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. Festival planning for the next year begins almost as soon as the grounds are cleaned up.

It’s a big job to plan each year’s Festival and we wish to thank our leaders and committee members for the tireless hours they put in to planning each year’s Festival. Without them, we couldn’t have done it - Thank you!

As the Festival approached, many more people joined the forces to help get ready for the celebration. Your participation made a big difference as well - Thank you!

Thank you, also, to everyone who attended. The crowds were great (even with the bit of rain on Sunday).
Deaths
Audrey Canelake
September 9, 2019
Greg Dovolas
September 15, 2019
Nicholas Kakos
September 16, 2019
May their memories be eternal.

Memorial Prayers
Sunday, October 6
Rosa Giannakakis (6 months)
Bill Psaltis (cousin of Sofia Johnson)
Cindy Polis (grandniece of the late Pauline Karalis)
Sunday, October 13
Christie J. Geanakoplos (14 years)
Irene Bourdamis (3 years)
Manuel Bourdamis (38 years)
George Bourdamis (8 years)

Share YourShelf
October’s recipient of Share YourShelf contributions is Simpson Food Pantry.

Sunday, October 6
Canned meals – large cans (e.g. chili, pork and beans)

Sunday, October 13
Potatoes – boxed, instant, or canned

Sunday, October 20
Pancake mixes and syrup

Sunday, October 27
Hygiene items (e.g. toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. —Proverbs 14:31

Please consider making a monetary donation. Through a partnership with the Food Group, the food shelves we support are able purchase staple food items at a marked reduction in price. This means that your donated dollars go farther — almost doubling the money you give to purchase much needed food items.

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Fr. Jason Houck
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Fr. Anthony Coniaris
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Saint Mary’s Visitation Ministry
Our Visitation Ministry is continually updating its list of parishioners 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 telephone 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 Visitation Team, please contact Doria.
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Fellowship and Study Groups

**Adult Senior Bible Study**

- Wednesdays, October 9 and 23
- 1:30 p.m., Fireside Room

**Intercessory Prayer**

- Wednesdays, October 2 and 16
- 10:30 a.m., Nave Chapel

**Men’s Fellowship**

- Friday, October 4
- 7:00 a.m., Fireside Room

**Evening Men’s Fellowship**

- Date and location to be announced - watch your e-mail.

**Saturday Bible Study**

- Every Saturday
- 9:00 a.m., Fireside Room
  - *No Bible Study on Saturdays October 5 and 12*

**Senior Citizens**

- Tuesday, October 8
- 12:00 noon, Terrace Room

**Women’s Bible Study**

- Wednesdays, October 2 and 16
- 11:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Koinonia

**Edina Koinonia**

- Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
- Joan Calott’s home
- 952.944.9397

**Lake Calhoun Koinonia**

- Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.
- Fr. George & Presbytera Christa’s home
- 612.825.1067

**Northeast Metro Koinonia**

- Thursday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.
- Paul & Jenny Hibberd’s home
- The Legends Senior Living Apts.
- 11635 Theatre Drive North
- Champlin, MN 55316
- 612.723.5681

**Western Koinonia**

- Sunday, October 20, 5:00 p.m.
- Gus & Cristina Nicklow’s home
- 952.476.7624

Sunday Schedule

- **Saturday Great Vespers** – 5:00 p.m.  
  (6:00 p.m. on October 19)
- **Orthros** – 8:30 a.m.
- **Divine Liturgy** – 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

**Tuesday, October 1**

- *The Protection of the Theotokos*
- **Evening Divine Liturgy** – 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 2**

- **Small Blessing of Water** – 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 18**

- **Saint Luke the Evangelist**
  - **Orthros** – 8:30 a.m.
  - **Divine Liturgy** – 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 23**

- **Saint Iakovos**
  - **Orthros** – 8:30 a.m.
  - **Divine Liturgy** – 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, October 26**

- **Saint Demetrios**
  - **Orthros** – 9:00 a.m.
  - **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 a.m.

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Parish News & Events

Orthodox Game League
Saturday, October 26
The first Game League evening for the season will be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. St. George Church is located at 1111 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. If you have questions about the game league, please contact Nikki Beauchamp, 952.906.8974, or inkehoots@q.com.

