



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | AUGUST 16, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

*Afterfeast of the Dormition - Translation of the Image "Not-Made-by-Hands"
of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople*

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

*Fellowship Hour Sponsored by Group
Kh-P*

This Week At St. Mary's

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Philokalia Book Study | 3–4pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Great Vespers | 5–6pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9–11:30am



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

** Note: Updated Group Assignments Starting in
September **

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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 2. Troparion of the Image

WE venerate Your most pure image,
O Good One; * and ask forgiveness of
our transgressions, O Christ our God.
* Of Your own will You were pleased
to ascend the Cross in the flesh * and
deliver Your creatures from bondage
to the Enemy. * Therefore with thank-
fulness we cry aloud to You: * “You
have filled all with joy, O our Savior,
// by coming to save the world.”

Tone 1. Troparion of the Dormition

IN giving birth you preserved your
virginity. * In falling asleep you did
not forsake the world, O Theotokos. *
You were translated to life O Mother of
Life, // and by your prayers you deliver
our souls from death.

Tone 2. Kontakion of the Resurrection

HELL became afraid, O almighty Savior,
* seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrec-
tion from the tomb! * The dead arose!
Creation, with Adam, beheld this and
rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my
Savior, praises Thee forever.

Glory. Tone 2. Kontakion of the Image

UNCIRCUMSCRIBED Word of the

Father, * as we behold the victorious
image of Your true incarnation, * not
made by hands, but divinely wrought
* in Your ineffable and divine dispen-
sation towards us, // we honor it with
veneration.

Both now. Tone 2. Kontakion of Dormition

NEITHER the tomb, nor death, could
hold the Theotokos, * who is constant
in prayer and our firm hope in her
intercessions. * For being the Moth-
er of Life, // she was translated to life
by the One Who dwelt in her virginal
womb.

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 fourth tone: Sing to the Lord
a new song, / for the Lord hath done
marvelous things!

EPISTLE

*The Reading is from First Epistle of
St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)*

Brethren, if I am not an apostle to oth-
ers, yet doubtless I am to you. For you
are the seal of my apostleship in the
Lord. My defense to those who exam-
ine me is this: Do we have no right to
eat and drink? Do we have no right
to take along a believing wife, as do
also the other apostles, the brothers
of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only

— *The Trisagion in Other Languages (Transliterated)* —

Romanian: Sfinte Dumnezeule, Sfinte Tare, Sfinte Fără de moarte, Miluieste-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 Eeskhios, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas
Spanish: Santo Dios, Santo Fuerte, Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros

Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians (1:12-18)

Brethren, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

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 4:

- ✠ *O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever.*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord said this parable, "the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have

had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel
According to St. Luke
(9:51-56; 10:22-24)***

At that time, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." Then He turned

to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven. The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens!
Praise Him in the highest!*
- ✠ O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance. and exult in Thy Name forever!
- ✠ *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. & Vacancy

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

AUGUST

Ministry Fair | August 30

SEPTEMBER

Akathist: Inexhaustible Cup | Sept. 3

Episcopate Congress (Office Closed) | Sept. 9-12

Annual All-Parish Picnic | Sept. 13
'26-'27 Adult Catechism Begins | Sept. 19

Church School Begins | Sept. 20

OCTOBER

Akathist: Inexhaustible Cup | Oct. 1

Dinner Dance | October 3 @ 6pm

Divine Liturgy of St. James | Oct. 23 @ 10am

NOVEMBER

Doxacon | November 6-7 @ Catholic University

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

Upcoming Events & Outings

*Registration Open * End-of-Summer Youth Cookout & Gathering

Rising 7th-12th graders are invited to an end-of-summer cookout and game afternoon today at 2:00 PM at the Dill residence. We'll enjoy a potluck meal, outdoor games, and time together before the new school year begins. Church school teachers are also warmly invited to join us--please let us know if you plan to attend!



Adult Catechism Fall 2026: Doctrine & Spirituality

This fall, St. Mary's will offer an Adult Catechism course covering the Nicene Creed and the foundations of Orthodox Christian doctrine and spirituality. Our first class begins September 19 at 3:00 PM. Please register in advance; once registered, you will receive the class link and syllabus by email. Together with the Winter session, this course will help prepare St. Mary's catechumens for reception into the Orthodox Church and deepen participants' understanding of the faith expressed in the Nicene Creed.





YOU'RE INVITED: 2026 MINISTRY FAIR

**Aug. 30th**
**During Fellowship Hour**

- Discover the many ministries of St. Mary (or promote your ministry!) & get connected
- Meet ministry leaders and find new ways to get involved
- Especially helpful for new parishioners

Something for all ages!

**New Ministry Booklet**
Easily find Realm Groups & POCs

**Ministry Passport**
Collect stamps & enter for a raffle

**Swag**
Treats & Giveaways

**More info:**
<https://www.stmarysorthodox.org/ministries>

Visit and put your time, talents & resources to use!

Parish News & Announcements



Join us for the Doxacast Remix!

Join the Doxacast Remix for a discussion of the year's most controversial film: "Coming to Himself in Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey," featuring Dn. Nicholas Kotar and Amy Browning-Dill. For recaps and links to the most recent episodes, visit dox-acon.org/#podcast



Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie Faber at lacie@stmaryorthodox.org

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

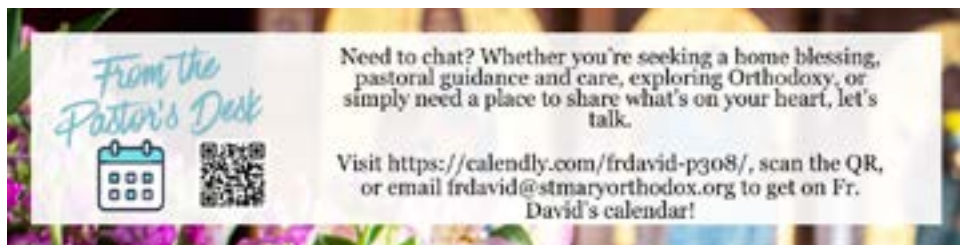
God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Matthew C., Caleb F., Inna S.

Namedays Prophet Samuel, St. Inna

Anniversaries Jeff B. & Eva F., Pete & Michaela D., Sdn. Nick & Emilia J., Fr. David & Ps. Stephanie S.



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!