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St. Mary’s Mission Statement
To proclaim, celebrate, and share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ in accordance with the Orthodox Tradition.

The Five Tasks of Our Parish Vision
Hear
Pray
Grow
Serve
Share

A Message from Father George
Father George Dokos, Proistamenos

“I tell you, this tax collector went down to his house justified rather than the Pharisee; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.” —Luke 18:14

The journey to Pascha begins with what is called the Triodion, the liturgical period from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (February 17 this year) through Holy Week. And there are four Sundays included in the pre-Lenten period, each with a distinctive theme:

- Publican and Pharisee
- Prodigal Son
- Final Judgment
- Forgiveness

I believe it is important to note why the Church has chosen to inaugurate this very special time of year with the reading from Luke 18:10-14, the parable that Jesus tells about a Publican (tax collector) and a Pharisee (religious leader). What justifies the tax collector, that is, puts him in a right relationship with God and with his fellow man, is humility and repentance. His prayer is simple, humble, pure, and deeply felt: “O God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” With these words he beats his breast, expressing his repentance by word and deed. By lowering himself beneath all, God lifts him up, and Jesus praises him. In *The Lenten Triodion*, Kallistos Ware has this to say:

“Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of our journey to Pascha. And to repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term *metanoia* means ‘change of mind’: to repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship to God and to others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a ‘change of mind’: he is self-dissatisfied, ‘poor in spirit,’ and where there is this saving self-dissatisfaction there is room for God to act.”

And so, brothers and sisters, let us keep these things in mind as our Lenten pilgrimage embarks on the voyage of the Great Fast. May the poor spirit and humble heart of the tax collector become our own in order to make room for God and for His divine grace to act within us.

With love in Christ,

† Fr. George Dokos

+Fr. George
Our Life Together

Deaths

Helen Lamont Pergakis
December 18, 2018
Pauline Peters
December 20, 2018
May their memory be eternal.

Thank You

The family of Elaine Legeros
Barbatis Walker wishes to express
our deep appreciation for the many
contributions made to the Philoptochos
Society in loving memory of our
amazing mother. She was always
a great believer in the good works
performed and sustained by Philopto-
chos. We wish to thank everyone
for their love, generosity and good
will.

In loving memory,
The family of Elaine Walker

Saint Mary’s Visitation Ministry

Our Visitation Ministry is contin-
ually updating its list of parishio-
ners who are homebound or in care
facilities and would like to be on our
Visitation List. If you or your loved
one is a member of St. Mary’s and
physically unable to attend church
and would enjoy a visit or a tele-
phone call from either a member of
our clergy and/or a member of our
Visitation Committee, please notify
the Church Office, 612.825.9595, or
doria@stmarysgoc.org.

If you are interested in being
trained as a member of our Visita-
tion Team, please contact Doria.

Thank You

The clergy and staff of St. Mary’s
wish to thank everyone who
remembered them with prayers,
thoughts, cards, and gifts during
this holiday season, as well as
throughout the year. Your thought-
fulness is so much appreciated!

Memorial Prayers

Sunday, February 17
Aristides Apostolou (5 years)
Bishop Athanasios of Akunda
(Diocese of Kisumu and Western
Kenya) (40 days)

Sunday, February 24
Yuri Ivaniouk (6 months)

Share YourShelf

February’s recipient of Share Your-
Shelf contributions is Simpson Food
Pantry.

February 3
Canned meals – large cans
(chili, pork and beans, etc.)

February 10
Potatoes
boxed, instant, or canned

February 17
Pancake mix and syrup

February 24
Hygiene items
(toothpaste, soap, shampoo,
conditioner, razors)

Great opportunities to help others
seldom come, but small ones surround
us every day. — Sally Koch

St. Mary’s Church Staff

Priest
Fr. George Dokos
Associate Priest
Fr. Jason Houck
Attached Priest
Fr. John Kostas
Emeriti
Fr. Anthony Coniaris
Fr. Theodore Filandrinos
Deacon
Deacon Paul Kalina
Administrator
Julie Moricz
Parishioner Support/Communications
David Mertesdorf
Ministry Support
Doria Saros
Youth Director
Jonathan Klein
Music Director
Thespina Macres
Organist
Mark Macres

