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Pastoral Reflection

"Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, to be building him up. For even Christ didn't please himself. But, as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.'" (Romans 15:1-3)

St. Paul reminds us in Romans 15 that we are not just encouraged to be patient with the weaknesses of others; we are actually exhorted to help them carry their burdens. Just as Christ relieved the burden of sin for us, we are called to follow in His footsteps as an act of gratitude.

Our lives are deeply interwoven. We don't live in a vacuum. Our neighbor's achievements are our achievements, and their struggles are our struggles. We are called to weep with those who weep and truly rejoice with those who rejoice.

As Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra Monastery on Mount Athos beautifully said, when God sees that our hearts have room in them for everybody, it will be impossible for Him not to find room in His paradise for us.

Our salvation is never a solitary journey, but a shared one. By opening our lives to the joys and sorrows of those around us, we mirror the limitless love of Christ and align our spirits with the very Kingdom of Heaven.

- Fr. Andrew Jarmus

President's Report

Annual Parish Meeting - February 15, 2026

All parish members are encouraged to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2026. This meeting is an important opportunity to review the past year, including ministry highlights, finances, and major projects, and to look ahead to the priorities of the coming year.

Your attendance and participation help ensure transparency and shared stewardship of our parish. It is also a chance to ask questions and better understand the work of the parish beyond our weekly services.

I hope you will make every effort to attend this important gathering.

Scott Boris, President, St. Mary's Board of Trustees

New Member Applicants

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3: Notice of the new member application shall be published in the next monthly *Bulletin*. The following individual(s) have submitted an application for membership to St. Mary's: *Logan Roufs, Peter Miller, & Jeff Zibley*.

If you have any comment pertaining to any applicant, please submit it to any Board member during this 45-day period, which began with the publication of this *Bulletin*.

Choir Notes

How beloveds, can we accustom ourselves to fasting? First of all, it requires gradual acclimation. Some rashly and hastily jump in and start fasting beyond their strength. Such a fast is not tenable, not useful, but rather harmful. They either harm their health or become impatient and irritable from hunger – they get mad at everyone and everything to no avail, or their fasting soon becomes unbearable and they give it up. To make our disposition towards fasting firm, we have to accustom ourselves to fasting slowly, carefully... gradually – little by little.

St. Justin Popovic

At the start of the year, I had the privilege of attending our Winter Camp program. Over fifteen years had passed since I was last there as a counselor, and I found that between the local colloquialisms, the songs by One Direction, and suddenly being the oldest person aside from the clergyman, my return was, low-key, more challenging than expected. Still, perseverance won the day, and despite the frigid weather, our hearts and spirits remained warm.

The theme at camp this year was building intimate relationships. There were four education sessions, the first three focusing on how to build an intimate relationship with the people around us. Intimacy was defined as a deep connection between people that is built over time with the foundations of trust, empathy, patience, Christ-like love, and many others. Building a strong intimate relationship takes work from both parties, but the budding-adults all agreed the work was worthwhile, giving examples of good feelings that are a result of this work, laughter, and stability in oneself being the beginning. There was a lot more covered on the topic, more than even I, succinct writer that I am, cannot sum up on one page.

At the end, we took all that we had learned and applied it to building an intimate relationship with God. Although this last lesson was assigned to yours truly, fewer people than usual fell asleep, and the adults (budding ones included) were drawn along on a journey. We talked about how the sea of life, surging with the storm of temptations, is everywhere, palpably manifesting as anxiety, stress, anger, etc. We talked about the Calm Haven that, despite the raging winds and tempest, is always there in the midst of it all. Like the whisper in the wind after the earthquake and the fire and the breaking mountains, it is always there. We talked about how to find this Calm Haven within ourselves, and how, from that calm haven, crying out with our hearts to God, we can go even deeper into the realm of spiritual peace. We were reminded of Apostle Peter walking on the water in the middle of a storm, and how the moment he turned away from Jesus, he was pulled down into the waves. But as we know, that was not the end. Peter turned back to Jesus and cried out, and Jesus heard him and pulled him up out of the sea.

