A Message from Father George
Father George Dokos, Proistamenos

Dear St. Mary’s Family,

When the month of November comes around, most people’s minds begin to be preoccupied with the Thanksgiving holiday. And this is understandable, because for some it means a break from school or work, for others an opportunity to travel, or a time to be with friends and family, a sumptuous feast, extra football games, and so on. While all these are good reasons to get excited about the holiday, it is also an opportunity to be mindful of God’s many blessings and gifts, and an opportunity to serve Him and His people. In his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789, President George Washington said: “Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.” He also says that it is our duty to “acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor.”

Considering these things and the exhortations of our first President, we should all be inclined to give thanks to God for this parish family, for our church, and her many ministries which serve us and our families. Personally, I am deeply grateful to all the members of our parish who use their gifts of time, talent, and treasure unto the glory of God and for the upbuilding of His church. Some have used their God-given talents as teachers. Others are administrators of the church. Some are musicians or writers. Others offer hospitality and organize social functions. We have gifted cooks and bakers. Others build or fix or create things. Some serve the church by organizing athletic events or serving in the Holy Altar. Others are gifted working with our youth. Some are quietly in the background, contributing to the life of the parish behind the scenes.

“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you,” says St. Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:6), and this applies to all of us. Many talents, gifts, and skills are shared by our parishioners with others. We are thankful that our St. Mary’s Church has developed many ministries and activities to serve God and His people, and my wish is that this continues to grow on account of our gratitude towards God, our love for Him, and for one another. With gratitude to St. Mary’s for all her ministries of faith made possible by the good stewardship of her members, and with love in Christ,

+Fr. George

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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5, 2:00 a.m.
Set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night!
Our Life Together

Birth
Iliana Mae
Parents: James & Larisa Sioris
September 18, 2017

Baptisms
Panagiota
Parents: Daniel & Kristen Lyrek
September 16, 2017
David
Parents: David & Natalie Hideg
September 23, 2017

Marriage
Parker Mullins to
Anastacia Economou
September 30, 2017

Memorial Prayers
Sunday, November 11
Christina Zoitos (5 years)
Sunday, November 25
William (Bill) Nicklow (4 years)

Our Sympathy
We extend our sympathy to Stephen Zis who, during the past nine months, lost his brother, James Spiro Zis (December 21, 2016), his father, Spiro D. Zis (June 15, 2017), and younger sister, Jane Zis (September 5, 2017). All lived near the East Coast. May their memory be eternal.

2018 Stewardship Program Kick-off & Ministry Fair
Sunday, November 12, 2017

Hellenic Post Funds Scholarships
On September 23, 2017, the Hellenic American Legion Post 129 funded scholarship grants totaling $12,600 to 21 college students who are children or grandchildren of the Post or Auxiliary.
An additional $2,000 was awarded to four students who wrote winning essays on the subject “What part, if any, did the United States flag play in the history of our country; and what does the flag mean to you?”
The four winners were Katherine Pappas, Mari Afendoulis, Justin Brown, and Tommy Forchas.

Share YourShelf
November’s recipient of Share YourShelf contributions is FOCUS Minnesota.
Sunday, November 5
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Sunday, November 12
Baby Formula
Sunday, November 19
Hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner)
Sunday, November 26
Canned Meat (i.e., tuna / chicken)

Please bring only food and hygiene items to St. Mary’s for FOCUS. If you would like to make a non-food donation (i.e., housing or clothing items), please call Vera Proctor, 651.324.2705, to arrange a time to drop off at FOCUS. Thank you for your consideration of this request.
Education, Fellowship, & Worship

Sunday Schedule
Saturday Great Vespers – 5:00 p.m.
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule
Wednesday, November 1
Saints Cosmas & Damianos
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 8
Synaxis of the Archangels
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 9
Saint Nektarios
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, November 13
Saint John Chrysostom
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 16
Saint Matthew
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21
Entrance of the Theotokos
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Eve
Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.
Saint George Greek Orthodox
1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Saturday, November 25
Saint Katherine
Orthros – 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 30
Saint Andrew
Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship and Study Groups
Adult Senior Bible Study
Tuesdays, November 14 and 28
1:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Intercessory Prayer
Wednesday, November 15
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men’s Fellowship
Friday, November 3
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Tuesday, November 7
6:30 p.m.
Dr. Dean Tortorelis’ home
7437 West Shore Drive, Edina

