



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | OCTOBER 5, 2025

Tone 8 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyr Charitina of Amisus

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Fellowship Hour, served by Group A-Di

12pm-1pm — Church School

This Week At St. Mary's

Please note: There is no 3rd & 6th Hours the week of Oct. 6-10

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Divine Liturgy | 7-8am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Vespers | 7pm-7:40pm

Financial Peace University | 7:45pm-9pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Philokalia Book Study | 3pm-4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Adult Catechism | 3pm-4:30pm

Great Vespers @ St. Luke's | 5pm-6pm

2025 Dinner Dance Fundraiser | 6pm-9pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9:00-11:30am

Church School | 12pm-1pm



Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:

Week 1: A-Di

Week 2: Do-Ke ← Next Week's Host

Week 3: Kh-P

Week 4: Q-Z

Week 5: Entire Parish

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 8. Troparion of the Resurrection

THOU didst descend from on high,
O Merciful One! * Thou didst accept
the three day burial * to free us from
our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and
Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4. Troparion of the Church

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 4. Troparion of St. Charitina

YOUR lamb Charitina calls out to You,
O Jesus, in a loud voice: * "I love You,
my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I
endure suffering. * In baptism I was
crucified so that I might reign in You,
* and I died so that I might live with
You. * Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
* for I have offered myself in love." //
Through her prayers save our souls,
since You are merciful!

Tone 8. Kontakion of the Resurrection

BY rising from the tomb, Thou didst
raise the dead and resurrect Adam. *
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and
the world celebrates Thy rising from
the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory. *Tone 2. Kontakion of St. Charitina*

Having fortified your soul with faith

and strengthened by understanding *
you openly put the enemy to shame,
O Charitina; * you stood before Christ
wearing a robe empurpled by your
blood, All-blessed One, * and now you
rejoice with the Angels, // praying for
us, O passionbearer.

Both now. *Tone 3. Kontakion of the Church*

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

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

EPISTLE

**The Reading is from the Second Epistle
of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, what agreement has the tem-
ple of God with idols? For you are the
temple of the living God. As God has
said: "I will dwell in them and walk
among them. I will be their God, and
they shall be My people." Therefore
"Come out from among them and be
separate, says the Lord. Do not touch
what is unclean, and I will receive you.
I will be a Father to you, and you shall
be My sons and daughters, says the
LORD Almighty." Therefore, having
these promises, beloved, let us cleanse

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

Romanian: Sfinte Dumnezeule, Sfinte Tare, Sfinte Fără de moarte, Miluiește-ne pe noi
Church Slavonic: Svyati Bozhe, Svyati Krepki, Svyati Bessmertni, pomiluy nas
Arabic: Qudduson illah, Qudduson ilqawi, Qudduson illadhi, la yamoot urhamna
Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Eeskhros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas

ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Alleluia, Tone 8:

- ✠ *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*
- ✠ *Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (6:31-36)

The Lord said, "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*



A Blessed Visit: Relics of St. Olga of Kwethluk

We are honored to share that today our parish is graced by the presence of the relics of St. Olga of Kwethluk, America's most recently canonized saint!

Let us welcome them with reverence and gratitude, as we celebrate the life and witness of St. Olga (Matushka Olga Michael) — the first North American woman and first Yup'ik saint canonized by the Orthodox Church in America.

Please join us to venerate the relics, offer prayers, and enter more deeply into her inspiring example of humble service, healing, and compassion.



Matins & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Today @ 9am-11:30am

We are very pleased to announce that His Grace, Bishop Andrei, plans to visit our parish today. Please be sure to welcome him on this occasion!

Orthodox Etiquette: Meeting a Bishop:

- Do a metania (touch the floor or bow).
- Hold your hands palms-up, your right hand over your left, and say "Master, bless!"
- When offered, kiss the top of his right hand.

ORTHODOX
EDUCATION
DAY *Ask a Scholar!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT
FREE TO ATTEND

DR. IONUȚ-ALEXANDRU
TUDORIE & REV. PDN. DR. PETER
DANILCHICK

SESSION 10:05-11:00 a.m. EDT
1 *Servant, Sacrifice, Shepherd, Leader:
The Theology of Leadership*

Register at: WWW.SVOTS.EDU/EVENTS

 ST. VLADIMIR'S
ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



****Updated****
Fellowship Hour
Groups & Leaders

Week 1: A-Di — Jon C. & Matt C.

Week 2: Do-Ke — Edward H. & Alison J.

Week 3: Kh-P — Melanie K. & Tom P.

Week 4: Q-Z — Nathan & Charity W.

Week 5: Entire Parish — Dsa. Irene L., Alyssa M.

