Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who made this year’s Greek Festival a huge success! The efforts on everyone’s part made it all possible. From those who began meeting and planning in early spring, to the committees who met regularly, as well as all the bakers, cooks, and cleaners, our financial supporters listed in the Gazette and on the banners around the grounds, the set up crews, boutique organizers, volunteer coordinators, church tour guides, greeters, the clean up crew and those came back Monday morning to help pack up the equipment for next year and scrub the kitchen . . . and to everyone who helped and/or attended the Festival (we hope we didn’t miss anyone!) thank you!
Baptisms
Nickolai
Parents: Aaron and Caroline Hareid
August 25, 2018
Miles
Parents: Joshua and Callie Grossman
August 26, 2018
Nicholas and Christina Norbie,
Taylor and Gwen
August 31, 2018
Otto William
Parents: Christopher and Erin Grammas
August 26, 2018

Marriage
Dean Maragos to Leah Wedul
August 23, 2018

Death
William (Bill) Peters
September 16, 2018

Memorial Prayers
Sunday, October 14
Rallis family members:
Lee G. Rallis (6 months)
George & Georgia Rallis
Dean, Dena, Chris, Mary,
Rea, Helen, Nestor

Sunday, October 21
Tommy Phill (4 years)
Tommy Mihas (2 years)

Our Sympathy
We extend our sympathy to Kostas Papadakis on the passing of his son,
George Papadakis, on August 28, 2018, in Fort Worth, Texas.
May his memory be eternal.

Congratulations!
Stephanie Sikkila graduated with honors on May 14, 2018, from University of Kansas in Lawrence, with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Major - Civil Engineering, Minor - Spanish. Stephanie took a full time job after graduation with HNTB Corporation, an infrastructure solutions firm in Kansas City, Missouri, working as an Associate Structural Engineer 1 - Building Structures.

Thank You
Thank you doesn’t seem to describe my gratitude for the many cards, phone messages, and most of all the prayers that I received during my recent health mishap. God was certainly listening as my recovery is progressing. My heart is overflowing with thankfulness.

—Proverbs 19:17
Sunday Schedule
Saturday Great Vespers – 5:00 p.m.
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule
Monday, October 1
Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 18
Saint Luke
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 23
Saint Iakovos
Evening Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 26
Saint Demetrios
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship and Study Groups
Adult Senior Bible Study
Tuesdays, October 9 and 23
1:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Intercessory Prayer
Wednesdays, October 3 and 17
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men’s Fellowship
Friday, October 5
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Saturday Bible Study
Every Saturday
9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Senior Citizens
Tuesday, October 9
12:00 noon, Terrace Room

Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays, October 3 and 17
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Family Camp
October 12-14
Are your kids spending too much time on technology? Are you not far behind them? Technology is here to stay. Could you use some help? Join us this year at Camp Courage near Annandale. Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis, professor of Religion at North Central College in Illinois, will lead us in discussion on this very current topic: Screens, Technology, and the Passions: Orthodox Christian Insights for Families. Registration and more information about Family Camp can be found at www.stmaryscamp.com. Questions? Contact Doria Saros or Cindy Karos ckaros@visi.com.

Koinonia
Edina Koinonia
Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.
Joan Calott’s home
952.944.9397

Lake Calhoun Koinonia
Sunday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.
Fr. George & Pres. Christa’s home
612.825.1067

Northeast Metro Koinonia
Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.
Costas & Barbara Nichols’ home
763.571.0460

South of the River Koinonia
Meeting time to be announced.
Mark & Elizabeth Skoog’s home
612.743.2789

West Metro Koinonia
Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
Gus & Cristina Nicklow’s home
952.476.7624

In the Bookstore
With the plethora of titles increasing rapidly, “how to” books have become ubiquitous on bookstore shelves. In the vast sea of these books, “How to Live a Holy Life” by Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of Saint Petersburg is a gem. Although it is a physically small book (150 pages and only 4½ x 6½ inches) it is a powerful and profound treasure. Written in 1856 for his beloved flock, one can find timeless instruction and guidance for how to live a holy life in the real details of each day, from one’s first thoughts in the morning to one’s last thoughts before sleeping—even guidance regarding thoughts when one cannot sleep during the night. The whole book is an invitation to grow in prayer, focus on God in Christ, cultivate his presence, perceive him in all the events and circumstances in one’s life, and see him in each and every person. In other words, this book is an invitation to embody agape love, which is the love of God. Metropolitan Gregory’s instructions are brilliantly simple and practical, yet one soon realizes that while on the pilgrimage through this life one will never outgrow or perfectly master the wisdom in his message—because the heart of it is always new and ever applicable.