Saturday Bible Study
Every Saturday
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room
No session on November 11

Senior Citizens
Tuesday, November 14
12:00 noon, Terrace Room

Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays, November 1 and 15
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Orthodox Christian Parenting

2017 Advent Retreat

Dr. Katina Kostoulas, Retreat Leader
November 11 and 12, 2017

8:30 a.m.: Morning Prayers; 9:00 a.m.: Breakfast; 9:30 a.m.: Presentations
The Saturday session will conclude about Noon
Sunday Presentation: 12:00 noon

Please RSVP to Saint Mary’s Church Office

Parenting involves teaching our children how to grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We grow in our faith as Orthodox Christians as we wed and bear children. We learn through teaching our children from our live experience. Dr. Katina Kostoulas, a Greek Orthodox Christian and Clinical Psychologist in private practice, will share her insights regarding specific topics of concern to parents such as the new role of parents, child discipline, school issues, sibling rivalry and adolescence. The goal of this retreat is to present child development issues to parents from an Orthodox Christian perspective by examining the writings of such Church Fathers as St. Theophan the Recluse and Elder Porphyrios on parenting in light of contemporary child development and psychoanalytic writings on the same subject.

Koinonia
Edina Koinonia
Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
Lecture Room, St. Mary’s Church
952.944.9397

Lake Calhoun Koinonia
Sunday, November 19, 5:00 p.m.
Fr. George & Presbytera Christa’s home
612.825.1067

Northeast Metro Koinonia
Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.
Mark & Elizabeth Skoog’s home
612.743.2789

South of the River Metro Koinonia
Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
Gus & Cristina Nicklow’s home
952.476.7624

West Metro Koinonia
Thursday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.
Gus & Cristina Nicklow’s home
952.476.7624
Parish News & Events

Parish Night
2017-2018
Wednesdays
6:15-8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly Parish Night. We begin with a brief prayer service at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner and a breakout session and then wrap up. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

Session 3 — November 15, 2017
I Am King
For more information, contact Jon Klein in the Church Office, jon@stmarysgoc.org, or 612.825.9595

YAL
Young Adult League ~ November 2
The YAL group will gather for a discussion night with Paul and Cindy Karos at their home on Thursday, November 2, 6:00 p.m. The topic will be: Dating for Marriage. Paul and Cindy will provide a meal and are asking YALers to bring dessert to share. Paul and Cindy’s address is 5501 Dundee Road, Edina.

IOCC Fundraising Dinner
Thursday, November 9
The 25th Anniversary Twin Cities IOCC Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis. The event will begin with Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception, dinner, and IOCC presentation at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for an evening of philanthropy and gratitude, and learn about IOCC’s humanitarian work of the last 25 years, made possible by your generosity. Tickets are $45 per person. For registration and sponsorships, visit: iocc.org/minneapolis.

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy
Wednesday, November 22
The annual MEOCCA-sponsored Pan-Orthodox Thanksgiving Eve Divine Liturgy will be held Wednesday evening, November 22, 6:00 p.m., at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Avenue in St. Paul.
A special offering will be received to benefit MEOCCA.