I was given the above quote shortly before I went to winter camp by someone who clearly knows how bad I am at fasting. The, perhaps not so subtle, theme of little by little really resonated with me during camp. I was reminded once again of how subtle God is. How He puts these little themes in our lives, and if we pay attention, we can notice them and hopefully learn from them. May God grant us all constant opportunities to grow in our relationship with Him, little by little. May we all find our way to that calm haven where the sea of life can do us no harm. May we find the quiet stillness that is everywhere present, filling all things.

May God grant us all a fruitful Lenten journey. Blessed Lent.

- Mark Wesche, Interim Music Director

Open Choir Sundays

The third Sunday of the month is Open Choir Sunday! If you have ever been interested, even a little, in singing with the choir; or want to come back up after a hiatus, or are even just a little curious, then join us! Matins starts at 7:45 a.m., and Liturgy starts at 9 a.m., and we'll be happy to have you in the loft singing with us. All are welcome!

Save the Date: POCM Benefit Concert

The Pan-Orthodox Choral Ministries Choir invites you to join them for their 4th Annual Lenten Choir Concert benefitting FOCUS Minnesota, on Friday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral (1629 5th St. NE, Mpls). Free will offering. Reception to follow at St. Mary's Parish Center.

February Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

February Birthdays - Many Years!

2 - Earl Langlais	19 - Rdr. Joseph Neumann
12 - Rachel Guhanick	23 - Rdr. Vladimir Scheglowksi
12- Mark Wesche	27 - Alexei Memorich
14 - Kristen Rohmann	

2026 Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 15, 2026
at 11:00 AM

The Annual Parish Meeting for members of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, February 15, 2026, and begin promptly at 11:00 AM**. The meeting (in-person only) will take place at St. Mary's Parish Center (1701 5th St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413) in the Dining Room. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Included in the agenda for this meeting: election of officers, trustees, service attendants, and delegates for 2026; and recommendations from the Finance Committee and the Church Board of Trustees.

As a member of St. Mary's, it is your right to attend this important meeting. Members eligible to vote need to have a '2026 Declaration of Membership' card on file in the Cathedral Office and have been a member for six months (August 15, 2025). Not sure if you have a current Declaration of Membership card on file, or if you are a member or not? Check with the Cathedral Office at office@stmarysoca.org or 612-781-7667.

If you wish to continue your membership, please sign and return a declaration of membership card to the Cathedral Office by Friday, February 13. That's all – just sign and return the card. If you need a new card, please contact the Cathedral Office.

Membership Documents

Filled out your membership card and ready to turn it in? Need an extra card? Want to register to donate automatically? Visit the 'Membership Information' table in the Parish Center Dining Room. A box to collect completed documents and extra copies of membership cards, membership applications, & ACH forms, are available. Please return items to the collection box, in the collection plate in the Cathedral, or by mailing it to the Cathedral Office.

Saints Friday Night Lenten Dinners

Friday night Lenten Dinners are returning! Please join us for food and fellowship on Fridays: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, & April 3. Dinners will be served immediately following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. There will be a speaker each week.

Dinner includes our famous salad bar each week plus a surprise entree (soup, veggie chili, pasta...), bread, and dessert. All prepared by the St. Mary's Saints Youth Group and various adult volunteers. Cost \$10 Adults, \$5 youth, free for those under five years old. There is a price cap of \$30 for a family. If you just want dessert and a beverage \$3 for Adults and \$1 for Kids.

We had great success last year with hosts willing to prepare the main Lenten entree for each week's meal. We also graciously accept help with set-up, serving, clean-up, and donated desserts. Youth who help at the dinners will be able to earn community service hours for any organizations they are members of. All proceeds from the dinners will benefit our Saints youth program. Please contact Chris Gulachek at (612) 889- 2079 if you are able to help. Thank you!

We are also seeking Open Gym Helpers following the meal. We are looking for 2-3 adults each night to monitor and engage with the youth! Gym assistants receive their Lenten dinner free of charge, set up the gym for activities, monitor the gym while the speaker for the Lenten dinner presents, and then tidy up the gym after the activity time. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the activity for the evening. If you are interested in helping with youth in the gymnasium please contact Chris Gulachek. If there are no volunteers to monitor the gymnasium, there will be no Open Gym.

Thank you in advance to everyone who makes room in their heart to help! It is so greatly appreciated!