St. Mary’s Parish Council

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Joseph DiGiovanni
Vice President
Dean Murdakes
Secretary
Andrew Theodotou
Treasurer
Michael Rakes
Assistant Treasurer
John Beauchamp
Members
George Andreadakis
Paul Hastings
William Hoef
Naira Istephanous
Pamela Nelson
Dean Psychogios
Randy Twito
Sunday Schedule
Saturday Great Vespers – 5:00 p.m.
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule
Saturday, February 2
Presentation of Our Lord
Orthros – 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 6
Saint Photios
Orthros – 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 19
Saint Philothea of Athens
Evening Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m.

Koinonia
Edina Koinonia
Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.
Fireside Room, St. Mary’s
952.944.9397

Lake Calhoun Koinonia
Sunday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.
Fr. George & Presbytera Christa’s home
612.825.1067

Northeast Metro Koinonia
Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.
Costas & Barbara Nichols’ home
763.571.0460

West Metro Koinonia
Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.
Gus & Cristina Nicklow’s home
952.476.7624

Fellowship and Study Groups
Adult Senior Bible Study
on Winter break

Intercessory Prayer
Wednesday, February 20
10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

Men’s Fellowship
Friday, February 1
7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

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

Senior Citizens
Tuesday, February 12
12:00 noon, Terrace Room
Valentine’s Day Party

Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays, February 6 and 20
11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Godparents’ Sunday
February 3
Godparents’ Sunday is February 3. Invite your godparent or godchildren to sit with you during Liturgy and receive Communion together. Students will receive invitations in Church School classes to send to their godparents inviting them to come to St Mary’s that day and also inviting them to join them in class after Communion. If you have any questions, contact Dena Tortorelis, dtortorelis@comcast.net

We have regular church school classes all four Sundays in February.

Questions over Coffee
Father John Kostas will be available to lead a discussion about the practices and meaning of our Orthodox worship life: Liturgy, Lenten services, the sacraments, and prayer, the second Sunday of each month, 11:30 a.m., in the Lecture Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Saint Philothea of Athens
Saint Philothea was born in Athens in 1522 to an illustrious family. Against her will, she was married to a man who proved to be most cruel. When he died three years later, the Saint took up the monastic life and established a convent, in which she became a true mother to her disciples. Many women enslaved and abused by the Moslem Turks also ran to her for refuge. Because of this, the Turkish rulers became enraged and came to her convent, dragged her by force out of the church, and beat her cruelly. After a few days, she reposed, giving thanks to God for all things. This came to pass in the year 1589. She was renowned for her almsgiving, and with Saints Hierotheus and Dionysius the Areopagite is considered a patron of the city of Athens. (Taken from the Archdiocesan web site.)

Our Evening Divine Liturgy on February 19, 6:00 p.m., will commemorate St. Philothea.
Pan-Orthodox Ethnic Dance Party

**Saturday, February 2, 2019**

By Steve Selin

Dig out your dancing shoes and come on over to St. Mary’s for a great evening of ethnic dancing on Saturday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. All will receive instruction in at least one Arabic, Bulgarian, Greek, Romanian, Russian, and Serbian dance. If possible, please bring a special appetizer or dessert to share. A cash bar priced to cover expenses will be provided. All Orthodox parishes in the Twin Cities are invited. Please spread the word and invite your friends and family. This free event is for all ages. Reserve your spot with an RSVP by going to our website, www.stmarysgoc.org, and clicking on the link in the dance party notice.

Senior Citizens’ Club Valentine’s Day Party

**Tuesday, February 12**

Saint Mary’s Senior Citizens’ Club is having a luncheon to celebrate Valentine’s Day on Tuesday, February 12, at 12:00 noon, in the Terrace Room. Our afternoon will conclude with Bingo. Tickets are $5.00 for Senior Citizens’ Club members and $10.00 for non-members and will be available in the Great Hall during Sunday coffee hour. Deadline is February 10. Also, 2019 membership dues (still $15) can be paid when the Valentine’s social reservations are made or on the day of the event.

Winter General Assembly

**Sunday, February 17**

The Winter General Assembly, Budget Approval, will take place on Sunday, February 17, 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. Copies of the budget and the agenda will be available soon.

