



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Tone 1 • Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins
10:00am — Divine Liturgy
Following the service:
Fellowship Hour hosted by Parish Council
& Group A-Di
(No Church School)
1:00pm — Festal Vespers

This Week At St. Mary's

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

MONDAY, FEBRAURY 2

Festal Liturgy with Blessing of Candles | 7-8am

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Intro. to Byzantine Notation | 7:30-8:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Philokalia Book Study | 3-4pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Baptism: Thompson | 11am-12pm
Adult Catechism | 3-4:30pm
Great Vespers | 5-6pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am
Dn. Nicholas & Dsa. Cathy Farewell
Church School | 12-1pm

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



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 1. Troparion of the Forefeast

THE celestial choir of heavenly Angels * bends down to the earth * and sees the First-born of all creation being carried into the Temple as a Babe * by a Mother who has not known man, * and in amazement they sing along with us // a hymn of the Forefeast.

Glory. Tone 4. Kontakion from the Triodion

LET us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! * Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! * Let us cry to our Savior: * “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

Both now. Tone 6. Kontakion of the Forefeast

THE Word unseen with the Father, * now is seen in the flesh, ineffably born of the Virgin, * and is given into the arms of the priest and Elder. // Let us worship Him, our True 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!*

EPISTLE*The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (3:10-15)*

Brethren, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1:

℣ *God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!*

℣ *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with*

— 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 Eeskiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas

Spanish: Santo Dios, Santo Fuerte, Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros

David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

GOSPEL

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. Luke (18:10-14)***

The Lord said this parable, "two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

COMMUNION HYMNS

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





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CGS LENTEN RETREAT



3 days | \$100/camper | 2 nights

March 6-8, 2026

Camp Plankatank
1586 Stampers Bay Rd Box 435
Hartfield, VA 23071

Retreat Theme: Coming Home

"Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Joel 2:13

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Fellowship Hour Groups & Leaders

Week 1: A-Di – Jon C. & Matt C.

Week 2: Do-Ke – Allison J. & Vacancy

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 laicie@stmaryorthodox.org) and we'll get you set up!

Save the Date

Services, holidays, and other events

FEBRUARY

Memorial Liturgy | Feb. 14th @ 10-11:30am

St. Mary Tea | Feb. 14th @ 2:30-4:30pm

Meatfare/Last Judgement | Feb. 15th

Reel Women | Feb. 16th

Parish Council | Feb. 16th @ 7-9pm

Baptism: Martinez | Feb. 21st @ 11am-12pm

Financial Peace University begins | Feb. 21st @ 10-11:30am

Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday | Feb. 22nd

Great Canon | Feb. 23-26 @ 7-8:30pm

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | Feb. 27 @ 10:30am-12pm

Akathist | Feb. 27 @ 6-7pm

Baptism: Salem | Feb. 28 @ 11am-1pm

MARCH

Sunday of Orthodoxy & Parish Assembly (& Children's Movie) | Mar. 1st @ 12:30-2pm

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | Mar. 4 @ 7-8:30pm

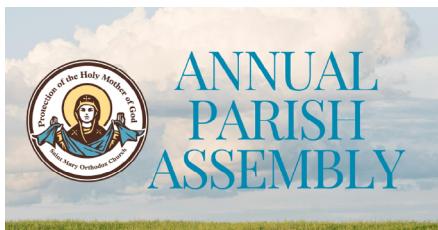
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | Mar. 6 @ 10:30am-12pm

Akathist | Mar. 6 @ 6-7pm

Visit stmaryorthodox.org/calendar for complete and updated listings!



Upcoming Events & Outings



****New Date** Parish Assembly is on Mar. 1st**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend St. Mary's Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday, March 1st, after Divine Liturgy. This important gathering is an opportunity reflect on the life of our parish over the past year, hear updates from clergy and

parish leadership, review financial and ministry reports, and look ahead to the year to come! ***Update* Children/Youth will be hosted in the basement for movie and snacks during the assembly.**



St. Mary Tea

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

All are welcome to this family-friendly event and encouraged to invite guests!

Saturday, Feb 14, 2026
2:30-4:30pm

Enjoy sweets, snacks, tea & coffee--a great Valentine's Day treat!

RSVP TODAY!



Parish News & Announcements

Welcome to Winter 2026!

What a winter it has been—as many of us are still digging out—or even axing out—from the aftermath of Winter Storm Fern, we wanted to take a moment to express our hope that everyone has fared well and has the provisions and support needed during this season.

As we begin the new year and enter the pre-Lenten period, our parish leadership is working thoughtfully to balance a challenging reality: while some terrain and weather-related issues may persist, we are also called to continue our life together as a community as best we can. This often means rescheduling events and activities, navigating calendar conflicts, coordinating preparations across multiple ministries, and absorbing the financial and logistical impacts that can accompany last-minute changes and competing needs.

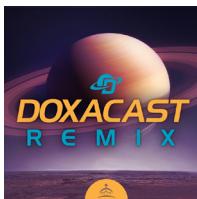
In this season, we also invite parishioners to look for simple ways to serve one another—shoveling a neighbor's driveway, offering a ride to someone snow-bound, or checking in on those who may need extra help. The health of our parish community depends on each of us.

We humbly ask for your grace and patience as leadership seeks to balance the many needs of our parishioners and ministries, and we encourage one another to live at peace as we prayerfully discern what best serves the parish as a whole. Many of these decisions are unfolding quickly, and while that can be difficult, please know we remain committed to transparent and frequent communication across our parish platforms. Thank you for your flexibility, care, and continued love for one another as we walk this season together.

Join us for the Doxacast Remix!

Check out our NEWEST episodes on *Myst* and *Stranger Things: Ages of Myst(ery)* and *Heroes Just fo One Day: An End to Stranger Things. Ages of Myst(ery)*

features St. Mary's parishioners Jos and Maggie Johnson alongside our 2025 Clergy Keynote, Fr. Evan Cummings. To hear these 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 lagie@stmaryorthodox.org

Newsletter deadline | Monday, Feb. 16 (for Mar/Lent Issue)

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

God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Sdn. Nick J., Alexis K., Helena K., Sarah V.

Namedays St. Anne

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!