Parish Night 2019-2020
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 *Finding Joy in Daily Life*. Everyone is welcome to attend. We’ll 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 will conclude by 8:00. Dr. Philip Mamalakis will be our guest speaker each Parish Night for roughly 15-20 minutes and Fr. George will lead a discussion following the presentation. The youth will be included in these talks for two of the Parish Nights. Looking forward to a great year!

The schedule for the 2019-2020 year is as follows:
October 23: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
November 20: Let Us Attend
December 18: Joyful Prayer
January 8: Meekness: Acting not Reacting
February 19: Forgiveness as a Way of Life
May 20: The Peace of God

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed
Hosts for Sunday coffee hours are needed for Sundays, October 13 and 27, and November 17 and 24. If you are interested, or have questions about hosting, please contact the Church Office.

Office Update
Parishioner Reimbursements
St. Mary’s is very busy and often throughout the week parishioners may need to purchase an item for which they will need reimbursed. We wanted to review our reimbursement procedures to ensure you receive your money on a timely basis.

Expenses are coded and submitted each Tuesday morning. If you submit an expense after 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, it will be held until the following week.

Once all invoices are entered into the system, we strive to approve all bills by Thursday so the checks can be generated and mailed on Friday.

Expense checks are electronically generated and mailed directly to your home address on file in the office. These checks are valid for 90 days, so it is best to deposit your check soon after receiving the reimbursement.

*Please note that our Parish Council recently passed a policy that allows for reimbursement within the year the expense was incurred. We will not accept requests after the close of the calendar year. Any reimbursements for December 2019 must be received in the office by January 31 – expenses submitted beyond January 31 will not be accepted.*

American Legion Hellenic Post 129
100 Celebration Year!
Saturday, November 9, 2019
~ St Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church Great Hall ~
Our Post and Auxiliary look forward to this very special occasion and have worked to make this a memorable evening of interesting speakers, delicious food (catered by Georgia Sanders) and entertainment. A personal memorabilia display has also been added to this fabulous program, serving as both valuable war/service family history and a way of honoring our veterans and their families for their sacrifice. We hope you have already circled the date and plan to attend. The $20 tickets have been underwritten by Post 129 to allow tickets to be affordable to all of our guests. Please join us! Purchase your tickets after Liturgy on Sundays in October.

The 100th anniversary gala celebration is open to non-military and the general public.
The month of September was a whirlwind of activity with both the Taste of Greece and the Metropolis Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conferences. Dozens of people worked together to make the Bake Sale a success, and many more worked to create effective Metropolis conferences and make the visit of Metropolitan Nathanael spiritually edifying. Thanks to all!

**Sunday, October 20**
Philoptochos joins with Sunday School for Service Sunday Help our children practice service to others on Sunday, October 20. 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.

**Tuesday, October 22**
First Philoptochos Meeting of Church Year - Save the evening! All women of the parish are invited to our October meeting! Plans are still being made, so watch for details in upcoming communiques (e-newsletter, weekly bulletin, Fr. George’s e-mails). We look forward to fellowship with you!

**October Women's Book Club**
The Women's Book Club is meeting in October, but details on the book title and date were not available at the time of the Messenger printing. Watch for information soon! New members always welcome.

**November 16**
**Children's Medical Fund Luncheon in Chicago**
• The Chicago Metropolis is hosting the Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon on Saturday, November 16 at the Chicago Marriot Downtown Magnificent Mile. Consider attending with other St. Mary’s friends! Tickets: $125 per person. Information: [https://www.philoptochos.org/outreach/cmffsection/](https://www.philoptochos.org/outreach/cmffsection/)
• Can’t attend? Buy a raffle ticket ($10 each or three for $25) at the Philoptochos table, or make a personal or business donation. Donate online ([www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org)) or send checks payable to National Philoptochos (earmarked 2019 CMF) to National Philoptochos, 126 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016.