Adopt-A-Camper

Please visit: <https://give.mn/wyzz9g> to support St. Mary's OCA Youth - Adopt A Camper.

Donations would allow families that may have multiple children or have a financial crisis the opportunity to go to camp. No obligation, just the ability to attend camp with their peers.

The grant can not be paid directly to the individual, but would be sent directly to vendors/invoice once approved.

FEBRUARY 2026 - Youth Month

FEBRUARY 1	11:00 -11:45 am	<i>Saints</i> Meeting, (Grade 6+) STORY TIME! Children under age 3 with an adult.
	6:15 pm	Festival Vespers
FEBRUARY 2	<u>MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE</u> Matins: 7:45AM; Liturgy: 9:00 AM	
FEBRUARY 4	6:15 pm	Vespers Faith Night 7:30 Lesson/Discussion/Youth Activity
FEBRUARY 6	7:15 - 8:45 pm	<i>Saints</i> , Feed My Starving Children, Grades 6+, Parents/ Families welcome! (unofficial gathering beforehand for dinner)
FEBRUARY 11	6:15 pm	Vespers Faith Night 7:30 Lesson/Discussion/Youth Activity
FEBRUARY 15		2026 Annual Meeting No Church School
FEBRUARY 22	Forgiveness Vespers 6:15 pm	
FEBRUARY 23	<u>Great Lent Begins</u>	
February 27	6:15 pm	9th Hour, Presanctified Liturgy, Lenten Dinner, <i>Saints</i> (Grade 6+), Parish Center

POCM CHOIR
PRESENTS



LENTEN *Choir* CONCERT

BENEFITTING

FOCUS

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ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
1701 5TH ST. NE, MINNEAPOLIS

FEBRUARY 20TH | 7PM
FREE WILL OFFERING
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



Our Goals

The following are our goals for the festival in order of priority as presented in our articles of incorporation:

Present Orthodoxy to the community and showcase our Cathedral

Provide a stewardship (volunteering) opportunity for all parishioners

Develop community in NorthEast Minneapolis

Raise funds for our Parish

We need YOUR help

Sponsors Team Members: We're looking for people to join our sponsors team. These members of our leadership would be responsible for tracking and soliciting sponsorship from external sources.

Drink Tent Coordinator: We're looking for someone to join our team as the drink tent coordinator. This leader would be responsible for organizing, ordering products, and managing the drink tent for our festival. This is a big responsibility, but the creativity is endless. Last year our drink tent was a popular destination and we would love for someone to take it to the next level.

Contact **Joe Dmowski** at **president@tasteofnortheast.org** for questions or interest!

SAVE THE DATES September 25th - 27th

Note from the chairman

Hello everyone! You might be wondering, back so soon? I know, its crazy to think we're already planning this year. However if we want to pull off another great year this is where it starts. Last year's success set the expectation, and it starts now.

This year we are looking at small expansions. We're looking to add a few things to our food menu, expand our kids games, suitably adjust our map, attempt to showcase the Cathedral and parish center open as long as possible for our attendees. More to come on how we execute that, but for now you can expect some announcements in the coming months. We are also reevaluating the Friday-Saturday run of our festival to better optimize some of the weekend expenses, but **the date range is official and the festival will occur on the weekend of September 25th!**

Our greatest need to succeed in our goals (to your left) Is your participation. We understand that the end of September can be a busy time and an opportunity to plan getaways, vacations, family events, but we kindly ask that you consider the festival first. To accomplish these goals we need all available parishioners to participate, and while we appreciate your donations to keep our festival running, your presence is much more appreciated.

As always **this is your festival**, St. Mary's festival, so spread the word, and save the dates.

I continue to serve humbly with my wonderful team and by the grace of God we'll be able to pull off another spectacular year.

In ICXC,

Joseph Dmowski

Ministry Updates @ St. Mary's

Cemetery Ice Candle Parastas

Annual Candle Parastas will be held Monday, February 2, at the Cemetery Chapel (3025 Stinson Blvd. N.E.). Before the Parastas Service, which commences at 6:00 p.m., participants are encouraged to place candles at your chosen grave sites. Our current deep snow conditions makes for even greater illuminations conquering the darkness with many points of light! Cold tolerant votives available. Refreshments served afterwards in the chapel basement. Contact Mike Fredrikson with any questions (riksson@gmail.com).

