



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | JUNE 22, 2025

Tone 1 · 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of All Saints of America

Today's Schedule

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 online

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Divine Liturgy | 7am–8am

Post-Liturgy Playtime (Fellowship of
Moms) | 8am–9am

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Choir Rehearsal | 7:30pm–9pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Philokalia Book Group | 12pm–1pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Great Vespers | 5pm–6pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Ss. Peter and Paul

Matins & Liturgy | 9am–11:30am

Fellowship Hour: School Supply Drive

Parish Feast Day Vespers | 6pm–8pm

@ Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox in
Dulles (see p.6 for more info)

June 16-28 — Apostles' Fast



Next Week's Fellowship Hour Host:

Week 5: Entire Parish, School Supply Drive Fundraiser

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 1. Troparion of the Resurrection

WHEN the stone had been sealed by the Jews, * while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, * Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, * granting life to the world. * The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: * “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Tone 4. Troparion of the Protection of the Mother of God

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast with joy * illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. * Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: * Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection. * Deliver us from every form of evil, * by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls!

Tone 8. Troparion of All Saints of America

AS the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 1. Kontakion of the Resurrection

AS God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, * raising the world

with Thyself. * Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. * Adam exults, O Master! * Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // * “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Glory. Tone 3. Kontakion of All Saints of America

TODAY the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the Angels glorify Him, and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Both now. Tone 3. Kontakion of the Protection of the Mother of God

THE Virgin is present today in the Church * And with the fellowship of saints she prays to God on our behalf. * The angels and the bishops worship! * The apostles and the prophets make glad! // For the Theotokos makes sup-plications for us to the everlasting God!

PROKEIMENON

In the first tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

✠ *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

— *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

In the seventh tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

EPISTLES

*The Reading is from
the Epistle from St. Paul to
the Romans (2:10-16)*

Brethren, glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

*The Reading is from
the Epistle from St. Paul to
the Hebrews (11:33–12:2)*

Brethren, those who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better

resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of Jesus, *the author and finisher of our faith.*

Alleluia, Tone 1:

- ✠ *God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*
- ✠ *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, his anointed, and his seed forever.*
- ✠ *Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous!*

GOSPELS

*The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. Matthew (4:18-23)*

At that time, Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers,

Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

*The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. Matthew (4:25-5:12)*

At that time, great multitudes followed Jesus – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just!*
- ✠ *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



ABOUT THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the work of the Holy Spirit and His acts in the Church by inviting dedicated workers to the apostolic mission.

Today's Gospel shows us the start of Christianity, which grew from a small group. Twelve apostles were invited to be of humble service, who were mostly fishermen of no education, knowledge, or social stature. They were men living on the outskirts of Lake Tiberias actively fishing. Interestingly, when Jesus called the first apostles, they were not unemployed, or out of work, but they were in the middle of their businesses. They were preoccupied with their work. "They were throwing their nets at sea."

The Lord Jesus called them and as the Bible says: "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." He did not promise riches, position, or status to them. He said one sentence:



Fellowship Hour Groups & 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.

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The same scenario is repeated with John and Jacob, the sons of Zebedee; they were fixing their nets with their father. “Immediately they left the boat, their father, and followed Him.” It seems that these pupils did not hesitate for a second to become missionaries.

When we say “yes” to the Lord, it means that we should say “no” to the things of importance of this world. We are called to abandon the nets that tie us to the things of this world, which prevent us from following Christ. The traps of this world are many, with multiple deceptions. However, it was Jacob and his brother John, who were “fixing the nets” when the Lord called them and “they left everything and followed Him.” In the Church and through the sacred sacraments we live a continuous Pentecost. All are called according to their talents and ability to meet the Lord’s calling, to become a fisher of men, to pursue them, so they know the true God and His Heavenly Kingdom.