**Thank You**
• To Stephanie Panos, for chairing the Bake Sale at the Taste of Greece. Under her leadership, sales increased again over 2018 numbers. Great job!
• To Naira Istephanous, chair of Festival Baklava Sundaes, and her team of bakers: Cheryl Dragotis, Ina Dunham, Dalia and Izzy Istephanous, Fifi and Mary Kafkas, and Pam Ploumides. Together they made 19 pans of baklava, a 20% increase over last year!
• To Debbie Theros, for captaining the Koulouria Baking, and her awesome team: Mary Anderson, Nick Boosalis, Danielle Brown, Harriett Cheolis, Athena Dascalos, Anna, Christina and Elizabeth Dokos, Georgia George, Paulette Hastings, Diane Jackson, Fifi, John, and Mary Kafkas, Vangie Karakatsanis, Jayne Klatt, Demetra Kordopitoulas, Annette Legeros, Donnarae Louracis, Angie Maragos, Tina Menter, Bea Murdakes, Maria Paradise, Veula Possis, Popie Rakes, Suzanne Schilling, Elaine Smith, Sandra Sperides, Ann Theodotou, and Desi Tokar.
• To Jamie Amacci, Tina Menter and Anne Stundahl, who led the labor intensive creation of 1,492 theples for the Taste of Greece, and for the many people who joined their team.
• To the many people who helped the week of the Festival to honey 3,000 melomakarona, powder 4,000 kourambiethes, cut 4,350 pieces of baklava, and package hundreds of pre-packaged sweet boxes!
• To Presvytera Christa Dokos and family, Paulette Hastings, Elaine Koutsoukos, Annette Legeros, and Carol Smith, for outfitting the children’s area of the FOCUS Minnesota lobby. We hear that the kids coming in are loving their new space!

**Coming in November**
3 – Philoptochos Sunday
9 – Pan Orthodox Women’s Tea, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s OCA
16 – Metropolis Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon in Chicago
19 – Board Meeting
26 – Days for Girls Day of Service
There are people in need following unexpected suffering. Loss and suffering could happen to any of us. Here are some ways to give back and do the most good you can for others:

**Opportunities for Service**

**Harvest Pack**  
**Sunday, November 3, 11:30 a.m.**  
Go to our website ([www.stmarysgoc.org](http://www.stmarysgoc.org)) and follow the link to volunteer for a second on-site inter-generational meal pack that is a fun, high energy, powerful hands-on opportunity to provide food for the hungry.  
Harvest Pack and St. Mary's will offer 120 volunteers the training and guidance to prepare and package 30,000 meals in 2-2½ hours.  
You offer your best outreach to fight the #1 health risk: hunger/food insecurity.

**Healing House/New Hope Center**  
Saturday, November 16, one to three hours.  
Dinner, Bible study, or playing with the children.  
Contact Sandra Anderson: asformess69@gmail.com

**Simpson House Dinner**  
Tuesday, October 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Contact Hope Kennedy ephopek@gmail.com

**CES (Community Emergency Services).**  
Because of the growing number of neighborhood residents in need of supplemental food, Volunteers are needed to assist food shelf guests. Clients can stop by the food shelf once a month. CES is open each day at 10:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.  
Volunteers are also needed to help with “Bonus Friday” where there is offer of fresh produce, bakery, and deli items. Hours for “Bonus Friday” are from 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Each month, CES distributes 23 tons of food to their clients.

**FOCUS House**  
Volunteers are needed for the Clothes Closet on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. as well as to help with the change from summer to fall and winter clothes. FOCUS House Clothes Closet has distributed 1,955 items.  
The Food Shelf is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Volunteers are needed to sort, bag, help clients, pick up and deliver food to FOCUS House on the prior Thursday or Friday. Only non-perishable items are being accepted at this time. Food in pop-top cans are preferred as many of the recipients do not have can openers.  
School Supplies are being collected until December 1. This includes pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, glue sticks, kids' scissors, etc. Thank you to St. Mary's Philoptochos for making the Kids' Room at FOCUS House a reality!  
Thank you too to those of you who were able to attend our coffee and treats liaison thank you event on Saturday, August 10. We learned much about what is working and how to improve the flow of information from FOCUS House to the parishes. If you were unable to attend, we are always open to hearing how things are going and what we can do to better support you.

**Winter Coat Drive and the Mission Trip to the Mille Lacs Band of the Ojibwe**  
FOCUS' winter coat drive this year is focused on the women of the Mille Lacs Band of the Ojibwe who are in grave need of assistance. We will be delivering these women's coats, as well as clothing for women and children, linens, personal care items, school supplies, and food to the them on Saturday, October 19. We need your help! Please let us know if you are interested in donating and/or traveling to Onamia with us.
Stewardship

by Athena Mihas

Parish “Parea” Potluck Dinners

Our Stewardship Committee is planning and coordinating small group dinners (8-10 people per dinner) at host family homes throughout the Twin Cities this Fall. These dinners are open to all parishioners. It is the Committee’s aim to continue facilitating close-knit relationships within our congregation. There is no set agenda, just fun. If you are interested in hosting one of these dinners (no cooking necessary, they are pot luck!) please contact the church office at 612.825.9595 or at david@stmarysgoc.org.

