St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | NOVEMBER 22, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost (9th Sunday of Luke)

Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple - Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul

Today's Schedule

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

- *Fellowship Hour Sponsored by Group Robi-Z*
- *Church School (12-1pm)*

This Week At St. Mary's

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Parish Council | 7-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Divine Liturgy | 7-8am
Memorial: Dumeniuc | 6:30pm
Molieben of Thanksgiving | 7-7:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Divine Liturgy | 9-10am
Financial Peace University | 10-11:30am
Adult Catechism | 3-4:30pm
Great Vespers | 5-6pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9-11:30am
No Church School (Thanksgiving Break)



Fellowship Hour Hosting Groups:

Week 1: A-Dua
Week 2: Dub-Ki
Week 3: Kn-Robe
Week 4: Robi-Z
Week 5: Entire Parish (Kn-Robe moved to Week 5 this month due to OCMC Luncheon!)<--Next Week!

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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 Feast

TODAY is the prelude of the good will of God, * of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. * The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, * in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. * Let us rejoice and sing to her: * "Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator's dispensation!"

Tone 3. Troparion of the Apostles

HOLY Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus, * entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

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 2. Kontakion of the Apostles*

LET us praise the Apostles of Christ, * who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars: * glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus, * Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia. * Let us cry to them: // "Unceasingly pray for us all!"

Both now. *Tone 4. Kontakion of the Feast*

THE most pure Temple of the Savior; * the precious Chamber and Virgin * the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, * is presented today to the house of the Lord. * She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, * therefore, the angels of God praise her: // "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

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.*

In the third tone (Song of the Theotokos): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

EPISTLE

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:9-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as

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

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

fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

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!*

℣ *Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.*

GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. // How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: // "Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN KOREAN)

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지,
아버지의 이름이 거룩히 빛나시며
아버지의 나라가 오시며
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지소서!
오늘저희에게 일용할 양식을 주시고
저희에게 잘못한 이를 저희가 용서하오니
저희 죄를 용서하시고
저희를 유혹에 빠지지 않게 하시고
악에서 구하소서.
아멘.

Haneul-e gyeshin uri abeoji,
abeoji-ui ireum-i
georeukhi bichnashimyeo
abeoji-ui naraga yoshimyeo
abeoji-ui tteut-i haneul-eseowa
gat-i ttang-eseodo ilueojisoseo!
yoneuljeohwi ege ilyonghal
yangshigeul jushigo
jeohwiege jalmothan ireul jeohwiga yongseohayoni
jeohwi joeleul yongseohasigo
jeohwireul yuhoke bbajiji anhge hanshigo
aeseo guhasoseo. Amen.

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, Allelluia, Alleluia!*







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

Divine Liturgy @ St. Andrew ROC | Nov. 30th @ 10-11:30am

DECEMBER

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

Divine Liturgy | Sat., Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 9-10am

St. Nicholas Retreat | Sat., Dec. 5 @ 10am-2pm

Women's Bible Study | Sun., Dec. 13 @ 5:30pm

Youth Nativity Art Exhibit | Sat., Dec. 19 @ 6-7:30pm

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

Vesperal 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

The Wonder of the Nativity: Church School Art Exhibition - Saturday, Dec. 19th, following Great Vespers

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy." — Matthew 2:10. Calling all young artists, from newborns through high school graduates! This Nativity season, we're beginning a joyful new tradition at St. Mary's, celebrating the birth of Christ through the creativity and imagination of our parish children. All artistic mediums are welcome, from painting and sculpture to sewing, mixed media, and beyond! We warmly invite family, friends, and godparents to join us for this special exhibition and a light festive reception following Great Vespers. Space permitting, artwork will remain on display throughout the holiday season for our parish family to enjoy. Registration closes December 5! Scan the QR code to register your young artist(s) and be part of this wonderful new tradition!



Save the Date: Reel Women Movie Night!



Ladies of St. Mary's, save the evening of Tuesday, December 8 for our next Reel Women Movie Night! Whether you've been part of St. Mary's for years, recently joined us, or are still getting to know the parish, all women of the parish are warmly invited—we'd love to have you join us for a relaxed evening of fun and fellowship. Movie choices will be posted in the Reel Women Realm group the week before, so be sure to log in and vote for your favorite. Grab a friend—or come ready to make a new one—and join us!

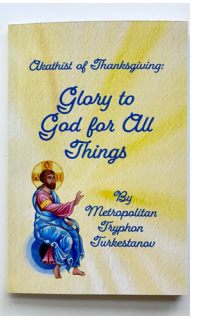
Parish News & Announcements

Welcoming His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel

With gratitude to God, St. Mary's welcomes His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, who will preside at today's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. We are especially blessed that, during the service, His Eminence will tonsure several members of our parish. May this be a prayerful and joyful occasion for our entire parish family as we receive our hierarch and witness these servants of the Church take this important step in their ministry.

Akathist of Thanksgiving

We have copies of the Akathist of Thanksgiving in the church store, just in time for the holiday! This incredibly beautiful prayer was penned by Metropolitan Tryphon in 1934 during a time of great persecution of the Church in Russia. The text was found in the personal belongings of Archpriest Grigoriy Petrov after his martyrdom in the gulag in 1942. We hope and pray that this booklet provides encouragement to pray the Akathist of Thanksgiving and an opportunity to see God's grace everywhere we turn. This akathist is often prayed on Thanksgiving, and whenever else you want to turn to God in gratitude.





St. Cosmas Church Store

We want to remind everyone that ALL items we sell are at a wholesale discount. We pass along our savings. Our mission is to provide Orthodox materials in a cost effective manner for the parish. If you want to purchase Orthodox items, check with us first. There is a good chance, we can get the book, icon, or item at a discount! See Juliana, Yara, or Sara for more information.



Submit items for the weekly bulletin or *The Veil*

Contact Lacie Faber at lacie@stmaryorthodox.org
Newsletter deadline | Monday, Nov. 23rd (for December Issue)
Weekly bulletin deadline | by end-of-day Wednesday each week

God Grant You Many Years!



Birthdays Maria D., Stephanie D., Joe M., Jason R., Tatiana R.
Namedays St. Katherine of Alexandria
Anniversaries Jonathan C. & Anna C., Warren & Libby H., Joe & Alyssa M.



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!