—adapted from a 2018 homily by Metropolitan Basilios Kodseie on the Second Sunday After Pentecost (tinyurl.com/3dh25ysu)

Save the Date

*Services, holidays,
and other events*

JUNE

Apostles’ Fast | June 16–28

Mason Crest School Supply Fund-raiser | Sunday, June 29 during Fellowship Hour

JULY

Baptism - Ciofoaia | Sunday, July 6 @ 2:30pm-3:30pm

Baptism - Christenson | Saturday, July 12 @ 10am–12pm

OCA All-America Council (Phoenix) | July 14th–18th

Parish Council | Monday, June 16 @ 7pm–9pm

Memorial: Jacobson | Saturday, July 19 @ 4:30–5pm

Vehicle Blessing | Sunday, July 20 @ 11:30am–12pm

Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of St. Anna | Friday, July 25 @ 10am–11am

FARTHER AHEAD

St. Mary’s Dinner Dance | Oct. 11 @ 6pm at St. Luke’s in McClean

Doxacon | Oct. 31–Nov. 1



JOIN US AT
HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



FEAST OF HOLY APOSTLES

Sunday, June 29th at 6:00PM
Vespers with a potluck dinner to follow

Monday, June 30th
Divine Liturgy
Orthros 8:30AM, Divine Liturgy 9:30AM

21580 Atlantic Blvd
Building D, Unit 160
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Contact Father Thomas Manuel
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NEW GROUP!

Surviving the Times

Need support navigating today's challenging economic climate? Whether you're updating your résumé, preparing for interviews, or simply need encouragement, this group is here to help. We're looking to band together to offer both practical assistance—like mock interviews or résumé reviews—and emotional support. Join the group to give and receive help as we face these tough times together!

JOIN ON REALM

We Can Help You Join Realm Today!

Our parish uses [Realm](#) (available on browser or app) to share realtime updates on activities, ministries, and other church activities. It's an easy and secure way to contact members of the parish in order to coordinate the many activities taking place each week. We encourage parishioners to routinely check in on Realm and/or set up a daily digest of activity to be sent to your email to stay engaged with the community. If you're not yet on Realm, please reach out to Ileana C. at the **Connections Center** during Fellowship Hour and we'll get you set up!



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the
News

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Parish News & Announcements

TODAY: Pack lunches for the homeless with the Community Outreach Serving Group.

THIS TUESDAY: Post-Liturgy Playtime (Tue, July 24, following 7am liturgy) – The Fellowship of Moms is hosting a post-liturgy playtime for young children. Bring some fast-appropriate fruit, muffins, or other snack to share if you wish. Please let us know you're interested by signing up on Realm!

NEXT SUNDAY: Support Mason Crest Elementary School – Our "5th Sunday" fellowship hour on June 29 will consist of our annual fundraiser to purchase school supplies for local Mason Crest Elementary school. We will simultaneously celebrate the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul with pizza and ice cream sundaes. Please consider donating using any of our easy giving options. To [donate on Realm](#), select the Humanitarian Aid fund and write "Mason Crest" in the memo.

Make a difference by helping at Vacation Church School (VCS)! –Join us in making a direct impact by teaching lessons, bringing and serving food, and helping with crafts at this year's VCS. It will take place Thursday through Saturday, July 31–August 2nd, from 8:30 AM-1 PM. To sign up as a volunteer, please contact Caleb P. or Ioana M. through Realm or email (found in the printed bulletin).

Teach 1st-3rd Grade for the 2025-2026 School Year – Thank you to those who have volunteered to teach for next year! We are still seeking one teacher for 1st-3rd Grade. For more information, please reach out to our new Church School Director Caleb F. via Realm or email (found in the printed bulletin).

Parents, a gentle reminder to please escort children to the restroom during services *and* fellowship hour. Children also cannot be in classrooms without parent supervision or the supervision of multiple adults. This request is for everyone's safety and well-being during summer months (as Church School has been dismissed until September). This also ensures we remain compliant with the OCA Child Safety and Abuse Prevention policy. Thank you!



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.



Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie & Sophia at undertheveilofherprotection@gmail.com

Newsletter deadline | Monday, July 28 (for Aug/Sept issue)

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



God Grant You Many Years!

Birthdays Nathalie A., Rachel J., Matthew K., Elena C., Brian S., Marcus S., Michael W.

Namedays St. Elizabeth (6/24), St. David of Thessaloniki (6/26), St. Joanna (6/27)

Anniversaries None

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 | Monthly TBD, after a morning Divine Liturgy

Philokalia Book Group | Fridays, 12pm-1pm (summer hours)

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!