OCF College Conference
December 27-30
Sign up for the Midwest Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference, December 27-30, at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center! This is a great opportunity to learn more about your faith, meet other Orthodox Christians your age, and enjoy the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. This year’s theme is “Glory to God for All Things.”
St. Mary’s is offering five full scholarships (a $200 value each) to the first five registrants from our parish. Simply register and we will reimburse you (just forward your registration receipt to frjason@stmarysgoc.org). The conference is open to young adults who are ages 18-25 at the time of the conference.
Link to more information on the College Conference and to register, visit http://www.ocf.net/events/college-conference-midwest-2017/
For more information you may also contact Fr. Jason, frjason@stmarysgoc.org

Summer Camp Staff Applications
Have you thought about applying as a staff member for Summer Camp, June 30-July 6, 2018? Please prayerfully consider this amazing ministry! Applications are due November 30, 2017.
Questions? Please respond contact Doria at 612.825.9595.
To apply...
Please go to youth.stmarysgoc.org
There are 3 steps:
1. Enter your Username and Password from 2017, or if new to the Staff Application Site create a NEW account using a NEW Password.
2. Create a Profile.
3. Register for Summer Camp 2018

Mittel-European Dinner
Saturday, November 4
Saint Herman of Alaska Church will hold its annual Mittel-European Dinner on Saturday, November 4, at the church. The evening begins with Vespers at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:00 p.m. A dinner donation of $15.00 is asked. Take out will be available. St. Herman’s is located at 5355-38th Avenue South, Minneapolis. (Try your luck at the raffle: $5.00 per ticket or 6 for $25.00.)
Saint Mary’s Ministry Fair
November is our time to recognize and support Stewardship at St. Mary’s. We decided quite a few years ago that it is also the perfect time to spotlight our St. Mary’s Ministries. In Ephesians 2:10 St. Paul tells us “We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” We know that when we do our works we will be judged, not on our works alone, but on our motivation to serve each other for His glory. What would the church look like without our ministries? Who would give us the sacraments, teach our youth in the faith, feed the hungry, visit the sick and suffering, clothe the naked, pray for us, offer us fellowship in Christ? These are all ministries that are sustained by our Stewardship dollars. When we are involved in work of the Lord it makes us love him more and want to do more so that the church can fulfill the commission of Matthew 25!

Come see for yourself (in the Great Hall immediately after Liturgy) the works of St. Mary’s. I would dare say you might even see something you didn’t realize was happening here.

Parish Advent Retreat
See page 3 for information.

L.O.M.C.P. Sunday
Stop by the Welcome and Information table to find out more about the Lynn Olsen Medical Crisis Program a non-profit organization that supports individuals and families who are financially suffering from medical crisis. We do so by providing grants to help lessen financial burdens form rising medical costs. Join us December 2, 3:00-6:00 p.m., for the Winter Soirée. This event was created specifically to support clients at the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, start your Christmas giving in a cozy warm atmosphere with friends and delicious food from Chilkoot Café and Cyclery.

For information on how to donate or apply for a grant go to www.lomcp.com

Healing House
We will have our final meal and Bible study of the year on Saturday, November 25. We always sponsor the meal the Saturday after Thanksgiving (a slight departure from our third Saturday of every other month). We love this Saturday because it is the beginning of the Christmas season and we have great opportunity to talk about the coming of the Lord and to do a Christmasy craft with the children.

This is a wonderful ministry in which to include children. Please prayerfully consider joining us this year – all are welcome! The time commitment is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (usually 7:30). Dinner is served at 5:30 followed by Bible study at 6:30. After we clean up from dinner, the little ones go and get ready for bed and then go to the playroom for crafts and stories. The mothers go to chapel for a study.

We usually plan on serving 25-30 (volunteers, children, and moms, along with one or two staff) We will have a count on the children (and moms) along with their names and ages. We don’t serve turkey but we like a nice hot hearty meal with salad, veggies, bread, beverages, and of course dessert!

If you have never come to Healing House this is a great way to get acquainted with the ministry and the families.
Philoptochos

What is Philoptochos? It’s philanthropy, fellowship and faith in action. Who is Philoptochos? It’s every woman in the parish. All are welcome at all Philoptochos events, to serve when able, to contribute when possible. Our activities are varied and have appeal to many types of people. Find what fits your life and liking, bring a friend or come on your own, share your ideas, and help us help others!

