



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | OCTOBER 25, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople

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 @ 5:30-8:00pm (see Realm for location details)

This Week At St. Mary's

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Divine Liturgy | 7-8am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Vespers | 7-7:30pm

Adult Education: Psalms in Orthodox
Worship | 7:45-8:45pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Philoklia Book Study | 3-4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Financial Peace University | 10-
11:30am

Adult Catechism | 3-4:30pm
Great Vespers | 5-6pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am

Church School I | 12-1pm

Revive Training | 12:30pm-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 4. Troparion of the Resurrection

WHEN the women disciples of the Lord * learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, * they cast away the ancestral curse * and elatedly told the apostles: * “Death is overthrown!” * Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4. Troparion of the church

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast with joy * illumined 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 the Martyrs

IN holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius * and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence. * Holy martyrs Mar-
cian and Martyrius, * unshaken bul-
warks of Orthodoxy, * entreat Christ
our God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4. Troparion to the Dormition of St. Anna

O DIVINELY wise Anna, * in thy womb
thou didst bear the pure Mother of
God, * who gaveth birth unto Life. *
Wherefore, rejoicing in glory, * thou
hast now been translated to the man-
sions of heaven, * where is the abode
of those who rejoice. O ever-blessed
one, *** beseech thou cleansing of

transgressions for those who honor
thee with love.

Tone 4. Kontakion of the Resurrection

MY Savior and Redeemer * as God
rose from the tomb and delivered
the earth-born from their chains. *
He has shattered the gates of hell, *
and as Master, // He has risen on the
third day!

Tone 4. Kontakion of the Martyrs

FROM your youth you were good ath-
letes, wise Marcian and Martyrius, *
vanquishing the Arian heretics; * you
kept the faith perfect by following
in the footsteps of your bishop and
teacher Paul, * therefore, you are
worthy to be with him in eternal life,
// as respected defenders of the Holy
Trinity.

Gloria. Tone 2. Kontakion of Spec. Mel.

WE celebrate the memory of the
forebears of Christ, * entreating them
with faith for help, * that from every
tribulation all may be delivered who
cry: * Our God is with us, *** Who
hath glorified them, as was His good
pleasure.

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!

— 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

PROKEIMENON

In the fourth tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

✠ *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!*

EPISTLE

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4:

✠ *Go forth, proper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness, and truth!*

✠ *For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (16:19-31)

The Lord said this parable, "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there

was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN GERMAN)

Vater Unser im Himmel,
Geheiligt werde Dein Name,
Dein Reich komme.
Dein Wille geschehe,
Wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute,
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
Wie auch wir vergeben unseren
Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
Sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit des Vaters und
des Sohnes und des Heiligen Geistes
jetzt und immer und in Ewigkeit.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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



Upcoming Orthodox Christians for Palestine Events

Two upcoming opportunities invite Orthodox Christians and others concerned with justice and peace in the Holy Land to learn, reflect, and engage. On **Saturday, October 31 from 12:00–1:30 PM ET**, Orthodox Christians for Palestine will host the final 2026 installment of its “Faith is Action” Zoom speaker series. Ramsey Hanhan, an Orthodox Christian from Ramallah, Palestine, scientist, and author of *Fugitive Dreams* and *Palestine Bleeds for You*, will present “BACK OFF MY BIBLE!': Reclaiming Palestine's Christian Heritage Through Works of Literature,” followed by Q&A and discussion (scan to register).



Then, on **Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 AM–5:30 PM**, followed by Vespers, the “Not in Christ's Name” Summit on Palestine will bring together Orthodox Christians and friends from other faith traditions for a day of learning, discussion, and practical action. The keynote speaker will be John Kiriakou, Orthodox Christian, former CIA officer and whistleblower, and political analyst (scan top QR to register). Scan bottom QR to donate to help cover expenses for the summit (donations are made through Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, and are tax-deductible). For questions about either event, please contact St. Mary parishioner Matt H.