**We Can Help You
Join Realm Today!**

Our parish uses [Realm](#) (available on browser or app) to share real-time updates on activities, ministries, and other church activities. 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 Lacie Faber during Fellowship Hour (or email lacie@stmaryorthodox.org) and we'll get you set up!



Save the Date

Services, holidays, and other events

OCTOBER

St. Mary's Dinner Dance Fundraiser | Saturday, Oct. 11 @ 6pm at St. Luke's in McLean (Vespers @ St. Luke's at 5pm)

Women's Bible Study | Oct. 17 @ 6:30-8pm

Men's Fellowship | Oct. 19 @ 6pm-8pm

Divine Liturgy of St. James | Oct. 23 @ 10am-11:30am

OCMC Missions Visit | Oct. 26 @ 12pm-1pm

Divine Liturgy | Oct. 27 @ 7-8am

Doxacon | Friday, Oct. 31 & Sunday, Nov. 1 @ Catholic University

NOVEMBER

Reader's Vespers | Nov. 5 @ 7-7:40pm

Nativity Fast | Nov 15th - Dec. 24th

DECEMBER

FOCUS Presentation | Dec. 6th @ 6-8pm

OCMC Soup Luncheon | Dec. 7th @ 12pm-1pm

Gift Exchange Party (No-Sales Consignment) | Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 3-5pm

Upcoming Events & Outings

Get Your Doxacon Tickets or T-Shirts Today!

Regular tickets are \$65 | \$25 student | \$20 T-shirts

Doxacon's theme this year is catharsis. Scroll down our homepage at www.doxacon.org to see all the ways our speakers plan to address this theme. You may even see a couple of familiar faces. Doxacon takes place this year at the Catholic University of America, Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Register here: tinyurl.com/3vks2hs6 We hope to see you there!



DC Mission Walk: Orthodox Christian Mission Center

Join missionaries to Guatemala, Dr. Juanita & Jesse Brandow, on Saturday, October 25 @ 2pm in Vienna, Virginia's wooded Foxstone Park trail along Wolftrap Creek at the intersection of East St. NE, and Ayr Hill Rd, NE trail start. Sponsored by the DC Area Orthodox Missions Forum. RSVP for the Mission Walk: michael.bosworth@mac.com. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yc53fjj9> for more information.

No-Sales Consignment & Gift Exchange

Join us on Saturday, December 13th, 2025 @ 3-5pm to clean out, bless others, and find "new-to-you" treasures—no money exchanged. Bring gently loved, gift-worthy items (household, toys, books, accessories), take what you'll use. Please arrive with items sorted and bring a bag to carry finds home. Leftovers will be donated. All are welcome!

Baby Hobbs Baptism Next Week

On Sunday, October 12th, baby Hobbs is getting baptized at 2:30pm at Ss. Peter & Paul in Potomac, MD. It will be co-celebrated with Fr. David & Fr. Luke. All are welcome to join!



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the
News

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Parish News & Announcements

Forming a Safety Ministry at St. Mary's

St. Mary's is forming a new Safety Ministry to strengthen our parish's preparedness and care in times of need. Two core teams will serve:



- **Safety Team** – Trained in situational awareness, emergency response, and church security.
- **Medical Team** – Composed of medical professionals and others trained to provide first aid and emergency care.

We are now recruiting first responders, medical professionals, and parish volunteers. If you would like to join, please contact Ioana M. via Realm.

Hop on the Meal Train for Baby Subu!

Fr. David & Psa. Stephanie are now joyful grandparents—we welcome your support as Stephen & Victoria adjust to life with the wonderful Baby Timmy! Please consider providing a meal here: www.mealtrain.com/trains/n95d8e.



Lost & Found

Our lost and found basket is almost full—please look and see if any of the item are your lost treasures. The items will be donated at the end of October.



Join us for the Doxacast Remix!

Catch our NEW episode of the Doxacast Remix podcast is Regeneration, Resurrection, and Doctor Who. To hear this and other conversations, visit our home on Ancient Faith Radio <https://tinyurl.com/89s9kdj6> or check us out on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or Pocketcasts.

Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie Faber at lacie@stmaryorthodox.org

Newsletter deadline | Monday, Oct. 27 (for November issue)

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



God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Lily C.

Namedays St. Tikhon of Moscow, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Kenneth of Kilkenny

Anniversaries None.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday Liturgy | 9am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

Saturday Great Vespers | Saturday, 5pm-6pm

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

Women's Bible Study | 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30pm-8pm

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

Fellowship of Moms | Monthly, after a morning Divine Liturgy TBD

Philokalia Book Group | Fridays, 3pm-4pm

Reel Women | Monthly, on a Tuesday TBD



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!