



# St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | NOVEMBER 16, 2025

**Tone 6 • 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Sunday of Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew*

## Today's Schedule

9:40am — Hours  
10:00am — Divine Liturgy  
*Following the service:*  
*Fellowship Hour, served by Group Kh-P*  
12pm-1pm — Church School

## This Week At St. Mary's

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

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Philokalia Book Study | 3-4pm  
Women's Bible Study | 6:30-8pm

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Adult Catechism | 3-4:30pm  
Nativity Pageant Practice | 4-4:45pm  
Great Vespers | 5pm-6pm

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**IOCC Sunday**  
Matins, Catechumen Prayer & Divine  
Liturgy | 9:00-11:30am  
Church School | Noon-1pm  
\*New Date\* Men's Fellowship @ the  
Faber Residence | 6pm-8pm

Reminder: Office Closed -  
November 4th-20th

**Nativity Fast — November 15th-24th**



### **Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:**

Week 1: A-Di  
Week 2: Do-Ke  
Week 3: Kh-P  
Week 4: Q-Z ← **Next Week's Host**  
Week 5: Entire Parish

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### *Tone 6. Troparion of the Resurrection*

THE Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; \* the guards became as dead men. \* Mary stood by Your grave, \* seeking Your most pure body. \* You captured hell, not being tempted by it. \* You came to the Virgin, granting life. \* O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

### *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 3. Troparion of St. Matthew*

WITH zeal you followed Christ the Master, \* Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind. \* Summoning you from the customs house, \* He revealed you as a chosen apostle: \* the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world. \* Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew, \* we honor your precious memory. // Entreat the merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions!

### *Tone 6. Kontakion of the Resurrection*

WHEN Christ God, the Giver of Life, \* raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, \* He bestowed resurrection on the human

race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Glory.** *Tone 4. Kontakion of St. Matthew*

CASTING aside the bonds of the customs house for the yoke of justice, \* you were revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high. \* You proclaimed the word of truth \* and roused the souls of the slothful // by writing of the hour of Judgment.

### **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 sixth tone:** O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!

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

**In the eighth tone:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

## EPISTLES

*The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)*

*Brethren*, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together

### — *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

with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)*

*Brethren*, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

*Alleluia, Tone 6:*

✠ *He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.*

✠ *He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!*

*Alleluia, Tone 1:*

✠ *The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints.*

## GOSPELS

*The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (10:25-37)*

*At that time*, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think

was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel  
According to St. Matthew (9:9-13)***

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

### COMMUNION HYMN

- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens!  
Praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ *Their proclamation has gone out into  
all the earth, / and their words to the  
ends of the universe!*
- ✠ *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



**Saint Mary**  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Make a Good Thing Better.

We are pleased that our parish has been selected to participate in the Effective Parish Assessment by Orthodox Ministry Services to take an honest look at our strengths, identify areas for improvement, and ensure that our beloved community continues to grow and thrive for future generations. The professional results will inform development of St. Mary's new strategic plan and ministry priorities.

- ✓ Multiple choice survey and easy to complete on computer or smartphone
- ✓ Completely anonymous
- ✓ All parishioners are encouraged to participate, even if you do not regularly attend

Launches  
December 6

**COMING  
SOON!**



## 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](mailto:lacie@stmaryorthodox.org)) and we'll get you set up!



**CELEBRATE IOCC'S WORK**  
**IOCC Sunday | Nov. 23, 2025**

*Get started at [ioccsunday.org](http://ioccsunday.org)*

## Save the Date

*Services, holidays, and other events*

### NOVEMBER

**Office Closed** | Nov. 4-20

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

**Men's Fellowship** | Nov. 23rd @ 6-8pm (Faber Residence)

**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

**Memorial: Miroy** | Dec. 7th @ 11:30am

**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

## **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 McCarty on Nov. 23rd @ 12:30pm during fellowship hour to learn all about how to mitigate these risks!

## **Attend the Safety Ministry Launch Meeting**

If you're interested in participating in the new Safety Ministry, mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 23rd @ 1pm (after the Click with Caution training) for an introductory meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Interested in learning more? Contact Ioana M. on Realm.

## **Learn about FOCUS North America and Help Bring a Center to the DMV**

Register to attend a FOCUS retreat on Sat., Dec. 6th (after the St. Nicholas Retreat for a double dose of fun!) which includes dinner, talk, and Q&A with Steve Christoforou with the goal of building momentum for a FOCUS Center in the DMV. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/3a7eerup>.

## **Calling all Church School Students to Join Nativity Pageant Practice!**

As we enter the nativity season, our youth are invited to celebrate by joining in preparations for our nativity pageant on Dec. 13th after vespers. Practices will be held on Nov. 15th and Nov. 22nd from 4pm-4:45pm and on Dec. 6th during the St. Nicholas Retreat (details forthcoming).



## **Save the Date: Reel Women Movie Night!**

Join us the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 9th for our next Reel Women gathering! Movie options will be posted in the Realm group the week before—don't forget to login and vote for your pick!



# Parish News & Announcements

## Donate Non-Perishable Goods to Falls Church Food Pantry this Advent Season

Our Community Outreach Ministry highlights that donations will be received in the the donation box downstairs outside the restrooms and **particular needs include:**

- Diapers: larger sizes needed, size 4 and up.
- Canned pasta meals like ravioli, spaghetti-os, etc.
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Cooking oil
- Quart size shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter and
- jelly/jam
- Oatmeal
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Masa flour
- 2-4lb bags of sugar
- 2-4lb bags of rice
- Instant and Ground Coffee
- Pasta sauce and spaghetti
- Mayo, ketchup, &
- mustard
- Laundry detergent
- Dish washing liquid
- Bar soap and body wash
- Shampoo
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Toothbrushes for both children and adults
- Toothpaste

## Donate to Toys for Tots

**What:** New, packaged toys for ages 0-12 years

**Where:** Donation Box in the Fellowship Hall

**When:** November 15-December 11



## Help Us Reach our Matching Campaign Goal

Our parish has outgrown its space, and we're preparing for the next stage of growth! Two generous donors are matching all gifts up to \$20,000 toward our Capital Fund now through the end of the year. Every dollar you give will be doubled to help us build a more spacious and accessible St. Mary's.



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

Contact Lacie Faber at [lacie@stmaryorthodox.org](mailto:lacie@stmaryorthodox.org)

Newsletter deadline | Monday, Nov. 24 (for Dec. issue)

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

# God Grant You Many Years!



**Birthdays** Dn. Nicholas D., Maria D., Stephen S., Christopher T., Raphael Z.

**Namedays** Entry of the Theotokos, St. Matthew the Apostle,

**Anniversaries** Nathan & Charity W.

## 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!***