“Pray with grateful patience because we are usually not very far-seeing and little know ourselves, while the Lord God knows well all the circumstances surrounding us and lying ahead of us, and He knows us incomparably better than we know ourselves.”

—Metropolitan Gregory
The Twin Cities Marathon will take place Sunday, October 7, 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.

Serve God through Music
Have you ever sung in a school choir? A community choir? In the shower? If you answered yes to any of these, then St. Mary’s choir may be for you! We are once again asking for new singers to join us. Our main purpose in the choir is to lead and enhance our worship and the congregation’s worship of the liturgy. If God has given you the gift of a good singing voice, it is a privilege to return that gift to him by serving; and what better way than singing in the choir! Please plan to attend our first rehearsals of the liturgical year:
Senior Choir — Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Choir Loft
Women’s Chant Group — Sunday, September 30, 11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the Music Office
For more info contact Thespina at choirdirector@comcast.net

Pan-Orthodox Women’s Tea
Saturday, October 6
This fall’s Pan-Orthodox tea will be hosted by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and held at Archangel Michael Hall on Saturday, October 6. The tea will begin at 2:30 p.m., followed by a presentation at 3:30 and Vespers at 5:00. Contact Matushka Vera Proctor for more information, 651.324.2705, or vsproctor@gmail.com. Holy Trinity Church is located at 956 Forest Street, St. Paul.

Fall General Assembly
Sunday, October 28
Saint Mary’s Fall General Assembly will be held Sunday, October 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. The agenda will consist of the following items of business: Approval of Spring General Assembly Minutes; Election of Board of Auditors, Election of Board of Elections; Third Quarter 2018 Financial Update; Stewardship, Youth, and Festival Reports. A detailed agenda will be available in October.

Orthodox Game League
Saturday, October 13
Adults ages 18 years and older are invited to enjoy time with each other and play games. Do you want to learn a new game? Play a classic? Or teach a game? Then this is for you! Questions? Contact Nikki Beauchamp, 612.910.2943, or inkehoots@q.com.

The next Game Night is Saturday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1250 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul. Enter the rear doors of the church building and go to the social hall. Please bring a munchie and/or dessert to share.

Orthodox Game League FAQs:
1. Do I need to come right at 7:00 p.m.? No – people come and go throughout the evening. Come when you can and stay as long as you want! No RSVP is needed for game league.
2. Who attends Game League? Do they need to be Orthodox? Anyone 18 and older attends Game League. We’ve had singles, couples, adult children w/parents, etc. We welcome non-Orthodox game players, too!
3. What do I bring? Participants bring a munchie and/or a dessert to share. You can also bring any games you would like. The host parish provides space, games & beverages.
4. Why is it adults only? After much consideration and input from attendees, it was decided that keeping this adults only allows for better adult fellowship and less distracted game playing. In addition, those with kids felt it would be fun to have some time with other adults.
5. What sort of games do you play? We play a variety of games. The host parish provides the games; as well participants can bring games, too. We’ve played Apples to Apples, Spoons, Scattegories, Hearts, and Scrabble, just to name a few. Other games offered have included Cribbage, Catch Phrase, Rummikube, Cards, Dominoes, Farkel, Dicecapades, Trivial Pursuit, etc.
6. How often, and where, does Game League meet? We meet three times a year (January, May, and October) at rotating churches. So far St. Mary’s Greek, St. George’s Greek, Holy Trinity, and St. George’s Antiochian have hosted. The date within the month is fluid, based on the church calendar and when it works for the host parish. We always have the date and location announced on our flyer.
Parish Night 2018-2019

