 25

The Fall Parish Assembly of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, 11:45 a.m., in the Great Hall. The official notice and agenda items were sent via e-mail on Monday, September 21. Additional copies are available in the narthex. We encourage all members in good standing to be present at this meeting.

Youth News



Service Sunday Is Back!

Kindergarten–High School

Sunday, October 18 is MEA weekend and Family Camp with no regular Church School classes, but if you're in town, come join us for a morning of **faith in action**! Students will meet in the Terrace Room after receiving Holy Communion to tackle several fun service projects together. We'll wrap up by 11:45 a.m.



All-Youth Trip – Sever's Corn Maze

Saturday, October 24 • 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Sever's Corn Maze

3121 - 150th Street West, Shakopee, MN

Watch communications for details.



Annual Church School Pancake Brunch

Sunday, October 25 • Kindergarten–High School

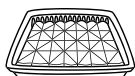
Get ready to **set up, decorate, cook, flip, and serve**! More details are coming soon through emails and from your teachers in class. **Mark your calendars:** Students should plan to arrive between **8:30–8:45 a.m.**, depending on grade, to set up and start cooking.

Philoptochos News



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.



Fall Filo Sale

Stop by the Philoptochos table during the Sunday coffee hour to order your fresh filo. Cash or check price is \$7.00 / Square price \$7.25 per one pound package. Orders will be taken through next Sunday, October 18, with pick up on Sunday, October 25. If you can't order in person, please contact Andrea Tiggas by email adtiggas@msn.com or phone 612.239.1522. Be sure to include your name, number of packages, and contact information. Payment must be received by Sunday, October 18. We also have a limited supply of Sunday Best coffee for \$15.00 per pound.



New Food Product to Our Parish Community!

Philoptochos will be selling "Its Greek to Me" seasoning packets by Market-To-Market. This gourmet seasoning packet is great to use for dips, appetizers, spreads, and in recipes! It's all natural and highly rated Gluten free, salt free, and no MSG. **Price per packet: \$8.00 cash or check: \$8.20 via credit card.** Yields 6 cups. Available at the Philoptochos Table on Sundays, October 11 and 18!

**SIGN UP
HERE**



Meal for FOCUS MN – Sunday, October 25

Help us prepare and serve a meal for those in need. Philoptochos is coordinating the FOCUS MN dinner on Sunday, October 25. The whole parish is encouraged to get involved - make or buy something, or work at the event. **Here's how you can help: make rigatoni (recipe and pan provided), bring salad fixings, purchase dinner rolls, make homemade cookies, volunteer in person (3:00-7:30 p.m.)** at Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill Church, 105 University Avenue, St. Paul Thank you for feeding the hungry! Please stop by the Philoptochos table to volunteer or ask questions. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/4AThwvu>

Philoptochos News



Operation Classroom: Winter Clothing Drive for Bancroft Elementary School

Winter is coming and many children don't have warm clothes at our partner school in South Minneapolis. Please consider donating your gently used or new winter clothes for Bancroft Elementary kids at the Philoptochos table during November. We will be collecting outerwear as well as other clothing on Sundays, November 1-23. Listed below are items needed for girls and boys: **Coats, Boots, Gloves and Mittens, Socks, Underwear**

Sizing as follows:

ITEM	AGES	SIZE
Clothes	5 to 12	4-16
Boots & Sneakers	5 to 12	12-7
Socks	5 to 10 and 10 to 12	8-9.5 and 9-11
Underwear	4 to 12	XS – XL

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Philoptochos, Memo: Bancroft Elementary and drop off at the Philoptochos table in November. We will also accept Credit Card or Venmo payments at the table.



Mark Your Calendars 22nd Annual Twin Cities Pan-Orthodox Tea

Saturday, November 7, 2026, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Hosted by St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church

357 2nd Avenue South

South St. Paul, MN, 55075

Come together for fellowship and share ideas toward our common goals to learn from each other, share ideas from our parishes to be Christ-like. The tea will include a short presentation on the Serbian Orthodox Church. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For any questions, text Nada Spasojevic at 952.201.2594. Church and hall are not handicap accessible. Access by stairs only.



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; 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 18



Pancake mix & syrup

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry

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

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, October 11: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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

11:45 a.m. – Seekers' Gathering, *Fireside Room*

Monday, October 12

6:00 p.m. – Festival Follow-up Meeting, *Terrace Room*

Tuesday, October 13

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

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

Wednesday, October 14

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

8:30 p.m. – Orthodox Men's Zoom Bible, *Zoom only*

Thursday, October 15

6:30 p.m. – Koinonia (Tia Muchulas, host), *Fireside Room*

Friday, October 16

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

Family Camp begins

Saturday, October 17

Family Camp

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

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, *Fireside Room and on Zoom*

Sunday, October 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist

Family Camp

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

11:00 a.m. – Youth Service Day



Saint Mary's Stewardship Appreciation Glendi

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 14

The Saint Mary's Parish Council and Stewardship Committee are hosting the annual Stewardship Appreciation Glendi on Saturday, November 14, from 6:00–10:00 p.m., at Saint Mary's. This year we welcome our honored guest, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael. Enjoy an evening with dinner, dancing, and great company in appreciation of your pledged gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to Saint Mary's. RSVP details will be coming soon. If you would like to help sponsor this event, contact the church office.

BENEFIT CONCERT

AN EVENING OF

CLASSICAL & BYZANTINE MUSIC

FEATURING

Anna Pitsavas Wakely, *violin*

2025 Karin Larson YourClassical Prize Winner

with Miryana Moteva, *piano*

Samuel Dangerfield, *cello*

Brigham Dangerfield, *violin*

Performances by

Twin Cities Byzantine Choir

Directed by Joseph Karos

Christopher Atheneos

Byzantine Chanter, South Florida

TICKETS & INFO

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TO PURCHASE



SATURDAY, ∞
OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 P.M. ∞
(doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 12

Philippians 2:12-15 • Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, October 13

Philippians 2:16-23 • Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 14

Philippians 2:24-30 • Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, October 15

Philippians 3:1-8 • Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 16

Philippians 3:8-19 • Matthew 27:33-54

Saturday, October 17

Romans 9:18-33 • Luke 6:1-10

Sunday, October 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist

Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 • Luke 10:16-21



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