“Parea” is the Greek word for a group of friends who regularly gather together to share their experience about life, their philosophies, values and ideas.

Save the Date:

Fourth Annual Appreciation Glendi
Saturday, October 26

To show our appreciation for your gifts of time, talent and treasure, the Parish Council and Stewardship Committee are hosting an appreciation Glendi in your honor again this year. Please join us for a fabulous evening. The event is FREE to all parishioners! Don’t miss it!

2019 Ark of the Covenant Campaign Progress Update

Thank you for being the STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH!

We really appreciate your participation in our 2019 Stewardship Campaign this year.

2019 Offering Income Payments as of 08/31/19

As of August 31, 2019, we have received $595,765 in offering income. With four months remaining in the year, we need an additional $472,378 to reach our goal of $1,068,143.

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We are reaching out to you, our beloved parishioners, to ask you to help us reach our goal this year.

Providing for your needs as Orthodox Christians, growing in faith and in fellowship, costs money, and we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship contribution this year. Also, if you have not already done so, please consider completing a financial commitment (pledge) form that indicates how much you plan to give to St. Mary’s this year as part of your financial stewardship. We ask you to complete a new form every year so we can plan our spending for the year. As you know, St. Mary’s is fully self-funded, and we need your help to keep our parish “thriving.”

For more information, contact:
• Diakonissa Alexandria Kalina at: 952.913.7540 or ackalina@yahoo.com
• Athena Mihas at: 612.387.3890 or athenamihas@qmail.com

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Person to Person: The Orthodox Understanding of Human Nature is the most recent book by Dr. Harry Boosalis, one of Saint Mary’s own. In the tradition and style of Father Anthony Coniaris, Dr. Boosalis writes clearly and succinctly, making his books accessible and understandable to all readers.

In this book, Dr. Boosalis begins by laying a clear foundation defining the human body and its participation in salvation. He then proceeds to define human freedom and what this freedom really means in the Orthodox Christian tradition, segueing from there into a beautiful and informative chapter on Panayia (the Virgin Mary), explaining and clarifying much about her. Dr. Boosalis named the final chapter of this book “In the Image and Likeness of God.” While the whole book is edifying, this chapter soars. He begins by writing about Christ as the image and likeness of God, then explains the distinction between image and likeness. He proceeds to write about the image of God in human nature: “The image of God is not limited to one specific quality or characteristic of human nature. Rather, it emanates as ‘through a prism, throughout the whole of human existence.’” Elaborating on how the image of God is in human nature, Dr. Boosalis writes about the soul and the specific attributes of the human soul, focusing especially on two—the nous and the logos. These two are linked to other aspects that reflect the image of God, one being dominion over God’s creation. He writes:

Our capacity to serve as steward and lord over all God’s creation is another way in which the divine image is reflected in human nature. This capacity to rule or govern is innate in us. This calling to serve as the lord and master of God’s creation must be seen in its proper perspective: “Man’s ‘oversight’ of creation is not just practical management or

‘stewardship’; it is inextricably bound up with being aware of the mystery of creation, discerning God’s wisdom in the depths of created things.”*

We are not meant to be a mere manager, but rather the mediator between God and His creation—the one who prayerfully offers creation back to our Creator through thankfulness, worship and praise. We are the agents through whom creation is offered back to its Creator.

Developing this calling, Dr. Boosalis writes about the vital importance of love and communion, and prayer for all mankind. He concludes by writing about the paradox of human perfection:

We are made in the divine image, created to grow spiritually forever. We will never stop becoming more and more Christ-like—not only on earth but in heaven. No matter what level of spiritual progress we reach, nor how many virtues we acquire, there always awaits us further growth—throughout all eternity.

Person to Person: The Orthodox Understanding of Human Nature is a clear guide for anyone seeking to grow in their life in Christ.

*Quote from E. Theokritoff in Living in God’s Creation
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.