Mardi Gras Celebration

**Saturday, March 2**

Don’t miss our Mardi Gras Glendi on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and following dinner, dance to the music of DJ Jim, a Greek DJ from New Jersey. Tickets will be available Sundays in February.

Adult: $20.00 ($25.00 at the door)  
Children (ages 6-12): $8.00; (ages 0-5 are free)  
Dance only ticket (7:30 p.m. entry): $10.00

Find out more about our guest DJ at:  
www.jtkentertainment.com  
The Glendi is sponsored by Daughters of Penelope.

Clergy-Laity-Philoptochos Assembly 2019

The 2019 Clergy-Laity-Philoptochos Assembly will be held in the Twin Cities, September 25-29. It is hosted jointly by St. Mary’s and St. George Greek Orthodox churches.

The Assembly hotel is the Hyatt Regency Bloomington next to the Mall of America

“I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” (Matthew 9:13; 12:7)

~More information coming soon~

Holy Land Pilgrimage

**October 12-21, 2019**

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019 is in the planning stages. The dates are October 12-21, 2019.

We plan to stay three nights in the Old City of Jerusalem; three nights in the little town of Bethlehem, and two nights in Nazareth. The price will be $1450, plus tips and airfare. The price includes hotels, transportation, entry fees, all breakfasts, all dinners, two lunches, and a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

If you are interested in joining this spiritual journey, please notify Tom Rudquist for information. His e-mail address is abousean@yahoo.com and telephone number is 651.890.6817.

You can also request a detailed proposed itinerary at Tom’s e-mail address and phone number. The pilgrimage is limited to 25 pilgrims.

American Legion Hellenic Post 129

**100 Celebration Year!**

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, November 9, 2019, and look forward to a celebration dinner and program to honor 100 years since Post 129 was been established.

A look at history…did you know: The American Legion began after World War I and it happened to have its roots in FRANCE! The American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) Headquarters asked 20 officers serving in France how to improve troop moral. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the 26th president proposed an organization of veterans. This led to 1000 combat and service unit personnel of the AEF coming together for the first organizational meeting in March 1919, this was known as the Paris Caucus. As a result the name The American Legion was adopted and a temporary constitution was created. Shortly afterward, the national charter to The American Legion was granted by congress. Watch for more…did you know!
Greeeters
By Larry Dunham

Why do we greet one another? Where did we learn to greet one another? There are many memories and each of us has gifts to share. How better to serve one another than to begin with a warm greeting? We do not need to be greeted but it is welcome and, truthfully, maybe we want to be greeted. Each Sunday, each one of us is a greeter as we gather to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary’s.

We hear many comments of appreciation that someone is in place by the door to welcome and assist all who come. The person we welcome may have been invited by a member of St. Mary’s, have researched Orthodoxy on the Internet, attended a sacramental service, or have a family member who is an Orthodox Christian. We have few visitors who walk in off the street, many are invited.

St. Mary’s greeters and ushers are here to help us and even welcome and encourage a newcomer to make first contact as they ask “have you been here before?” or assure another person that “Father George is very happy to meet and spend time with you.”

St. Mary’s is blessed with many volunteer greeters, including ushers. As with most volunteers, the greeters at St. Mary’s are connecting, saying, “Hello, how have you been? It’s so nice to see you.” We have yet to hear “I suppose I can help as a greeter!”

Why do we greet one another? Please tell us how we can encourage one another to help each visitor learn more about St. Mary’s.

Contact Glenna Alevizos for details on volunteer service as a greeter.

St. Mary’s is welcoming but we can improve with steady efforts from our greeters, ushers, ambassadors, and, most of all, each and every member of St. Mary’s.

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St. Mary’s Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 16, 2019

Saint Mary’s annual Lenten Retreat will be held Saturday, March 16. This year’s theme is: “Talking in Circles: The Orthodox Understanding of Scripture,” led by Fr. John Kostas.

There will be two sessions with a midday break for lunch.

Morning Session
The Church & The Bible

St. Irenaeus and the Rule of Faith as interpretative key to the Scriptures

Afternoon Session
The Letter & The Spirit

St. John Cassian and the interaction of the Four Senses of Scripture

Please RSVP by going to our website and following the link, or call the Church Office.