Orthodox Christian Laity Annual Meeting

The Orthodox Christian Laity annual meeting will be held Saturday, November 7 at St. Andrew's Romanian Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD, with both in-person and virtual attendance available. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve as keynote speaker, joined by Archbishop Nathaniel, Serge Schmemmann, Dr. Paul Meyendorff, Dr. Nikolas Gvosdev, Dr. Alexander Ligas, and Dr. Bill Marianes. Registration is \$25; students attend free with a .edu email. In-person registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. Scan for more info.





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

NOVEMBER

Revive! Training | Nov. 1 @ 12:30-1pm

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

Doxacon | November 6-7 @ Catholic University

Nativity Fast | Nov. 15-Dec. 24th

DECEMBER

Akathist: Inexhaustible Cup | Dec. 3 @7-7:30pm

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

JANUARY

St. Basil Liturgy | Jan. 1 @ 10:30am-12pm

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

Upcoming Events & Outings

Young Adult Ministry: Upcoming Events



YOUNG
ADULT
MINISTRY

Dumbarton Oaks Museum Trip – Sunday, November 1

Join us after church for a visit to Dumbarton Oaks and its renowned Byzantine art collection, with a garden visit weather permitting. We'll leave St. Mary's around 1:00 PM. Admission is free; please RSVP and let us know if you can help drive. Open to all ages!

Game Night at St. Mary's – Saturday, November 14

Join us for Vespers at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner and games in the parish hall. Food will be provided, so please RSVP and share any dietary restrictions. Feel free to bring a favorite game!



The Common Thread of Saint Paraskeva – Virtual Gathering

St. Mary's knitting and crocheting ministry will meet Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 PM via Zoom! Beginners and experienced crafters alike are welcome to enjoy fellowship while creating hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need or prayer shawls for those experiencing illness or grief. Join us as we weave together faith, friendship, and service—one stitch at a time! See Realm group

for Zoom details.

Reel Women: Last Chance to Vote!

This Sunday is the last day to vote for the movie you'd like to see at the Reel Women outing on Tuesday, October 27. Cast your vote and help choose the group's movie for the evening! Check the Reel Women group on Realm for the poll and outing details.



Parish News & Announcements

Today: Welcome Hierodeacon Gerasim & Support St. Tikhon's Monastery

We are pleased to welcome Hierodeacon Gerasim (Davis) of St. Tikhon's Monastery as our guest homilist this Sunday. A special collection will also be taken to support the Brotherhood of St. Tikhon's Monastery, and the brothers will have a selection of books from St. Tikhon's Seminary Press available for purchase. Please consider supporting their work through your generosity and by visiting the book table after Liturgy.

Doxacon Volunteers Needed

Doxacon is looking for two additional volunteers to help with basic event technology at Catholic University. We especially need someone comfortable plugging in laptops and helping make sure microphones, projectors, and presentation connections are working smoothly. If you're reasonably tech-savvy and willing to lend a hand, we'd be grateful for your help. Please reach out to doxaconprime@gmail.com if you can assist!

Grab a Friend & Make Plans for Doxacon!

Doxacon returns to Catholic University November 6–7 with this year's theme, "Becoming Saints in a Brave New World." Join fellow Christians for a weekend exploring faith, fantasy, science fiction, games, art, and storytelling, featuring keynote speakers Christopher Ruocchio and Fr. Anthony Cook, plus breakout sessions on everything from Dune and The Hunger Games to Tolkien, Fullmetal Alchemist, Star Wars, and more. Now's the time to invite a friend, clear your calendar, and register on Realm!



Join us for the Doxacast Remix!



What does a psychological horror hit have to say about being consumed by the passions and refusing to repent? Delve into Backrooms with Fr. David Subu, Jos Johnson, Sam Cook, and host Cindy Collins Smith to find out. 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, Oct. 26th (for November Issue)

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

God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Cassia E., Joseph J., Dorina M., Tom P., Seraphina S., Luke R.

Namedays Anastasia the Roman, St. Olga of Alaska, St. John of Chicago

Anniversaries None.

*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!