



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | MAY 17, 2026

6th Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Blind Man

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Fellowship Hour hosted by Group Kh-P

Last Day of Church School

Nats Game Outing

This Week At St. Mary's

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

MONDAY, MAY 18

Parish Council | 7-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Paschal Liturgy | 7-8am

Festal Vespers | 7-8pm

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Holy Ascension

Festal Liturgy | 10-11am

Fellowship of Moms | 11:30am-
12:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Baptism: Jones | 10-11am

Wedding: Knight-Jangmanee | 2-4pm

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am

Memorial: Jordan | 12-12:30pm

Men's Fellowship | 6-8pm



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 5. Troparion of the Resurrection

LET us, the faithful, praise and wor-
ship the Word, * co-eternal with the
Father and the Spirit, * born for our
salvation from the Virgin; * for He
willed to be lifted up on the Cross
in the flesh, * to endure death, * and
to raise the dead // by His glorious
Resurrection.

Glory. Tone 4. Kontakion of the Pentecostarion

I COME to You, O Christ, blind from
birth in my spiritual eyes, * and call to
You in repentance: // “You are the most
radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Both now. Tone 8. Kontakion of Pascha

THOU didst descend into the tomb,
O Immortal, * Thou didst destroy
the power of death. * In victory didst
Thou arise, O Christ God, * proclaim-
ing, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing
Women, // granting peace to Thine
Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection
on the fallen.

PROKEIMENON

In the eighth tone: Pray and make
your vows / before the Lord, our God!!

✠ *In Judah God is known; His name is
great in Israel.*

EPISTLE

*The Reading is from the Acts of
the Holy Apostles (16:16-34)*

*In those days, as we apostles were going
to the place of prayer, a certain slave
girl possessed with a spirit of divina-
tion met us, who brought her mas-
ters much profit by fortune-telling.
This girl followed Paul and us, and
cried out, saying, “These men are the
servants of the Most High God, who
proclaim to us the way of salvation.”
And this she did for many days. But
Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said
to the spirit, “I command you in the
name of Jesus Christ to come out of
her.” And he came out that very hour.
But when her masters saw that their
hope of profit was gone, they seized
Paul and Silas and dragged them into
the marketplace to the authorities.
And they brought them to the mag-
istrates, and said, “These men, being
Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;
and they teach customs which are not
lawful for us, being Romans, to receive
or observe.” Then the multitude rose
up together against them; and the
magistrates tore off their clothes and
commanded them to be beaten with
rods. And when they had laid many
stripes on them, they threw them into
prison, commanding the jailer to keep
them securely. Having received such
a charge, he put them into the inner
prison and fastened their feet in the
stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas
were praying and singing hymns to
God, and the prisoners were listening
to them. Suddenly there was a great
earthquake, so that the foundations
of the prison were shaken; and imme-
diately all the doors were opened 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 Kreпки, Svyati Bessmertni, pomiluy nas
Arabic: Qudduson illah, Qudduson ilqawi, Qudduson illadhi, la yamoot urhamna
Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Eeskhios, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas
Spanish: Santo Dios, Santo Fuerte, Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros

everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Alleluia, Tone 8:

- ✠ *Look upon me and have mercy on me!*
 ✠ *Guide my steps according to Thy word!*

GOSPEL

*The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
 According to St. John (9:1-38)*

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the

saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said

these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY MEET

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: * "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! * Again, I say: Rejoice, * your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! * With Himself He has raised all the dead." * Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! * The glory of the Lord has shone on you. * Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! * Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, * in the Resurrection of your Son!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN SPANISH)

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.

Perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.

No nos metas en tentación, sino líbranos del mal.

[Porque Tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la Gloria, del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos, amen.]

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ *Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!*
- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ *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. & Dylan S.

Week 5: Entire Parish — Dsa. Irene L., Alyssa M.



Join Realm Today!

