



# ***St. Mary Orthodox Church***

WEEKLY BULLETIN | MAY 25, 2025

**Tone 5 · 6th Sunday of Pascha**  
**Sunday of the Blind Man**

## **Today's Schedule**

***Please welcome Bp. Andrei!***

9am — Matins

10am — Divine Liturgy

*Following the service:*

Fellowship Hour, offered by Group Pag-Z

## **This Week At St. Mary's**

**Daily 3rd & 6th Hours — Mon–Fri @ 7:30am–8am**

### **TUESDAY, MAY 27**

Paschal Vespers | 7pm–7:30pm

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

*Leave-taking of Pascha*

Paschal Liturgy | 7am–8am

Festal Vespers | 7pm–8pm

### **THURSDAY, MAY 29**

*Ascension*

Festal Liturgy | 10am–11:30am

### **FRIDAY, MAY 30**

Philokalia Book Group | 3pm–4pm

### **SATURDAY, MAY 31**

No vespers

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

Matins & Liturgy | 9am–11:30am

Church School Recognition Day

***Fellowship  
Hour Groups***



**Week 1: A–D ← Next Week's Host**

Week 2: E–Kl

Week 3: Kn–Paf

Week 4: Pag–Z

Week 5: Entire Parish

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

*Tone 5. Troparion of the Resurrection*

LET us, the faithful, praise and wor-  
ship the Word, \* co-eternal with the  
Father and the Spirit, \* born for our  
salvation from the Virgin; \* for He  
willed to be lifted up on the Cross  
in the flesh, \* to endure death, \* and  
to raise the dead // by His glorious  
Resurrection.

*Tone 4. Troparion of the Forerunner*

THY head was revealed to us by Christ  
\* as a divine treasure in the earth, O  
Prophet and Forerunner. \* We gather  
in honor of this discovery \* with  
inspired hymns of praise to the Sav-  
ior, // Who saves us from corruption  
through thy prayers.

**Glory.** *Tone 6. Kontakion of the Forerunner*

The shining pillar on earth, the Fore-  
runner, \* lamp of the Spiritual Sun,  
has revealed his radiant, holy head to  
the ends of the earth. \* He sanctifies  
those who venerate it and who faith-  
fully cry: // “Wise Baptist of Christ,  
save us all!”

**Both now.** *Tone 4. Kontakion from the Pentecostarion*

I COME to Thee, O Christ, blind from  
birth in my spiritual eyes, \* and call  
to Thee in repentance: // “Thou art  
the most radiant Light of those in  
darkness.”

## PROKEIMENON

**In the eighth tone:** Pray and make  
your vows / before the Lord, our God!

✠ *In Judah God is known; His name  
is great in Israel.*

**In the seventh tone** (*for the Forerun-*  
*ner*): The righteous shall rejoice in the  
Lord / and shall hope in Him.

## EPISTLES

*The Reading is from  
the Acts of the Apostles (16:16–34)*

In those days, as we went to prayer,  
that a certain slave girl possessed  
with a spirit of divination met us,  
who brought her masters much profit  
by fortune-telling. This girl followed  
Paul and us, and cried out, saying,  
“These men are the servants of the  
Most High God, who proclaim to us  
the way of salvation.” And this she  
did for many days. But Paul, great-  
ly annoyed, turned and said to the  
spirit, “I command you in the name  
of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”  
And he came out that very hour. But  
when her masters saw that their hope  
of profit was gone, they seized Paul  
and Silas and dragged them into the  
marketplace to the authorities. And  
they brought them to the magistrates,  
and said, “These men, being Jews,  
exceedingly trouble our city; and they  
teach customs which are not lawful  
for us, being Romans, to receive or  
observe.” Then the multitude rose  
up together against them; and the

— *The Trisagion in Other Languages (Transliterated)* —

**Romanian:** Sfinte Dumnezeule, Sfinte Tare, Sfinte Fără de moarte, Miluiește-ne pe noi

**Church Slavonic:** Svyati Bozhe, Svyati Kreпки, Svyati Bessmertni, pomiluy nas

**Arabic:** Qudduson illah, Qudduson ilqawi, Qudduson illadhi, la yamoot urhamna

**Greek:** Agios O Theos, Agios Eeskhros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas

## GOSPELS

*The Reading is from the Holy Gospel  
According to St. John (9:1–38)*

magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

*Alleluia, Tone 8:*

- ✠ *Look upon me and have mercy on me!*
- ✠ *Guide my steps according to Thy word!*
- ✠ *(Tone 5) Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.*

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner

do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since

the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

### INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself he has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people.