Philoptochos Hosts Social Hour for Philoptochos Sunday
Sunday, November 5

In honor of our Patron Saints Cosmas and Damian (commemorated November 1), the first Sunday of November is designated as Philoptochos Sunday. Artoclasia will be offered at the conclusion of the Liturgy, and you’ll enjoy a hearty spread of food with your coffee, learn of the many contributions Philoptochos makes in and out of the parish, and support our fundraising efforts.

Members, please pick up and wear a Philoptochos badge, which will be available in the Narthex before Liturgy. If you would like to contribute to the food, contact Paulette, 952.564.8388. Volunteers, set-up begins at 8:30 a.m., with help needed during and after the social hour, too.

Pick Up Your Pre-ordered Fillo
Sunday, November 12

Parishioners who ordered fillo can pick it up in the Great Hall after Liturgy on Sunday, November 12. If you’re unable to get it that time, it will be labeled and waiting for you in the new refrigerator in the church kitchen. Chair: Andrea Tiggas.

Order Your New Year’s Vasilopita
November 26-December 10

Our annual fundraiser for St. Basil’s Academy is just around the corner! Order delicious Vasilopita (Sweet Bread of St. Basil) for your New Year’s celebration by stopping at the Philoptochos table on Sundays, November 26, December 3 or 10. Loaves are $15 each. You can pick up your bread on Sunday, December 17. It will be frozen and will include thawing and powdering instructions. Chair: Toni Bazakos.

Vasilopita has a coin baked in it, in remembrance of St. Basil’s arrangement to have bread baked with gold coins and distributed to the poor. Traditionally Vasilopita is cut on New Year’s Day, and the person who receives the coin is considered blessed for the New Year. As a parish, we’ll have Vasilopita Sunday on January 7.

Days for Girls Hands On Service Project
Tuesday, December 5

Join us on the first Tuesday evening in December to work together and help girls around the world. Days for Girls Kits provide washable, reusable feminine hygiene products that are given to girls without access to such supplies. Without supplies, girls often stay home from school when they have their period, missing a quarter of their education and ultimately impacting their earning potential as adults.

SAVE THE DATE of December 5 and plan to attend this third annual gathering. Watch for details in the November weekly bulletins and the December Messenger regarding the many ways you can participate. Chair: Sofia Johnson.

Coming Up…

• Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.: Board Meeting
• Tuesday, December 5: Days for Girls Service Project
• Wednesday, December 6: Decorate for Christmas
• Saturday, December 9: AHEPA Children’s Christmas Party
• Sunday, December 17: Vasilopita Pick Up
• December 24 and 25: Host Social Hours

Thank You…

To those who contributed to the success of our September dinner meeting: Diane Achterling, Sandra Anderson, Jennifer Coin, Paulette Hastings, Linda Hodge, Sofia Johnson, Jayne Klatt, Connie Kouzes, Tina Menter, Jamie Peters, Carol Smith, Andrea Tiggas, Mary Kay Twito.

To Andrea Tiggas, for coordinating the fillo sale.

To the many Philoptochos women and Sunday School students who helped the homeless and other in need in our community on Service Sunday. Special kudos to Sandra Anderson for organizing the service projects and to the Philoptochos Board for voting to purchase supplies for 50 IOCC school supply kits that were sent to Greece.
Stewardship

Time, Talent, and Treasure

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. Know that your contributions make a difference every day to the St. Mary’s community.

Stewardship Financial Update
Offering Income Total:
- September Year-to-Date: $578,159
- Last Year September Year-to-Date: $519,019
- Goal for 2017: $937,335
- Additional needed to reach goal: $359,176

You Are Invited!

In celebration of your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure, everyone is invited to an Appreciation Glendi hosted by the Parish Council and Stewardship Committee to show our gratitude:

Saturday, November 11, 2017
In St. Mary’s Great Hall
6:00 p.m. – Social Hour
7:00 p.m. – Dinner
Dancing to follow until 11:00 p.m.
Admission is free
Please RSVP stmarysgoc.org or 612.825.9595

Sunday Brunch for Single Adults

If you are single and want to meet up with other single adults at St. Mary’s for fellowship, please join us for brunch on the second Sunday of each month, beginning on January 14, 2018. We will be meeting near the entrance to the Great Hall following Liturgy and will then go to a restaurant nearby for brunch. If you are new to St. Mary’s or would like to connect with people you don’t know well, this is a great opportunity to get to know someone new. If you have questions or would like to join the group, please contact Athena Mihas at athenamihas@gmail.com or at 612.387.3890.