Organization Updates @ St. Mary's

From the Olive Shoot Cathedral Gift Shop

The custom of blessing of homes is purposely attached to the Lord's Baptism. When our home is blessed, we pray that the Holy Spirit will abide in it and guide all of those within on a path of righteousness; just like the prayers of our baptism! Let the beginning of this new year be the perfect time to clean and sanctify our lives, families and homes. We offer a variety of holy water bottles, candles and icons for used during Theophany and for your home blessing.

Perohi Update - 2026

Due to robust perohi sales to the Cathedral community and the general public, we have completely depleted our available stock for sale. In February, we will meet on 2/9 & 2/10 and 2/23 & 2/24. In March, we will meet on 3/9 & 3/10, and 3/23 & 3/24. Scooping and rolling filling begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, and filling, pinching and bagging begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Contact Janice Strauss (jmbstrauss@gmail.com) with questions. We invite and encourage anyone who can join us in our efforts to produce this much sought after product in service to our Cathedral.

Capital Campaigns & Kitchen Donation Update

The following is a happy update regarding capital campaigns and the official closing-in-a-good-way of the Kitchen Renovation Project. For bigger context, moving into 2026, St. Mary's is trying to have fewer capital campaign projects open: realistically, a capital campaign should be focused on just one project instead of split amongst three, four, or five competing projects. Having too many projects open can cause confusion when parishioners are deciding where to donate their money, and managing too many accounts can become burdensome, and not get us the best return on investment. We also want to avoid having too many "zombie" projects out there: projects that are in many ways done, yet not fully complete, and thus they linger on - never dying, but not fully alive (much like how members of those projects may feel).

All that being said, it is with happiness that we can, in fact, close the Kitchen Renovation as a capital campaign project. This does NOT mean that we will stop doing maintenance in the kitchen or

that we cannot buy needed items. It simply means that since all the big-ticket items and work associated with the Kitchen Renovation have been completed, it no longer needs to stay open as a capital campaign. Future purchases (e.g., new cutting boards or replacing a faucet) could come from the General Fund or Property Maintenance fund, for example. A HUGE thank you to all those who have contributed their money and time to helping this project cross the finish line!

What does this mean moving forward? Effective now, any donations via Venmo or ACH that are earmarked for "kitchen" will instead go to Parish Homes. And this will become standard practice in 2026: as we close out other capital campaigns, we will update the parish about where donations to a finished campaign will go to.

February 1 - Chili Lunch Fundraiser

The Women's Club is an active group within our parish that provides financial support for numerous parish needs as well as requests for other Orthodox social programs. Monies raised from the Chili Fundraiser will be used to support needs such as: repair, cleaning, and replacement of altar vestments; addressing needs for our summer church campers, meals, and necessities for FOCUS Minnesota, and other requests for support within the parish community.

We hope you will attend the event and enjoy good food and fellowship. If you are unable to purchase in person, please contact Alice Woog at alicewoog@gmail.com.

CHILI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

SPONSERED BY

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

PRE - SALES 11:00 - 12:30

EAT - IN - ONLY

MENU - SELECT ONE

TEXAS CHILI (NO BEANS)

VEGETARIAN CHILI

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

SAMPLE FLIGHT (ALL FLAVORS)

\$5 MACARONI AND CHEESE (YOUTH)

CORNBREAD / SALAD / DESSERT / BEVERAGE

\$15 ADULT

\$10 YOUTH 6-12

Twin Cities Orthodox News

Icon Art Studios, Inc. 2026 Winter Class Dates

Session 3 - Icon to be determined at the Basilica of St. Mary (Mpls.) Saturdays, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, 14, & 28 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Contact Deb at akorluka@aol.com or 612-889-5868 or the Basilica of Saint Mary at 612-331-1381. Cost for tuition and supplies approx. \$300. Cost for tuition only \$160.

Icon Art Studios, Inc. 13921 127th Street North Stillwater, MN 55082. Contact us at 612-889-5868.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Update

For anyone wanting to go to the Holy Land this Fall with Tom & Mary Runquist. The round trip flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Tel Aviv is currently \$1191.85. The land portion is \$1600. The dates are August 29 through September 7 2026.