Shine, shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shown on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens!  
Praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ *The righteous will be remembered forever; he is not afraid of evil tidings.*
- ✠ *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



## How to Greet the Bishop

1. **Cup your hands in front of you.** Place your right hand over your left, and turn your palms to face upward.
2. **Bow slightly at the waist and say, "Master bless."** Asking for a blessing lets the bishop know that you wish to greet him, and he will bless you with the sign of the cross, extend his hand to you, and place it in your cupped palms.
3. **Kiss the back of the bishop's hand.** This kiss serves as both a greeting and a recognition of the blessing the bishop has given you."

**Did you know?** When the bishop is present, it is not appropriate to ask for the blessing of the priest. The presence of the bishop represents the presence of Christ!



### ***Your Fellowship Hour Co-Leaders***

- ▶ **Week 1: A-D** — Dsa. Cathy D., Jonathan C.
- ▶ **Week 2: E-KI** — Edward H., Allison J.
- ▶ **Week 3: Kn-Paf** — Melanie K., Tom P.
- ▶ **Week 4: Pag-Z** — Elaine P., Nathan & Charity W.
- ▶ **Week 5: Entire Parish** — Dsa. Irene L., Alyssa M.

## Join Us Online

Join the parish on Realm:

[tinyurl.com/stmary-realm](https://tinyurl.com/stmary-realm)

Watch our livestream:

[youtube.com/@stmaryorthodoxchurch](https://youtube.com/@stmaryorthodoxchurch)

Visit our website:

[stmaryorthodox.org](https://stmaryorthodox.org)

## Save the Date

*Services, holidays,  
and other events*

### JUNE

**Church School Recognition Day**  
| Sun, Jun 1

**Memorial Liturgy** | Memorial  
Sat, Jun 7 @ 10am–11:30am

**Baptism: Zaki** | Sat, Jun 7 @  
2:30pm–3:30pm

**Festal Vespers with Group  
Confession** | Sat, Jun 7 @  
5pm–6:30pm

**Pentecost** | Sun, Jun 8, with  
*Kneeling Vespers immediately  
following liturgy @ 11:30am–  
12pm*

**Holy Spirit Week (Fast Free)** |  
Jun 9–13

**Divine Liturgy** (Day of the Holy  
Spirit) | Mon, Jun 9 @ 7am–8am

**Nats Game Outing** | Sun, Jun 15  
@ 1pm–4pm

**Men's Fellowship** | Sun, Jun 15  
@ 6pm–8pm

**Apostles' Fast** | Jun 16–28

**Parish Council** | Mon, Jun 16 @  
7pm–8pm

**Women's Bible Study** | Fri, Jun  
20 @ 6:30pm–8pm

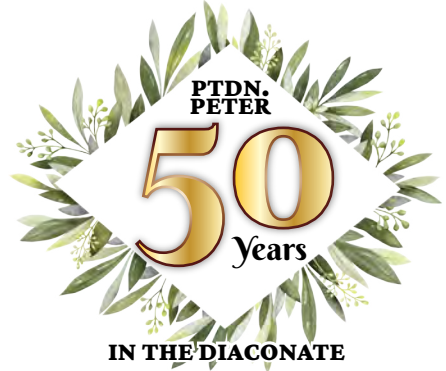
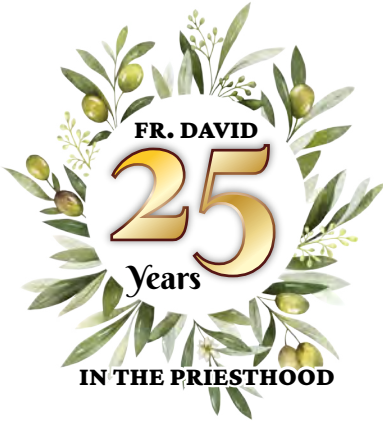
### FARTHER AHEAD

**Doxacon** | Oct. 31–Nov. 1

Stay up-to-date with the online calendar:  
[stmaryorthodox.org/calendar](https://stmaryorthodox.org/calendar)



***Axios! Axios! Axios! They are worthy!***



## Let's Celebrate our Graduates in the Newsletter!



**>> DUE TOMORROW, MAY 26 <<**

We want to honor the hard work of all the graduates in the parish! Fill out the form at [tinyurl.com/stmary2025grads](https://tinyurl.com/stmary2025grads) to submit a bio and photo. If you have any trouble with the form, you can email a 50-75 word bio and photo to Lacie and Sophia at [undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com](mailto:undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com).