Informal Conversations with the Parish Council and Stewardship Committee

The Parish Council and Stewardship Committee invite you to join us on the third Sunday of each month, following the Liturgy, for informal conversations about stewardship and your experience of St. Mary’s. There will be a sign at one of the tables in the Great Hall that will say, “Join the Parish Council and Stewardship Committee for Conversation,” indicating where we will be sitting. We welcome all interested to join us each month! We look forward to connecting with you and sharing our stories and perspectives with each other. If you are new to St. Mary’s or would like to connect with people you don’t know well, this is a great opportunity to get to know someone new. Please join us on the third Sunday of each month in the Great Hall during the Fellowship Hour to ask questions and share your experience. The next time will be on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Thank you for your love and support of St. Mary’s.
In September, Mary Makres, Chris Makres (brother and sister of Mother Macrina), Elena Tudor, Speranta Teisanu, Jeanette Swenson, Joan Calott, and I, Linda Hodge, visited Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan. For several of us it was our first trip to the monastery. Speaking for myself, I wasn’t sure what to expect, but I did know what I was hoping for: peace, prayers, and showing gratitude through some possible small service to their community. Prior to the trip and while working in my own yard, an old song kept going through my head. The words to this song expressed how peaceful to walk in garden, with Christ, “While the dew is still on the roses.” I was overjoyed to find an abundance of roses at the monastery. They lined the walkways around the church and bright pots of mums sat along the steps and entrance. Cosmos flowers, Geraniums, Queen of the Night flowered and many other flowers were also blooming. Smaller gardens had a bench or a sitting stone, tiled icons or words for reflection.

A Children's Garden was created as an educational discover and teach play area about Orthodox faith. Stepping stones were around trees and flowers. There were painted rocks with scripture, Christian messages or symbols. There were flowers, a small pond, miniature churches, small icons, nuns and monks and ways children could interact, play and learn. There were delights for young and old. The grounds were much larger than I expected, including a huge vegetable garden, many fruit trees, a greenhouse of tomatoes, and a chicken coop. Mother Gabriella, said with a smile, ‘as if we don’t have enough to do, we invent some!’ Works in progress were a large rock garden at the side of the nuns home and edging and landscaping the new pond in the meadow. Chris and Mary spent a lot of time working at the pond and also getting rocks for the nuns. The nuns were creating that rock garden by rolling the rocks into place.

In the middle of the cemeteries (yes, more than one) was a very small log chapel, outside this entrance were two shaded benches just perfect for quietly visiting or prayer. Peace was everywhere one looked. It could be found in weeding the flower beds or weeding the vegetable garden. In the dining hall large icons seemed to make doing small cooking chores rewarding. There was peace in the cutting of peppers, tomatoes and onions, time to reflect while snapping green beans.

However, the centerpiece here of all this peaceful beauty is The Church of The Holy Dormition. Mother Olympia is the iconographer and has been working on the interior for over five years and believes there is approximately a year and half of work left to do. Mother Olympia explained she can only work for about six months at a time and then a break is needed physically, mentally and emotionally. She said, "You can’t make a mistake, there is no way to fix it!” The church iconostasis, dome, and ceiling was magnificent, and filled with beauty. The expected icons were present: Christ, John the Baptist, Archangels and angels, Theotokos birth, Annunciation and Dormition, The Evangelists and The Apostles.