Wednesdays, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Last year’s Parish Night was a success and we look to continue this wonderful program! Join us as we explore a different Fruit of the Spirit throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to attend. We begin with a brief prayer service at 6:15, followed by dinner and breakout sessions for the adults and kids, and a wrap up to share what each group learned. The evenings conclude by 8:00. The schedule for the remainder of the 2018 year is as follows:

**October 17: The Fruit of Joy**
- Adults and Senior GOYA
  - Sorrow Transfigured
- Junior GOYA, HOPE and JOY
  - Christ My Joy

**November 28: The Fruit of Peace**
- Adults and Senior GOYA
  - Let us set aside all cares of life
- Junior GOYA, HOPE and JOY
  - Be still and know that I am God

**December 19: The Fruit of Patience**
- Adults and Senior GOYA
  - Waiting on God
- Junior GOYA, HOPE and JOY
  - What does the future hold?

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**Senior Citizens’ Meeting**

**October 9**

Don’t miss the October senior citizens’ meeting on Tuesday, October 9, beginning at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served, followed by a business meeting and program. This month Vickie Checheris will present a program entitled, “A Love Story Video of John and Eugenia Checheris.”

We hope everyone will make plans to attend!

**Men’s Retreat**

**November 2-4**

The annual fall men’s retreat at the Karos’ cabin is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, November 2-4. The schedule will be the same as in past years. Divine Liturgy will be Saturday morning followed by breakfast. There will be learning and discussion sessions, free time, dinner, and visiting around the bonfire. You should be back home by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is $75 and is first come first served based on the receipt of your reservation and payment to the office. Mark your checks St. Mary’s GOC and Men’s Retreat in the memo.

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**Women’s Annual Pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery**

Our annual pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery in Safford, Arizona is set for January 22-26, 2019. The cost, which covers room and board as well as our travel, is $450. A personal donation to the monastery is highly recommended.

Father George recently sent us past pilgrims Fr. Andrew Damick’s “14 New Year Resolutions for Orthodox Christians” which tells about building and enriching our faith life. “Go to a monastery” was resolution #9.

St. Paisius is an English-speaking women’s monastery that houses about 23 sisters. Most of our meals come from their large vegetable and fruit gardens, along with eggs from the hens and cheese from the goats’ milk. We are always given the opportunity to serve while we are there. We have helped make bracelets, gardened, and seeded the pomegranate crops. This is #12 (Resolution #12: Volunteer). With the excellent book and gift store on site you might even add #14 on Fr. Damick’s list! (Resolution #14: Read a spiritual book.) There are few things that get us into another story, another way of looking at life, like a good book. And a good spiritual book can help to retrain your mind to become like the mind of Christ. Most of us do not have the mind of Christ. We have the mind of something else. Our minds are filled with distractions, necessities and the cares of this world.

Reservations must be made no later than Friday, October 12. Please contact Sandra Anderson in the Church Office to make your reservation. We need your payment (checks preferred, made payable to St. Mary’s) at the time of reservation.

To learn more about the monastery, visit their Web site: stpaisiusmonastery.org
By Paulette Hastings

It's a beautiful time of year and a wonderful time to gather for fellowship and service. In October, in addition to the next Pan Orthodox Tea and our regular meeting, Philoptochos and Sunday School will work together to implement Service Sunday for all students. In November we will recognize parishioners’ military service as part of Philoptochos Sunday, and will have our fifth Days for Girls Service Project.

Pan Orthodox Women’s Tea

Saturday, October 6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Come for fellowship with your Pan Orthodox sisters at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Gather across the street at Archangel Michael Hall, 926 Forest Street, St. Paul 55106. The afternoon will include a presentation by Mary Kay Twito about service opportunities shared at the national Philoptochos Conference. All are invited to stay for Vespers at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a treat to share.

Service Sunday with Philoptochos and Sunday School

Sunday, October 21

Help our children practice service to others on Sunday, October 21. Students from preschool through high school will complete several service projects within the hour, and Philoptochos members are asked to assist, especially with our youngest participants. Come to the Terrace Room immediately after communion to join in.

Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

All women of the parish are invited to our October meeting. Come to the Terrace Room at 7:00 p.m. for light refreshments, fellowship and a speaker. Watch for specifics as the date approaches.

Fall Fillo Sale

Fresh fillo orders will be taken on Sundays from October 21-November 4. Stop by the Philoptochos table after Liturgy to place your order and prepay, $4.00 per pound, checks payable to Philoptochos with fillo written in the memo line. Anticipated delivery is November 18. Chair: Andrea Tiggas.

Philoptochos Sunday Plans Underway

Sunday, November 4

Philoptochos is hosting the social hour on Sunday, November 4, to commemorate our Patron Saints Cosmas and Damian. Additionally, we will recognize parishioners who have or are serving in the military. We have connected with the Auxiliary of American Legion Hellenic Post 129 to work jointly on this project. Please contact Paulette (MplsPhilo@gmail.com, 952.564.8388) to assist in social hour preparations or the celebration of our military personnel.

Thank You…

August and September were busy months as Festival baking sessions, Dormition receptions, and the Taste of Greece Bake Sale were coordinated by Philoptochos. Please forgive us if you assisted and your name isn't mentioned...we are grateful for your service!

To the Baklava Sundae Team: Chair Naira Istephanous, Debra Baumer, Joan Calott, Cheryl Dragotis, Ina Dunham, Dahlia and Isabel Istephanous, Fifi Kafkas, Mary Kafkas, Samira Saleh, Cathy Selin, Elaine Smith, Stella Treiber, Dana Zoupas.

To all who helped plan and implement the Dormition receptions following the August 14 Vespers and August 15 Liturgy: Chair Linda Hodge, Diane Achterling, Sandra Anderson, Katherine Boosalis, Jennifer Coin, Athena Dascalos, Presvyteras Christa Dokos, Paulette Hastings, Presvytera Alexandra Houck, Sofia Johnson, Alexandria Kalina, Jayne Klatt, Annette Legeros, Tia Muchulas, Cathy Selin, Carol Smith, Mary Kafkas, Diana Santrizos, Andrea Tiggas.

To the Paximathia Team: Chair Tia Muchulas, Mary Anderson, George Asselanis, Nick J. Boosalis, Jenn Coin, Athena Dascalos, Imogene and Alki Dimassis, Ina Dunham, Jeanne Forchas, Fifi Kafkas, Mary Kafkas, Vangie Karakatsanis, Dena Karigan, Jayne Klatt, Connie Kouzes, Annette Legeros, Roxanne Muchulas, Bea Moudakes, Veula Paskis, Yelena Vorobyov, Dana Zoupas.

To the Koulouria Team: Chairs Stephanie Panos and Debbie Theros, Jamie Amacci, Mary Anderson, Deborah Baumer, Nick J. Boosalis, Harriet Cheolis, Georgia George, Eugenia Hadiyanis, Paulette Hastings, Linda Hodge, Leah Iverson, Fifi Kafkas, Mary Kafkas, John Kafkas, Vangie Karakatsanis, Aggie Koutroupas, Jayne Klatt, Kristina Matsch, Tina Menter, Joanna Morgan, Bea Murdakes, Veula Possis, Cathy Selin, Desi Tokar, Anne Theodotou.

To the Theples Team: Tri-Chairs Jamie Amacci, Tina Menter, and Anne Stundahl, Diane Achterling, Joanie Alevizos, Mary Anderson, Theia Axiotis, Debra Baumer, Nick J. Boosalis, Jennifer Coin, Cheryl Dragotis, Mary...

To Festival Bake Sale chair Stephanie Panos, advisor Debbie Theros, and the dozens of people who packaged and set up the Bake Sale and worked during the Taste of Greece.

Coming Up…
- October 6, 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Pan Orthodox Tea
- October 16, 6:30 p.m.: Board Meeting
- October 21-November 4: Fresh Fillo Sales
- October 23, 7:00 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting
- November 4: Philoptochos Sunday and Military Service Recognition
- November 20: Days for Girls Service Project
- December: Vasilopita Sales

Saint Mary’s Foundation
At the August Parish Council meeting, a motion was passed to distribute $15,000 for disaster and wildfire relief. The Lyreio Orphanage outside of Athens received $5,000, while a $10,000 donation was sent to IOCC.