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Philoptochos

By Paulette Hastings

The annual Philoptochos membership drive is underway! In January, all women of the parish received an invitation to join the charitable organization of the church, and we want a record number of you to join!

Dues are self-determined, and you can join with as little as $1. When making this financial decision, consider that the first $21.00 goes directly to Metropolis and National Philoptochos programs. Any donation above $21.00 goes to local, national and international organizations chosen by our chapter. The full amount of your dues is tax deductible.

To become a member, complete the form you received in the mail (or pick one up from our table in the Great Hall on Sundays after church). With your donation (check payable to Philoptochos with Dues in the memo line), mail the form in the envelope provided in your invitation or hand deliver it to church. Thanks for doing this by March 17!

Sweet Sunday for the Children’s Medical Fund
Sunday, February 3

Our Sweet Sunday fundraiser is an easy and tasty way to support Philoptochos! After Liturgy on February 3, come to the Great Hall, give a free will donation, and enjoy a wonderful array of homemade cookies, breads, fruits, and other delicious goodies during the social hour!

All the money raised will support the National Philoptochos Children’s Medical Fund. This fund was established in 1989 to provide medical assistance to critically ill children, whose families are unable to afford the necessary medical treatment. The Fund also provides grants for innovative pediatric research programs and hospitals throughout the U.S.

The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos is also hosting the biannual event of the Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon. Since its inception, more than $3.7 million has been raised for the fund, and the 2019 goal is high! Mark your calendar and plan a Chicago getaway that includes the luncheon at the Chicago Marriott on the Downtown Magnificent Mile on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Look for more information on Sweet Sunday and in future communications. “Let us rejoice and embrace the children.”

Philoptochos Members: We need your help to make Sweet Sunday a success. If you haven’t already volunteered, let us know if you can bring a treat to share and/or can help on Sunday, February 3, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact Paulette: 952.564.8388 or MplsPhilo@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out
Saturday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies of St. Mary’s: join us on Saturday night for Ladies Night Out! Philoptochos is hosting the beverages, and we ask you to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please note that this is time for fellowship for all women in the parish, not only Philoptochos members. Location is being finalized – watch for details soon.

Philoptochos Meeting and Fillo Sale Start
Sunday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.

All women of the parish are invited to our February Philoptochos Meeting after Liturgy in the Terrace Room on February 24. We’ll finalize plans for our Lenten journey, have refreshments, and enjoy time with each other. This is also the first day to order your fresh fillo for your spring baking. Cost is $4.00 per pound with payment requested at the time of your order. Chair: Andrea Tiggas.

Coming Up in March 2019
• Sunday, March 10
  Last day to order fresh fillo
• Monday, March 11
  Lent begins
• Sunday, March 17
  Possible visit and luncheon with Bishop Neophytos of Nyeri and Mount Kenya
• Tuesday, March 19
  Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Fireside Room
• Sunday, March 24
  Fillo Distribution
• Wednesday, March 27
  Prepare and serve meal after Presanctified Liturgy
• Sunday, March 31
  March Philoptochos Meeting
2018 Ark of the Covenant Stewardship Campaign Results
“Christ Is in Our Midst”

What an amazing year!!

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous gifts!
Due to your generosity, we exceeded our financial goal by $57,644 for 2018.

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Total Offering Income was $978,400 in 2018, which is an increase of $74,817 compared to 2017:

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We are blessed to have such a generous community.
Thank you to all of you that made it possible to have such fabulous results for 2018.

Stewards of Our Faith

All things are Possible to the one who Believes in Christ
Mark 9:23
By Rebecca Myerly

A few months ago the featured book in this monthly article was “How to Live a Holy Life.” The featured book this month is “How to be a Sinner.” “How to Be a Sinner” is not contradicting “How to Live a Holy Life.” In fact, the books complement one another. “How to Be a Sinner” was written by Peter Bouteneff, a professor at Saint Vladimir’s Seminary. He divides the subject matter into chapters which are like—and as lively as—an interesting and dynamic class lecture, not too long but substantive and thought provoking, with much to mentally chew on and process. Bouteneff puts being a sinner in perspective, yet he never leaves the reader hanging over the abyss of discouragement in the process. The chapter titles reveal much about the author’s approach to the subject of how to be a sinner: “Discovering Myself as ‘Sinner,’” “Like I Need This? The Sinner Identity and Its Gifts,” “Am I Really the Worst?,” “Reflections on the Self,” “Self-Esteem, Self-Denial, Self-Love,” “The Sweetness of Compunction,” and “Mercy, Forgiveness, and Divine Judgment.” Bouteneff includes two brilliant and very helpful appendices: “The Bible on Human Nature: Is It Human to Sin?” and “What Is Sin?”

