



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | OCTOBER 26, 2025

Tone 3 • 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Fellowship Hour, sponsored by the

OCMC Soup Luncheon served by Group Q-Z

12pm-1pm — Church School

12pm-1pm — OCMC Missions Visit: Brandows

6pm-7pm — Vespers

This Week At St. Mary's

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Divine Liturgy | 7am-8am

Parish Council | 7pm-9pm

Reel Women | 6pm-9pm (confirm on
Realm)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Vespers | 7pm-7:40pm

Financial Peace University | 7:45pm-
9pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Doxacon @ Catholic University

Philokalia Book Study | 3:00-4:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Memorial Saturday

Doxacon @ Catholic University

Adult Catechism I: The Faith | 3:00-
4:30pm (online only)

Great Vespers | 5pm-6pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

Wedding @ St. Sophia GOC | 4pm-5pm



Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:

Week 1: A-Di ← Next Week's Host

Week 2: Do-Ke

Week 3: Kh-P

Week 4: Q-Z

Week 5: Entire Parish

Parish Priest: Fr. David Subu | Parish Council President: David Dill

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 3. Troparion of the Resurrection

LET the heavens rejoice! * Let the earth be glad! * For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. * He has trampled down death by death. * He has become the first born of the dead. * He has delivered us from the depths of hell, * and has granted the world // great mercy.

Tone 8. Troparion of the Earthquake

O CHRIST our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles; * deliver us from the terrible threat of earth-quakes; // and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Your abundant mercy and save us!

Tone 4. Troparion of the church

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast with joy * illuminated 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 3. Troparion of St. Demetrius

THE world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation * and a vanquisher of heathens, O Pas-sion-bearer. * As you bolstered the courage of Nestor, * who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle, // Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

Tone 3. Kontakion of the Resurrection

ON this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, * leading us from the gates of death. * On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; * with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 6. Kontakion of the Earthquake

DELIVER us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord, * and spare Your people whom You have purchased with Your blood, O Master! * Do not deliver Your city to destruction by terrible earth-quakes, * for we know no other God but You; * and to those who cry out You respond: // “I am with you, and no one will be against you.”

Glory. Tone 2. Kontakion of St. Demetrius

GOD, Who has given you invincible might, * has tinged the Church with streams of your blood, Demetrius. * He preserves your city from harm, // for you are its foundation.

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 sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!

— *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

✠ *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

In the seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, / and shall hope in Him!!

EPISTLES

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

Brethren, the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (2:1-10)

Brethren, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus

Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Alleluia, Tone 4:

- ✠ *O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us.*
- ✠ *You have made the earth to tremble, You have broken it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken!*
- ✠ *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

GOSPELS

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (16:19-31)

At that time, there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and

saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. John (15:17-16:2)***

And the Lord said, "These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If

I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

COMMUNION HYMN

- ✠ *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*





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!

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.

Save the Date

Services, holidays, and other events

NOVEMBER

Office Closed | Nov. 4-20

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

Reel Women | Nov. 10

Nativity Pageant Practice (Children/Youth) | Nov. 8, 15, 22

YAM Game Night | Nov. 8th @ 5pm

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

St. Nicholas Retreat & Nativity Pageant Practice | Dec. 6th

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

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

Nativity Pageant | Dec. 13 @ 5pm

Great Vespers w/Group Confession | Dec. 13th 5-6:30pm

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th)

Royal Hours | 10am - 12pm

Vespertal Liturgy | 5pm-6:30pm

Candlelight Vigil | 10pm - 11:30pm

Christmas Day (Dec. 25th)

Christmas Liturgy | 10am-11:30am

Upcoming Events & Outings

Less than a week until Doxacon!

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/3vk-s2hs6—tickets also available at the door. We hope to see you there!

Attend a FOCUS Service Retreat with Steve Christoforou

FOCUS North America is hosting three evening service retreats this fall as we explore launching a FOCUS Center in the DMV. Each night begins with Vespers at 5pm, followed by dinner, presentation, and Q&A until 8pm. St Mary's will be hosting on Sat., Dec. 6th. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/3a7eerup>

This Tuesday: Reel Women Movie Night!

Join us the evening of Tuesday, October 28th for our next Reel women gathering! Movie options will be posted in the Realm group and voting is open until 5pm today—don't forget to login and vote for your pick!

Network with other Orthodox Young Adults & Professionals at the upcoming Gala

Join for a dazzling evening of music, dancing, and glamour with live music, DC, a photo booth, an open bar, and more! The gala will be hosted by Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Potomac, MD - visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdh6bums> or scan for more information!



Click with Caution: Recognizing Scams and Staying Safe in the Age of AI

We all know the internet can be a dangerous place. In Click with Caution, you will learn how to recognize some of the latest AI-enabled online cons, from phishing emails, to spoofed text messages, and even phone and voice calls impersonating your loved ones. Join cyber intelligence analyst and fellow parishioner Jeff M. on Nov. 23rd @ 12:30pm during fellowship hour to learn all about how to mitigate these risks!



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Parish News & Announcements

On Behalf of All: St. Mary's Joins National GOARCH Pilot for an Accessible Diving Liturgy - join today!

We are taking steps towards an accessible Divine Liturgy, especially for children with disabilities. Please join our new ministry dedicated to making our parish life accessible for all! Who should join:

- Individuals with specific needs to attend liturgy;
- Individuals with family members with specific needs;
- Specific needs support professionals;
- Anyone with an interest in supporting our parish's accessibility for all people!



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2syxy88r> or scan code to join!

Join the Psalter Group for Nativity Fast

Prepare for the Nativity Fast by joining our Psalter Prayer Group, a simple yet powerful way to grow in daily prayer. Each participant is assigned a portion of the Psalter so that, together, we pray through all 150 psalms every day of the fast. The group meets virtually through Realm and prays individually from Nov. 15–Dec. 24. No special Psalter book is needed—your Bible works just fine! Sign up begins Oct. 24th to get assigned portions for the upcoming fast. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yun4c6h6> or scan code to join!



Join us for the Doxacast Remix!



In our NEW episode, parishioner Allison Franklin-Jordan talks with us about Brokenness and Change in Avatar: The Last Airbender and My Hero Academia. 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 Cassia E., Joseph J., Dorina M., Tom P., Seraphina S., Luke R.

Namedays St. Anastasia the Roman, St. John of Chicago

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!