



Second Sunday of Luke

Commemoration: Second Sunday of Luke; Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens;
Domnina the Martyr and her daughters; John the Hermit.

Morning Gospel: John 20:1-10..... Tone: 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, *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 Resurrection Hymn, 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!

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.....II Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel.....Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

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



“Many often pose the question: Is holiness attainable today? Is holiness perhaps something untouchable, unattainable, and impossible for the present time? Is it even an exaggeration to be talking about something like this? Indeed, people today have other priorities, perspectives, and goals. They think about other things, study other things, and are concerned and struggle over other things. For many, the thought of holiness does not even cross their mind. Holiness, even for Christians, is considered something from the past, something outmoded—that is not for contemporary people.”

— Elder Moses the Athonite †

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Barbara Nichols**

Memorial Prayers today are offered for
Anna Barakos (5 years), mother of Nick Barakos;
Saleh Canavati (5 years), father of Elizabeth Canavati-Skoog

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Barakos family in memory of Anna Barakos



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



National Church Music Sunday

Today is the day parishes across our Archdiocese honor the gifts and stewardship of the church musicians of our parish – our clergy, choirs, chanters, and those who teach the hymns of our Church to our youth. Their contributions enhance our worship and assure that the glorious treasury of our hymnography continues to edify us and future generations. National Church Music Sunday traditionally occurs on or the Sunday following the October 1 Feast Day of **Saint Romanos, the Patron Saint of Church Musicians**. We wish to thank especially our Protopsaltis **Joseph Karos**, choir director **Emily Skoutelis**, all our wonderful chanters and choir members. You make our liturgies and services so much more prayerful by your faithful participation.
Thank you!



St. George “Food on the Run” Festival

After Liturgy today, why not make a dash (it is the Twin Cities Marathon after all!) to St. Paul and St. George Greek Orthodox Church for day two of their modified Greek Festival, “Food on the Run.” The festivities go until 3:00 p.m. today. Enjoy food, fun, and entertainment.



Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

We’re excited to announce our Orthodox Men’s Zoom Bible study will start again this coming Wednesday, October 7. 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!



Orthodox Adult Game League Fun Resumes!

Saturday, October 10

Come to St. Mary’s OCA (1701 5th Street NE, Minneapolis) starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, for Orthodox Adult Game League. Bring snacks, drinks, and whatever games you’d like to share. Bring your friends, too! There’s always room for another game table, and with the ever-increasing number of newcomers to Orthodoxy, this is a great opportunity to bring them into our wonderful (and competitive!) community.



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.



Service Sunday Is Back!

Kindergarten–High School

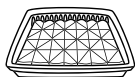
Sunday, October 18 is MEA weekend and Family Camp with no regular Church School classes, but if you’re in town, come join us for a morning of **faith in action**! Students will meet in the Terrace Room after receiving Holy Communion to tackle several fun service projects together. We’ll wrap up by 11:45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

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

Once again, fresh filo will be sold at the Philoptochos table after Liturgy beginning today and continuing through Sunday, October 18, with pick up on October 25.

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



SEEKER SUNDAY

October 11 • 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

BENEFIT CONCERT

AN EVENING OF

CLASSICAL & BYZANTINE MUSIC

Saturday, October 24 ✿ 7:00 p.m.

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

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
60 Kent Street, Saint Paul, MN

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St. George Greek Orthodox Church and FOCUS MN

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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, 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 11



Peanut Butter

October's recipient is Simpson Food Pantry

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

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

Tuesday, October 6

11:30 a.m. – Senior Citizens' Bible Study, *Fireside Room*

Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. – Housekeeping

Saturday, October 10

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

6:00 p.m. – Orthodox Game League, *St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral*

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*



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.



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.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 5

Philippians 1:1-7 • Luke 6:24-30

Tuesday, October 6

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 20:19-31

Wednesday, October 7

Philippians 1:12-20 • Luke 6:46-49, 7:1

Thursday, October 8

Philippians 1:20-27 • Luke 7:17-30

Friday, October 9

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8

Saturday, October 10

I Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3 • Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, October 11: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Titus 3:8-15 • Luke 8:5-15



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