



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Callistratus and his companions

Today's Schedule

9:00am — Matins

10:00am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Fellowship Hour hosted by Group Robi-Z

Church School 12-1pm

Women's Bible Study 5:30-7pm

This Week At St. Mary's

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Vespers | 7-7:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Protection of the Holy Mother of God

Divine Liturgy | 7-8am

Akathist: Inexhaustible Cup |
7-7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Philokalia Book Study | 3-4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Financial Peace University |
9-10:30am

Adult Catechism | 3-4:30pm

Great Vespers @ St. Luke's | 5-6pm

Ranch Glam Dinner Dance | 6-10pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am

Church School | 12-1pm



Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:

Week 1: A-Dua <--- Next Week's Host

Week 2: Dub-Ki

Week 3: Kn-Robe

Week 4: Robi-Z

Week 5: Entire Parish *

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 8. Troparion of the Resurrection

THOU didst descend from on high,
O Merciful One! * Thou didst accept
the three day burial * to free us from
our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and
Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4. Troparion of the church

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast
with joy * illuminated 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. Callistratus

IN contest you were strengthened by
the Holy Spirit, O Martyr Callistratus,
* and were glorious in casting down
the Enemy. * You offered a noble army
of passion-bearers * as sweet-smelling
incense to Christ. // With them pray
for us who praise you with hymns!

Tone 8. Kontakion of the Resurrection

BY rising from the tomb, Thou didst
raise the dead and resurrect Adam. *
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and
the world celebrates Thy rising from
the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory. Tone 4. Kontakion of St. Callistratus

LIKE stars you have shone upon
the world, * shedding the light of
your contests and miracles upon all
who cry to you: // “Rejoice, Martyr

Callistratus and fellow company of
martyrs!”

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 sup-
plications for us to the everlasting
God!

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 Second Epistle
of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)*

Brethren, you are the temple of the
living God. As God has said: “I will
dwell in them and walk among them.
I will be their God, and they shall be
My people.” Therefore “Come out
from among them and be separate,
says the Lord. Do not touch what is
unclean, and I will receive you.” “I
will be a Father to you, and you shall
be My sons and daughters, says the
LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having
these promises, beloved, let us cleanse
ourselves from all filthiness of the
flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness
in the fear of God.

— **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

Alleluia, Tone 8

✠ *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

✠ *Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UKRAINIAN)

Otche nash, shcho yesy na nebesakh,
Отче наш, що єси на небесах,

Nekhai svyatytsya Im'ya Tvoye.
Нехай святитись Ім'я Твоє.

Khai pryide Tsarstvo Tvoye,
Хай прийде Царство Твоє,

nekhai bude volya Tvoja

нехай буде воля Твоя

Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli

Як на небі, так і на землі

Khlib nash nasushchnyi dai nam sohodni.

Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні.

I prosty nam provyny nashi,

І прости нам провини наші,

yak i my proshchayemo vynuvatsyam nashym.

як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим.

I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,

І не введи нас у спокусу,

ale vyzvoly nas vid lukavoho.

але визволи нас від лукавого.

COMMUNION HYMNS

✠ *Praise the Lord from the heavens!*
Praise Him in the highest!

✠ *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*





**LAST!
CHANCE!**

Ranch Glam Dinner Dance

Registration extended through Wednesday, September 30!

This year's Dinner Dance may be one of our most important fundraising opportunities of the decade. All proceeds support Vision 2030: Home for Generations, helping St. Mary pursue a local property where our parish can worship, gather, serve, and grow for generations to come.

THE EVENING

6:00 PM — Cocktail Hour

6:45 PM — Candlelit Dinner

9:00 PM — Music & Dancing

Photo Booth • 50/50 Raffle • Dessert Auction • Silent Auction

SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEEK

Bid on a Greenville getaway for four, Greek dinner for four, dumpling-making dinner, National Aquarium tickets, firearm safety experience, massage/bodywork session, custom Orthodox embroidered sweater, leaf-removal service, Bringing Baby Home® Workshop, homemade Romanian sarmale, and MUCH more!

DRESS THE THEME

Think Western elegance with a little sparkle — boots, denim, fringe, turquoise, florals, suede, sequins, and hats. Theme attire is encouraged, but never required.

 Tickets: \$75

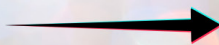


FINAL DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 30

Come for the dinner. Stay for the dancing. Bid on something great. Help build a Home for Generations.



*Register
Now*





Fellowship Hour Groups & Leaders

Week 1: A-Dua — Jon C. & Matt C.

