



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Tone 2 • Afterfeast of the Meeting
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins
10:00am — Divine Liturgy
Following the service:

*Dn. & Dsa. Farewell with
support from Fellowship Hour group Do-Ke
No Church School*

This Week At St. Mary's

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

St. Mary Tea | 2:30-4:30pm

Great Vespers | 5-6pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Philokalia Book Study | 3-4pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Judgement Sunday/Meatfare Sunday

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am

Church School | 12-1pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Memorial Liturgy | 10-11:30am

Adult Catechism | 12-1:30pm

Clergy Conference - Office Closed - Feb. 9-13



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 2. Troparion of the Resurrection*

WHEN Thou didst descend to death,
O Life immortal, * Thou didst slay hell
with the splendor of Thy Godhead. * And
when from the depths Thou didst raise
the dead, * all the powers of heaven cried
out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God,
glory to Thee!”

Tone 1. Troparion of the Feast

REJOICE, O Virgin Theotokos, Full
of Grace! * From you shone the Sun
of Righteousness, Christ our God, *
enlightening those who sat in dark-
ness. * Rejoice and be glad, O right-
eous Elder, * you accepted in your
arms the Redeemer of our souls, //
Who grants us the Resurrection!

*Glory. Tone 3. Kontakion
from the Lenten Triodion*

I HAVE recklessly forgotten Your glo-
ry, O Father; * and among sinners I
have scattered the riches which You
had given me. * Therefore I cry to
You like the Prodigal: * “I have sinned
before You, O compassionate Father;
// receive me a penitent, and make me
as one of Your hired servants!”

Both now. Tone 1. Kontakion of the Feast

BY YOUR Nativity You sanctified the
Virgin’s womb * and blessed Sime-
on’s hands, O Christ God. * Now You
have come and saved us through love.
* Grant peace to all Orthodox Chris-
tians, // O only Lover of Man!

PROKEIMENON

In the second tone: The Lord is my
strength and my song, / He is become
my salvation.

¶ *The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but He has not given me over unto
death.*

In the third tone: My soul magnifies
the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior.

EPISTLE

*The Reading is from the First Epistle of
St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20)*

Brethren, all things are lawful for
me, but all things are not helpful. All
things are lawful for me, but I will not
be brought under the power of any.
Foods for the stomach and the stom-
ach for foods, but God will destroy
both it and them. Now the body is not
for sexual immorality but for the Lord
and the Lord for the body. And God
both raised up the Lord and will also
raise us up by His power. Do you not
know that your bodies are members of
Christ? Shall I then take the members
of Christ and make them members of
a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not
know that he who is joined to a harlot
is one body with her? For “the two,”
He says, “shall become one flesh.” But
he who is joined to the Lord is one
spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorali-
ty. Every sin that a man does is outside
the body, but he who commits sexual
immorality sins against his own body.
Or do you not know that your body is
the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in
you, whom you have from God, and

— 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

you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Alleluia, Tone 2:

- ℣ *May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!*
- ℣ *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee!*

Alleluia, Tone 8:

- ℣ *Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation!*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable, “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed

him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

*Tone 3. O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, * protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, * let us the faithful discern a figure: * every male [child] that opens the womb * is holy to God. * Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, // the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN MANDARIN)

Waw men dzai tien shang duh fu
Our Father who art in heaven
 Yuan ren doh zwun nee duh ming wei sheng
Hallowed be Thy name
 Yuan nee duh guaw jiang lin
Thy kingdom come
 Yuan nee duh jir yee shing dzai dee
 shang
They will be done on earth
 Ru tuhng shing dzai tien shang
As it is in heaven
 Waw men rir yuhng duh yin shir
Our daily food and drink
 Jin rir tsih gei waw men
Give us this day
 Mien waw men duh jai
Forgive us our debts
 Ru tuhng waw men mien liao ren duh jai
As we forgive others of their debt to us
 Bu jiao waw men yü jien shir tahn
Lead us not into temptation
 Jeeoh waw men twaw lee shiung uh
But deliver us from evil
 Yin wei gwaw du, chwen bing, ruhng yow
For the kingdom, authority, honor
 Chwen shir ni duh
All are yours
 Jir dao yuhng yuen; Ah men.
Until eternity [Amen]