It is only with the perspective of oneself as a sinner that one can truly live a holy life. Bouteneff explains:

This... covered a lot of concepts. Essentially it was about knowing ourselves realistically and honestly. We saw that it’s possible to identify ourselves in limiting ways.... But a realistic naming of ourselves as sinners, as sufferers of particular passions and compulsions, is vital to being healed. Despite an apparent split between our good self and our bad self, what lies at our core is an essential goodness, patterned on ineffable divine goodness.

Self-knowledge arrives with time, with age. It comes by paying attention, seeking patterns, scrutinizing the inner impulses that lead to our thoughts, words, and actions. Though much of that work is interior, it also benefits from discussion.... It can happen especially fully and fruitfully within the context of the Church. To that end, it is good to be attentive to its penitential and vestal rhythms, and to the texts of its prayers. But we must strive for balance, avoiding both vain self-obsession as well as merely skimming the surface. The key, really, is radical but realistic honesty with ourselves.

(pages 88-89)

This book is a great aid to help the reader grow in awareness and appreciation of what it really means to be a sinner. It would be an edifying companion for the upcoming Lenten journey.

To listen to Professor Bouteneff talk about his book, visit https://vimeo.com/296892874.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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CrossRoad Summer Institute

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.

Historically, CrossRoad has been hosted solely on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross. We are excited to announce that CrossRoad now offers a third session in Chicago on the campus of North Park University in Chicago!

Important Dates for CrossRoad 2019
Application Priority Deadline: February 1, 2019
- Session 1 - Hellenic College Holy Cross
  June 15 – June 25
- Session 2 - Hellenic College Holy Cross
  July 2 – July 12
- Session 3 - North Park University, Chicago
  July 23 – August 2

For more information:
http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/
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, February 13
► Thursday, February 28
  9:30-11:00 a.m.
  Great Hall and Terrace Room

**HOPE and JOY**
Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5
► Friday, February 15-Saturday, February 16
  6:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.
  JOY (grades 3-5) Lock-in
The 3rd-5th graders will have a sleep over in the Terrace Room! We will be playing games, watching a movie and enjoying being in each other’s company.
Please RSVP to jon@stmarysgoc.org if your child plans on attending.
► Wednesday, February 20
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  HOPE and JOY at Parish Night
  Fruit of Self-Control: Healthy Habits

**Junior GOYA**
Grades 6-8
► Wednesday, February 6
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Service Project at Church
► Wednesday, February 20
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Junior GOYA at Parish Night
  Fruit of Self-Control: Healthy Habits

**Senior GOYA**
Grades 9-12
► Wednesday, February 13
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Service Project at FOCUS’ new location, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul
► Wednesday, February 20
  6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Senior GOYA at Parish Night
  Fruit of Self-Control: Hold Your Horses

**Basketball Practices ~ in the Great Hall**
Saturday, February 2
  2:30-4:30 p.m.: JOY Basketball Practice
  *(Check with Coach Tina)*

Sunday, February 3
  12:45-1:45 p.m.: Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice
  1:45-3:45 p.m.: Boys’ GOYA Basketball Practice

Friday, February 8-Sunday, February 10
Basketball Tournament in Milwaukee

**December Recap**
Back in December, the HOPE/JOY youth group went to Jones-Harrison Senior Residence and sang Christmas carols for people in the long-term care units. The Junior and Senior GOYAns decorated Christmas cookies, played games and had fellowship with one another at their Christmas parties in the Youth Room!

**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.

Follow the GOYAns on Instagram: St_Marys_GOYA
Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

—1 John 4:7
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