Mission and Outreach

By Larry and Ina Dunham
When you were young, do you recall going with your YiaYia or Papou to deliver a meal to someone in need? Did you ride along to help deliver meals for a disabled person’s pet?

This month we are talking about Community Emergency Service (CES), located in an urban church near downtown Minneapolis, 1900 – 11th Avenue S. This is a very culturally diverse, densely populated neighborhood of over 20,000 people with many low-income residents who can always use volunteers. You can volunteer for many different projects such as summer reading program, food shelf support, food sorting, etc.

A very fun project this year was delivery of fresh flowers – yes – what a great idea! All 165 clients that received flowers from After Bloom Flowers (ladies AND men) were delighted and felt very uplifted to see this surprise gift.

This gift made a HUGE impact on each elderly and disabled person who received the beautiful fresh blooms. Some of the comments were: “Oh how nice!” “I hoped I would be getting flowers today, I saw on TV Sunday night!” “They are so beautiful!” and from a gentleman, smiling, “I’ve never been given flowers before.”

CES has just wrapped up a children’s arts and crafts summer program. Two teachers helped set up the program including time with Play-doh, puzzles, and building blocks. Musicians came to play songs, artists would let kids watch them paint or draw, craft people showed how to make jewelry, Nutritionists did food demonstrations, and reading where each child could chose a book to take home. CES has a Library on Post and is always looking for children’s books. There were some students who arrived early to make sure they got a spot for the Friday Children’s Program.

Melanie LaPointe at CES shared that their greatest need is for food shelf advocates. This involves sitting down and talking to food shelf clients and then going through the food shelf with them. We need people with compassion who like to work with a wide variety of people. The food shelf is open Monday-Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Also, there is food shelf stocking and sorting, basic office work, receptionist, and Ani-meals delivered for pets.

As we think of ways to volunteer, it may be helpful to think about why we volunteer. Published in the Church Times, “Metropolitan Anthony Bloom has written an article titled “Churchianity vs. Christianity.” What does Metropolitan Bloom mean by “churchianity” in the title of the article? The word was coined by C.S. Lewis and it refers to the contrast, sometimes the dichotomy, between observing the outward forms of the faith and experiencing the inner richness of the faith that produces fruit on the tree.”
by Anna Karos

A Young Person’s Reflection on CrossRoad.

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach.

This summer I had the privilege of attending a 10-day program called Crossroad, which is run by Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary. Historically, they have had two sessions that occur at the college in Boston. This year they decided to add a third session in Chicago. I was selected along with 29 other Orthodox students entering either their senior year of high school or their freshman year of college to be a part of this Chicago program.

While there were plenty of fun activities mixed in, the majority of our time was spent taking classes about our faith. Four of the days we took a Theology course and a Scripture course taught by Orthodox college professors. To be able to learn about my faith in an in-depth, college level manner was amazing! Each class was unique and taught me a significant amount about my faith. The other classes, taught by the Crossroad staff at either Hellenic College or Holy Cross Seminary, included: Sanctification of Creation, Orthodox Anthropology, Vocation and Missions, Faith and Science, Prayer and Purity, Vocation and Suffering, Sanctification of Time, POP Culture, and many more. All of these classes gave me so many wow moments--“WOW this is my faith!” What made this experience unique was that I spent 10 full days dedicated to learning about different aspects of our faith. Each of these classes I found relatable, interesting, and applicable to my life and my future.

One of my favorite things we did was something called “Be Still Time.” After Orthros each morning, we went outside, spread out in a field, and spent 15-20 minutes sitting in silence. Some days I prayed, some I just sat in silence, and some I worked on the prayer rope I was making. In one of our classes our professor, Dr. Rossi from St. Vladimir Seminary, encouraged us to be silent AT LEAST five minutes a day. He talked about silence being intimacy with Christ. He used the quote “Be still and know that I am God” from Psalm 46 and warned us that the converse is also true. If you are not still, you may not know God!! This is scary to think about when we look at how our society refuses to be still. I encourage you to take on this challenge of spending at least 5 minutes of your day in sacred silence.

