



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | OCTOBER 12, 2025

Tone 1 • 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Fellowship Hour, served by Group Do-Ke

12pm-1pm — Church School

This Week At St. Mary's

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Divine Liturgy | 7-8am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Vespers | 7pm–7:40pm

Financial Peace University | 7:45pm–9pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Philokalia Book Study | 3pm–4pm

Women's Bible Study | 6:30pm-8pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Baptism: Barbulescu | 10am-11am

Wedding | 2pm-4pm

Adult Catechism I (online) | 3pm-4:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Church School | 12pm-1pm

Men's Fellowship | 6pm-8pm



Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:

Week 1: A-Di

Week 2: Do-Ke

Week 3: Kh-P ← Next Week's Host

Week 4: Q-Z

Week 5: Entire Parish

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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 8. Troparion of the Fathers

YOU are most glorious, O Christ our God! * You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. * Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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 6. Kontakion of the Fathers*

THE Son Who shone forth from the Father * was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. * Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, * but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. * Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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 supplications 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 ye righteous! Praise befits the just!*

In the fourth tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever.

EPISTLES

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11)

Brethren, “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies

— *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

seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

***The Reading is from the Epistle of
St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:7-16)***

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Alleluia, Tone 1:

- ✠ *God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!*
- ✠ *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*
- ✠ *The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

GOSPELS

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. Luke (7:11-16)***

At that time, He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. John (7:1-13)***

The Lord said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me;

and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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*



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

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****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

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

Baptism | Oct. 18 @ 10am-11am

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

Office Closed - ACS Conference | Oct. 20 - 22

Divine Liturgy of St. James | Oct. 23 @ 7-8:30am

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

Divine Liturgy (St. Olga) | Oct. 27 @ 7-8am

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

NOVEMBER

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

Office Closed | Nov. 4-20

Nativity Fast | Nov. 15th - Dec. 24th

Men's Fellowship | Nov. 16th @ 6-8pm

Women's Bible Study | Nov. 21 @ 6:30-8pm

Baptism: Shin | Nov. 29 @ 11am-1pm

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

Less than three weeks to Doxacon!

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 Today!

Today, 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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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!



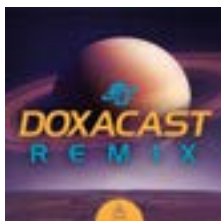
Fr. David & Psa. Stephanie are now joyful grandparents—we welcome your support as Stephen & Victoria adjust to life with the wonderful Baby Timmy! Please consider providing a meal here: www.mealtrain.com/trains/n95d8e.



Lost & Found

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

Join us for the Doxacast Remix!



Grab the popcorn and enjoy our NEW Godzilla-friendly episode: Monsters from the Deep and Visitations from the Sky: Kaiju, Aliens, and Catharsis. 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 Nick D., Liviu D., Isa K., Alexandra L., Stephanie T.
Namedays St. Luke the Apostle
Anniversaries Jim & Ioana M.

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!