**FAITH Group**
**0-5 Year Olds and Parents**
- Wednesday, October 2, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
  Great Hall and Terrace Room
- Thursday, October 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
  Great Hall and Terrace Room

**HOPE and JOY**
**Kindergarten-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5**
- Sunday, October 6, 1:30 p.m.-whenever!
  Sever’s Fall Festival
  Meet at Sever’s new Shakopee location.
  St. Mary’s will cover half the cost - you will be responsible for $7.00 per person.
  Please RSVP to jon@stmarysgoc.org by October 1 so he can send you the coupon.
- Wednesday, October 23, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Parish Night at Church
  *We start with prayer in the nave from 6:15-6:30, eat dinner from 6:30-7:00, lesson from 7:00-7:45 (break out into different groups: HOPE/JOY, Junior GOYA, Senior GOYA, and Adults). Wrap up from 7:45-8:00. All are welcome to attend!*

**Junior GOYA**
**Grades 6-8**
- Wednesday, October 2, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Terrace Room
  *Role Play: What do Orthodox Christians believe? Join us where we will be role playing as a group different scenarios of questions that you may be asked in school and in today’s world on what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. Please RSVP for your child by Tuesday, October 1 by going to this doodle: https://doodle.com/poll/4m4idaw2q3w4354y*
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**Senior GOYA**
**Grades 9-12**
- Wednesday, October 9, 6:15-8:00 p.m.
  Senior GOYA at Church
  *Please RSVP by clicking on this doodle: https://doodle.com/poll/ihb572ehmf6zdcf by October 8.*
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**August Recap**
In August, we had five Senior GOYAns go to Houston to continue to help with the relief of Hurricane Harvey that hit two years ago. We all worked hard mudding and sanding all week long. We were also able to attend a Houston Astros baseball game and check out some rockets at the Space Center!

Our K-12th graders celebrated our Parish Feast Day by attending our annual youth retreat where we decorated the Kouvouklion, had a lesson on the Theotokos and enjoyed fellowship with one another.

The Junior and Senior GOYAns also helped the Festival committee by sorting out tickets for the Greek Festival at the end of the month!

See photos on insert.

**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**
Senior GOYAns and others in Houston for a house build following the destruction by Hurricane Harvey two years ago.

Kindergarten-12th graders at the Dormition Retreat on August 14 shown around the Kouvouklion.

The Kouvouklion for the Theotokos decorated during the Dormition Retreat, August 14.
You must love every man, seeing in him the image of God.

—Saint Nikon of Optina
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7:00am-Men's Fellowship | 5  
No Bible Study  
5:00pm-Great Vespers |
|        |        | 6 Third Sunday of Luke  
“The Messenger” Deadline  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
after Liturgy-Newcomers’ Luncheon  
1:30pm-HOPE/JOY Outing | 7 | 8  
12:00noon-Senior Citizens  
6:00pm-Open Gym  
6:15pm-Parish Council | 9  
1:00pm-Adult Senior Bible Study  
6:15pm-Senior GOYA | 10 | 11 |
|        |        | 13 Seventh Ecumenical Council  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
11:30am-Philoptochos Board  
Family Camp | 14 | 15  
6:00pm-Open Gym  
7:00pm-Youth Development Committee | 16  
9:00am-“The Messenger” Mailing  
10:30am-Intercessory Prayer  
11:00am-Women’s Bible Study | 17  
6:00pm-Northeast Metro Koinonia  
6:30pm-Stewardship Committee | 18  
Saint Luke the Evangelist  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy | 19  
9:00am-Bible Study  
6:00pm-Great Vespers |
|        |        | 20 Sixth Sunday of Luke  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
Church School Service Sunday  
11:45am-Mission/Outreach  
12:30pm-Basketball Practice  
5:00pm-Western Koinonia  
Family Camp | 21 | 22  
6:00pm-Philoptochos | 23  
Saint Iakovos  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
1:00pm-Adult Senior Bible Study  
6:15pm-Parish Night | 24  
9:30am-Faith Playgroup  
7:00pm-Edina Koinonia | 25 | 26  
Saint Demetrios  
9:00am-Bible Study  
9:00am-Orthros  
10:00am-Divine Liturgy  
5:00pm-Great Vespers  
6:00pm-Stewardship Glendi |
|        |        | 27 Seventh Sunday of Luke  
8:30am-Orthros  
9:30am-Divine Liturgy  
11:30am-Fall General Assembly  
12:30pm-Basketball Practice  
5:00pm-Lake Calhoun Koinonia | 28 | 29  
6:00pm-Open Gym  
Simpson House Dinner | 30 | 31 |