Since this was a PAN Orthodox program we were able to visit churches of all jurisdictions. We visited Greek, Antiochian, Albanian, Serbian, OCA, and even Indian Orthodox churches. I could go on and on about the amazing beauty in each of these churches. Instead, I will share two highlights. First, in the eight different churches that we saw, not one, but two of them had icons that wept! Neither of the icons were still weeping but we were able to venerate the icons and hear about the miracles that have happened at each of the churches. To think about this happening in one city in our day is amazing! My favorite church that we went to was in a Serbian Monastery. The second highlight was the incorrupt body of the newly canonized St. Mardarije that was there. We did an Akathist to him and were able to venerate this venerable Saint.

Looking back at this incredible program, I realize it was just what I needed as I head off to college this Fall. It made me appreciate my faith and solidify my beliefs going forward. I wish that everyone could have this experience and hope that other youth from our church will take advantage of this program in the future! I thank St. Mary’s for encouraging and supporting my involvement in Crossroad!
Our Children and Youth Mission Statement

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.

What’s Happening?

**Faith Group**
0-5 Year Olds and Parents
- Wednesday, October 10
- Thursday, October 25
  9:30-11:00 a.m.
  Great Hall and Terrace Room

**HOPE and JOY**
Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5
- Wednesday, October 17
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  HOPE & JOY at Parish Night – Fruit of Joy: Christ My Joy
- Saturday, October 27
  11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen
  Must RSVP to jon@stmarysgoc.org
  This can be a family event. Parents/guardians must stay with their child.

**Junior GOYA**
Grades 6-8
- Wednesday, October 3
  6:00-8:15 p.m.
  The Junior GOYAns will be watching “Inside Out!”
  There will be a brief discussion on joy following the movie. Please drop your kids off by 6:00 p.m. so we can start the movie promptly.
- Wednesday, October 17
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Junior GOYA at Parish Night – Fruit of Joy: Christ My Joy

**Senior GOYA**
Grades 9-12
- Wednesday, October 10
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Terrace Room
- Wednesday, October 17
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Senior GOYA at Parish Night – Fruit of Joy: Sorrow Transfigured

**Basketball**
- Sunday, October 21
  12:00 noon
  Parent Meeting in Fireside Room
- Sunday, October 21
  12:45-1:45 p.m.
  JOY Basketball Practice in Great Hall
- Sunday, October 21
  1:45-2:45 p.m.
  Boys’ GOYA Basketball Practice in Great Hall
- Sunday, October 21
  2:45-3:45 p.m.
  Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice in Great Hall

**Youth Feedback**
If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding our youth program(s) please let us know. We have a new formal feedback process. Go to our St. Mary’s home page-Click on “Youth,” then “Youth Program Feedback.” Your comments will be forwarded to a member of the Parish Council and will be reviewed for follow up.

**Youth Group August Recap**
Some of the Senior GOYAns went to Tracy, Minnesota, to help clean up the damage caused by the floods from a few months ago. The GOYAns also did some prep work for the Greek Festival Committee.

Follow the GOYAns on Instagram: St_Marys_GOYA
The grass withers, 
the flower fades; 
but the word of our God will stand forever. 
- Isaiah 40:8
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7:00pm-West Metro Koinonia | 25  
9:30am-Faith Play Group  
6:30pm-Ministry Heads Meeting  
7:00pm-Edina Koinonia  
7:00pm-Northeast Metro Koinonia | 26 Saint Demetrios  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy | 27  
9:00am-Bible Study  
11:30am-HOPE/JOY Event  
5:00pm-Great Vespers |
| 28 Seventh Sunday of Luke  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
11:30am-Fall General Assembly  
11:30am-Women’s Chant Ens.  
5:00pm-Lake Calhoun Koinonia | 29 | 30  
7:00pm-Philoptochos Meeting | 31 |