Week 2: Dub-Ki — Allison J. & Ryan K.

Week 3: Kn-Robe — Melanie K. & Vacancy

Week 4: Robi-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

OCTOBER

Financial Peace University Begins | Oct. 3 @ 10am

Ranch Glam Dinner Dance | October 3 @ 6pm

Wednesday Night Adult Education Begins | Oct. 7 @ 7:45pm

Safety Ministry Appreciation Dinner | Oct. 17th @ 6-8pm

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

NOVEMBER

Akathist: Inexhaustible Cup | Nov. 5 @ 7-7:30pm

Doxacon | November 6-7 @ Catholic University

Nativity Fast | Nov. 15-Dec. 24th

DECEMBER

Royal Hours | Dec. 24 @ 10am-12pm

Vespers Liturgy | Dec. 24 @ 5-6:30pm

Candlelight Vigil | Dec. 24 @ 10pm-11:30pm

Christmas Liturgy | Dec. 25 @ 10-11:30am

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

Upcoming Events & Outings

Fellowship of Moms: October Playdates

Join the Fellowship of Moms for two upcoming playdates this October! Wednesday, October 14 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM Playdate @ the Zaki residence & Saturday, October 24 | 10:00 AM Playdate @ Frying Pan Farm Park! Come enjoy an easy morning of fellowship while the kids play. Please visit the Fellowship of Moms group in Realm for full details and updates.

Church School Teacher Training -- Oct. 5

All Church School teachers are encouraged to attend a brief training on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 PM. Richard S. will speak on positive redirection and classroom management. Please view the event and RSVP in the Church School Teachers group on Realm.

Community Outreach Serving Group Meeting-- Oct. 6

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be shared closer to the date on Realm. We'll discuss updates on the Little Pantry Project, volunteer opportunities for upcoming subcommittees, Advent giving ideas, and other ministry business.

Financial Peace University returns October 3!

If you're ready to reduce the mental load of debt, build a clearer path toward retirement, and create more room for generosity, this course offers practical tools and proven strategies to help you move forward with confidence. If you're interested, email Doug M. or Caleb F.

New Adult Education Course: The Psalms

Join us Wednesdays following Vespers for a new adult education course exploring the Psalms in Orthodox worship. The Psalms are woven throughout our liturgical life, from Vespers and Matins to the Divine Liturgy. Together, we'll explore selected Psalms, their biblical meaning, place in the Church's liturgical tradition, and how the Fathers have understood them. Our goal is simple: to better understand the Psalms so we can pray them more deeply in church.

When: Wednesdays, following Vespers (approximately 7:45-8:45pm)
Where: Fellowship Hall (and Live-streamed on YouTube)
Beginning: October 7

The class will be about 10 weeks long, leading up to the feast of the Nativity of Christ. We will be utilizing the Holy Transfiguration Monastery Psalter as our base text. All are welcome!

Parish News & Announcements

Thinking of Donating an Item? Please Check With Us First

We are very grateful for the generosity of parishioners who think of St. Mary's when they have items to donate. At the same time, we are working hard to make the best use of our limited storage space and have been steadily clearing duplicate and unused items—only to find that our shelves often refill faster than we can organize them. Moving forward, if you have something you believe may be useful to the parish, please check with the appropriate point of contact before bringing it in: Psa. Stephanie for general parish items, Caleb F. for Church School needs, and Juliana C. for Church Store donations. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of your generosity and our shared space!

A Reminder about Church School

We had a great kick-off to church school last week! Just as a reminder, this year, we are strictly enforcing registration and check-in/check-out procedures to help ensure the safety of all children. We kindly ask adults who are not visiting the church store, library, or restroom to avoid gathering in the basement while Church School is in session. Parents may return to check out their children when classes conclude around 1:00 PM. Any questions may be directed to Caleb F., Church School Director. Be sure to register your child if you haven't already and check Realm for updates!

Join us for the Doxacast Remix!

Join the Doxacast Remix for exciting discussions of the Broadway musical *Hadestown*, and the classic video game *Skyrim*. For recaps and links to the most recent episodes, visit doxacon.org/#podcast. For recaps and links to the most recent episodes, visit doxacon.org/#podcast.



Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie Faber at lacie@stmaryorthodox.org

Newsletter deadline | Monday, Sept. 26th (for November Issue)

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

God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Natalie F., George Z., Andrea B., Mihai B., Jason L., Matt T.

Namedays None.

Anniversaries Adrian & Mihaela B., Joseph & Margaret J., Joe & Alyssa M.

*From the
Pastor's Desk*



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!