What was not expected were major events of Christ’s life painted on the interior upper walls and balcony: His miracles, His teachings, The Transfiguration, events of Holy Week, The Cross, The Resurrection, and The Ascension. The nave of the church and on the walls below the balcony, innumerable saints were painted. The narrow ceiling under the balcony was blue with golden stars. The icon that I hope stays in my mind forever, is Christ washing the disciples’ feet while Simon Peter is pointing to his head (John 13:9). As quoted by Mother Gabriella and attributed to Father Roman, “If you live alone, whose feet will you wash?” We all need to care for one another.

Bells called all to daily services at 5:00, 7:00, and 8:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. for daily matins and vespers, and on Wednesday for morning Liturgy. Participating with the nuns and clergy was a privilege. I am grateful I had the opportunity for prayer and reflection. It certainly was a blessing to have visited the Dormition Monastery.

“A Worshiper’s Guide to the Divine Liturgy”

Have you ever wondered why we do something during the Liturgy? Or the meaning of a particular action? “A Worshiper’s Guide to the Divine Liturgy,” a new publication by Fr. Steven Tsichlis (St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, California), just might answer your questions. Copies have been placed in the book racks in the pews for your reference. Please take a moment to look through it. We hope this booklet will benefit your worship experience.
Dear St. Mary’s Parishioners,

Prior to arriving at St. Mary’s, a group of people made up of parishioners of this parish, came together to form the Sustainable Youth Ministry Committee. Their job was to create a youth ministry model that would be sustainable for our youth programs by strategic planning.

The Sustainable Youth Ministry Committee revitalized our mission statement and I wanted to share it with you. I think it is very important that we know what our mission is so we don’t cause mission drift.

The mission of our Youth Ministry Programs is: “To cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for kids by nurturing healthy relationships within the church family. We will teach the youth by building a strong foundation of knowledge, and together, we will experience the Orthodox tradition by following the four circles of youth ministry: Liturgia (Worship), Diakonia (Service), Martyria (Witness), and Koinonia (Fellowship), leading our youth to develop, by their own free will, a personal relationship with God and to pursue union with Him.”

All of our activities that we participate in will be based on one of the four circles of youth ministry. Keeping our activities balanced will allow our youth to grow spiritually in the Orthodox Christian Faith. I ask that you continue to pray for the youth ministry as we work on growing closer to Christ.

In Christ,
Jon

Important Dates

Faith Group (birth-preschool age children and parents)
• Wednesdays, November 15 and 29, 9:30-11:00 a.m. St. Mary’s Great Hall and Terrace Room

Junior GOYA (grades 6-8)
• Wednesday, November 1, 6:15-8:00 p.m. St. Mary’s

Senior GOYA (grades 9-12)
• Wednesday, November 8, 6:15-8:00 p.m. St. Mary’s

Advent Retreat
• Saturday, November 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon St. Mary’s

Parish Night
• Wednesday, November 15, 6:15-8:00 p.m. St. Mary’s Terrace Room

Hope and JOY (kindergarten-grade 5) are invited to see “Beauty and the Beast, Jr.” at the Stages Theatre, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, on Saturday, November 18, 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP no later than November 1 to Georgia Andron, greekborba@hotmail.com

Questions? Please call her at 612.987.2793. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Based on the original Tony Award nominated Broadway production and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, this classic story of Belle and the Beast who must learn to love and be loved will fill your heart and stir your imagination throughout the holidays.
Christ Is in Our Midst

Our 2018 Stewardship Drive begins November 12.

Prayerfully consider what you will offer.

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<td>19 Ninth Sunday of Luke 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy after Liturgy PC/Stewardship Conversations Parish Council Elections Daughters Bake Sale 5:00pm-Lake Calhoun Koinonia</td>
<td>20 Entrance of the Theotokos 8:30am-Orthros 9:30am-Divine Liturgy 6:30pm-Basketball Practice</td>
<td>21 Thanksgiving Eve 6:00pm-Vesperal Divine Liturgy St. George GOC, St. Paul</td>
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<td>24 Church and Office Closed</td>
<td>25 Saint Katherine 9:00am-Bible Study 9:00am-Orthros 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 11:00am-Mission/Outreach 5:00pm-Great Vespers</td>
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