### Connect with the parish at the Connections Corner!

Stop by during fellowship hour to check out our ministries, newsletter, or meet a couple friendly faces. It's a great place to learn for visitors, inquirers, or parishioners who want to get more involved at church.



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# Parish News & Announcements

***Please welcome Bp. Andrei today!***

***Congratulations to Fr. David and Protodeacon Peter on the anniversaries of their ordinations! Axios!***

**DUE TODAY: (\$9) Purchase your Nats Game tickets! Kids eat free!** (*RSVPs due Sunday, May 18*) – This just in—kids 12 & under can get a free hot dog/chips/ water bottle meal at every home game this season! Just one more reason to join us at National Park on June 15th to watch the Washington Nationals host the Miami Marlins. Kids 2 & under are free if they don't need their own seat. Don't forget to invite your dad for a special father's day outing! Reserve tickets with Christina Z. via email (found on Realm) by **TODAY**. Payment can be taken via [Realm](#) (select "Nationals Game Tickets" from the Funds dropdown menu) or via check to "St. Mary Orthodox Church" with "Nationals Game Tickets" in the memo line.

**DUE TOMORROW: Submit graduate entires for the June/July issue of *The Veil*!** Learn more on p.6.

**DUE TOMORROW: Entries for the Newsletter** (*due Monday, May 26*) – The upcoming issue will include June and July. Prepare your Paschal reports, Pentecostal reflections, and ads for your upcoming events for the summer and early August! The Apostle's Fast this year is June 11–July 16 – an opportunity for thoughts and activities about the body of Christ or our saints. We are also planning a parenting theme for articles throughout. Please limit articles to 300–500 words. Send entries to Sophia at [undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com](mailto:undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com).

**Join the young adults for Game Night** (*Saturday, May 31*) – Join us at the house behind the church for games (call or text 678-273-2173 if you have any difficulty finding the location). Food will be provided, so please RSVP to [yam@stmaryorthodox.org](mailto:yam@stmaryorthodox.org) so we know how much will be needed, and let us know if you have dietary restrictions so we can try to accommodate. Feel free to bring any games of your own as well.

**Church School Seeking Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year** – We are seeking 6 volunteers to help teach Church School: two for PreK-Kindergarten, two for 1st-3rd Grade, one for 4th-5th Grade. For more information, please reach out to Ioana via Realm or email (found on Realm).

**The Lost and Found basket will be emptied and donated in early June.** Please see if any of the items are your missing treasures.



**Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil***

Contact Lacie & Sophia at [undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com](mailto:undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com)

**Newsletter deadline | Monday, May 26 (for June/July issue)**

**Weekly bulletin deadline | by end-of-day Wednesday each week**



## God Grant You Many Years!

**Birthdays** Jessie C., Jessica D., Ho K., Nathan W.

**Namesdays** St. Emmeleia (5/30)

**Anniversaries** Matthew & Marie C., Steve & Kristine H., Nick & April M.

### Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Sunday Liturgy** | 9am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday Great Vespers** | Saturday, 5pm-6pm

**Wednesday Vespers** | Wednesdays, 7pm-7:45pm

**3rd & 6th Hours** | Monday–Friday, 7:30am–8am

**Women's Bible Study** | 3rd Friday of the month. 6:30pm

**Men's Fellowship** | Monthly on a Sunday TBD, 6pm-8pm

**Fellowship of Moms** | 4th Friday of the month, 9am-11:30am

**Philokalia Book Group** | Fridays, 3pm-4pm

**Reel Women** | Monthly TBD, often Tuesdays



### Giving to St. Mary's

There are three easy ways to give:

- in the collection bowl in the narthex
- in the collection plate in the nave as you exit for the Fellowship Hall
- [click here](#) to give online

Thank you for your generosity!

## Are you visiting? Welcome to St. Mary's!

We're delighted that you've joined us! Please feel free to watch, participate, or ask the person next to you if you have any questions. Check out the Connections Corner in the fellowship hall to learn more about us or Orthodoxy, to pick up a copy of our newsletter and ministry brochure, or to just meet a few friendly faces!

We try to avoid entering or exiting the nave during readings, processions, or the sermon. Please note that to receive Holy Communion in our church, one must be baptized Orthodox, recently-confessed, and at peace with one's fellows. At the end of the service, everyone is welcome to come up to kiss the Cross, greet the priest, and receive blessed bread.

*Please join us for fellowship hour downstairs in the fellowship hall after liturgy. We'd love to meet you!*