我們在天上的父
 願人都尊你的名為聖，
 願你的國降臨，
 願你的旨意行在地上，
 如同行在天上。
 我們日用的飲食，
 今日賜給我們。
 免我們的債，
 如同我們免了人的債，
 不叫我們遇見試探，
 救我們脫離凶惡。
 因為國度、權柄、榮耀
 全是你的，
 直到永遠。
 阿們。

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ℣ *Praise the Lord from the heavens!
Praise Him in the highest!*
- ℣ *I will receive the cup of salvation /
and call on the Name of the Lord!*
- ℣ *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*





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

Reel Women Movie Night | Feb. 16th @ 4-8pm

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

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | Mar. 11 @ 7-8:30pm

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | Mar. 13 @ 10:30am-12pm

Akathist | Mar. 13 @ 6-7pm

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



Upcoming Events & Outings



St. Mary Tea

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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

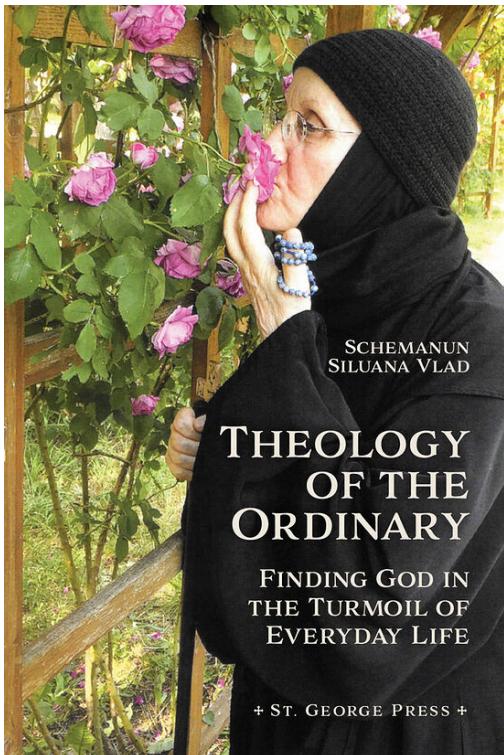
Saturday, Feb 14, 2026
2:30–4:30pm

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

RSVP TODAY!



Theology of the Ordinary – Workshop Series

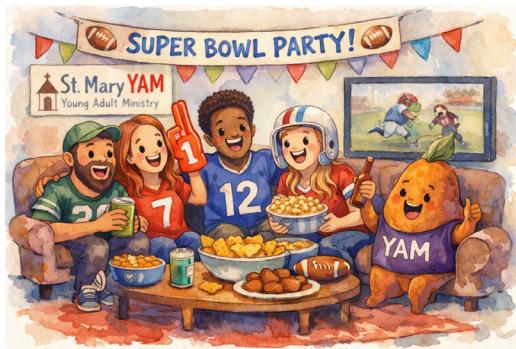


You're invited to a free online workshop series exploring how Mother Siluana Vlad's teachings can be lived in the midst of everyday life. Led by Corina Gheorghiu, LMFT, this series helps bridge the gap between inspiration and daily practice.

Workshop 1, Theology of Small Things, takes place Tuesday, February 17, 7:30–8:45 pm ET. Each workshop stands on its own, participation is free, and registration is required. Scan or register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2zum6e6k>



Parish News & Announcements



Watch the Superbowl with YAM

The Young Adult Ministry is ready for Superbowl LX which is set between the Patriots v Seahawks, if you want to watch with good company, check out the below:

When: Sunday February 8th.

Where: St. Nina house (next to St. Mary's)

Time: kickoff is at 630 feel free to come by anytime after 6.

Who: you are invited. Please bring some snacks/drinks to share.

Feel free to direct any questions to Christina J. on Realm.

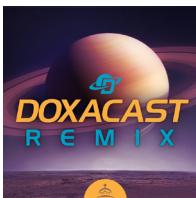
Catch a Movie with Reel Women

Reel Women Movie Night! Join us the evening of Monday February 16th for our next Reel Women gathering! Movie options will be posted in the Realm group the week before—don't forget to log in and vote for your pick!



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 conversationsTo hear this an 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. Eugene H., Maximus K., Dea M., Lucia P., Kenton S.,

Nick S.,

Namedays St. Haralambos, St. Valentina, St. Alexis of Moscow,

Ss. Priscilla & Aquila

Anniversaries Matt & Sarah V.

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!