Our parish uses [Realm](#) (available on browser or app) to share real-time updates on activities, ministries, and other church activities. 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

MAY

Memorial Liturgy | May 30 @ 10am

Festal Matins, Liturgy, and Kneeling Vespers | May 31 @ 9am-12pm

JUNE

Divine Liturgy | June 1 @ 7am

Baptism: Burk | June 6 @ 11am

Church School Recognition Day & Ice Cream Truck | June 7 @ 11:30am

Divine Liturgy | June 9 @ 7am

Parish Council | June 15 @ 7pm

Divine Liturgy | June 24 @ 7am

Office Closed | June 25 - July 6

JULY

Vacation Church School | July 27-31

AUGUST

Ministry Fair | August 30

OCTOBER

Dinner Dance | October 3 @ 6pm

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 23-25, 2026

Fellowship of St.
Moses The Black 33rd
Annual Conference

Saints Peter & Paul
Romanian Orthodox Church
Dearborn Heights, MI



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

Upcoming Events & Outings

Grab an Ice Cream on Church School Recognition Sunday on June 7th

We'll gather in the nave for a short, joyful program celebrating our students and teachers, along with a brief look ahead to the coming year. To make the day festive, a Mister Softee ice cream truck will join us! All Church School students and teachers receive a complimentary treat, and others are welcome to purchase as well (11:30am-1:30pm). Rain or shine, come celebrate the close of the Church School year and the start of summer together!



Register Your Child for VCS 2026 - Becoming Blessed: Living the Beatitudes

Join us July 27-31 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM for "Becoming Blessed: Living the Beatitudes," a peaceful and joyful Orthodox Christian Vacation Church School for children ages 4-12. Children will explore the Beatitudes through Scripture, saints, prayer, crafts, outdoor activities, gardens, sacred beauty, and service projects — including building a St. Olga of Alaska prayer shrine and a child-



sized prayer space in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd garden. We are excited to welcome children from St. Mary's, neighboring Orthodox parishes, and our local community! Scan to register:

Volunteers Needed for VCS!

We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers (ages 13+) to help with crafts, games, hospitality, outdoor activities, setup, and supporting our youth throughout the week. Teen volunteers may earn community service/leadership hours. Registration and volunteer sign-ups are now open through Realm (scan and select "Vacation Church School 2026 Leaders" to select your preferred volunteer role). You can also email laocie@stmmaryorthodox.org to learn more.



Parish News & Announcements

Submit your SWOT Submission Forms by May 26!

As St. Mary embraces a season of strategic planning and reflection, we invite all parishioners to participate in a brief SWOT exercise identifying our parish's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. The feedback gathered will help parish leadership better understand the needs, hopes, and priorities of our community as we plan for the future life and growth of the parish. We encourage all parishioners to participate, whether you are deeply involved in parish life or attend more occasionally—every perspective is valuable. Please take a few moments to complete the attached form and return it either in the folder outside Fr. David's office or by email to our third-party facilitator - please scan to find all the information you need or visit: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Parishwide-SWOT-Submission-Information--In-Person--Virtual-Options-.html?soid=1142280598393&aid=CD3gj6eZzd>



The Meal Train Rolls on!

Extended friend of the parish Joyce recently had surgery to alleviate a painful hip condition, and Fr. David is coordinating this meal train to assist with her recovery. If you wish to cook meals, you can deliver them directly to Joyce in Arlington or bring them to St. Mary and Father will deliver them himself. Visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1r7zmq> or scan code to sign up. Thank you for assisting this woman in need!



Gathering Gardeners Needs You!

Come help us lovingly care for the beautiful grounds God has entrusted to us. Gathering Gardeners is an informal, all-ages group (0-99!) dedicated to tending our parish grounds through planting, weeding, watering, fertilizing, and seasonal care. Whether you have a green thumb or just a willing heart, there's a place for you here. Come when you can, bring what you have, and help us make something beautiful for the glory of God - join our group on Realm to connect!



Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie Faber at lacie@stmaryorthodox.org

Newsletter deadline | Monday, May 25 (for June Issue)

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

God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Chris G., Symeon J., Fotina N., Melanie T.
Namedays St. Lydia, St. Helen
Anniversaries Rafael & Barbara A., Kai & Emma J.

Need to chat? Whether you're seeking a home blessing, pastoral guidance and care, exploring Orthodoxy, or simply need a place to share what's on your heart, let's talk.

Visit <https://calendly.com/frdavid-p308/>, scan the QR, or email frdavid@stmaryorthodox.org to get on Fr. David's calendar!



Giving to St. Mary's

We are a percentage-based giving parish on the way to tithing. Please consider identifying a percentage of your monthly income as your designated, recurring gift. 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
- scan this QR code with your phone 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!