We will have an informational meeting for any one interested at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 1 (no football that Sunday), at St. George Antiochian Church (1250 Oakdale Ave., West St. Paul). A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting Tom Rudquist at (651) 890-6817 or abousean@yahoo.com.

Duchnovich Day Celebration

The Rusin Association will be holding its annual Duchnovich Day Celebration, Saturday, February 7, at St. Mary's Parish Center (1701 5th St NE, MPLS).

Starting at 1 p.m. there will be a lecture by Dr Nicholas Kupensky on the Carpatho-Rusyn national awakener, Aleksander Dukhnovych, followed by dinner. Dr. Kupensky is an associate professor of Russian and Foreign Area Studies at the United States Air Force Academy and lectures at the Carpatho-Ruthenorum Summer School in Presov, Slovakia. For further information, see our website: <https://rusinmn.org/activities-events/>. All are invited!

Scholarship Program

The Rusin Association announces a new 2026 scholarship opportunity. We are offering a \$1,000 scholarship toward the cost of the University of Presov, Slovakia Carpatho-Rusyn Summer program - Studium Carpatho-Ruthenorum that runs from June 7 to June 27. The course includes daily classes in Carpatho-Rusyn language, history, folk traditions, literature, and art, plus field trips.

Find out more about the program from one of the instructors, Dr Nick Kupensky who will be lecturing at the Rusin Association's Duchnovich Dinner on February 7, at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral Parish Center, or visit: <https://www.unipo.sk/en/center-for-languages-and-cultures-of-national-minorities/institute-of-ruthenian-language-and-culture/summerschool>. Scholarship application deadline is 9 a.m. CT on March 1. Contact Mark Dillion at mglendillon@aol.com for application.



Thank you for all your donations.

Would you like to be part of giving it away?

Volunteers needed at FOCUS.

FOCUS Food Shelf

Help feed our neighbors

3rd and 5th Saturdays

Jan. 31, Feb. 21, Mar. 21

Volunteer shift: 9:30 – noon

Sign up link:



FOCUS Clothes Closet

Help sort donations and work with clients

Tuesdays 9:30-noon

Thursdays 10am-2pm

Sign up link:



550 Rice Street – 651-222-0712

Questions? awoods@focusna.org

COZY UP Campaign

**HELP OUR NEIGHBORS
STAY WARM THIS WINTER!**

WE'RE IN NEED OF:

- ✓ Gloves (Particularly Men's)
- ✓ Coats (All Sizes)
- ✓ Sweaters & Sweatshirts
- ✓ Hoodies & Hats,
- ✓ Thermal Underlayers
- ✓ Handwarmers

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CONTACT
minnesota@focusna.org





PAN-ORTHODOX DANCE

Saturday, February 7th

5 pm Vespers
6-7 pm Dance Lessons
7-10 pm Dance

Join us for our annual Pan-Orthodox Dance!
Come learn vibrant Middle Eastern, Greek,
Russian, Romanian, and a wide variety of
other dances!

St. George Antiochian
1250 Oakdale Ave
West St Paul, MN



Ages 12+

Questions? Contact Anna Karos
612-308-0061

Bring an
appetizer or
dessert to
share

Perohi Group History

After I attended my first church annual meeting and listened to how the church and Parish Center were in need of repair, I asked myself why we couldn't start a Perohi Group like the Ukrainians did (which paid for their church). Perohi Fundraising Group started in 1976 with Helen Kalina, V. Rev. Fr. John Matusiak, and Helen Josul.

Helen and I used our own funds for ingredients. Fr. John figured out our recipes. We offered five different fillings: potato and cheese, cabbage, kraut, prune, and cottage cheese. At that time we sold 6 perohi in a package for \$1.25. The first deposit from our Friday sale was \$75!! We sold 60 bags and laughed all the way to the bank. Helen and I didn't drive, so drivers helped us out in getting to the Parish Center. My husband, Nick, would work all night until 8 a.m. and then drive for us.

Fr. Lecko asked me to start a seniors' group and I pointed out that all the seniors were joining Perohi group! It was fun to see our seniors so happy. They started wearing pantsuits instead of house dresses. Pretty soon, they were getting permanents and wearing earrings. Many baked treats for coffee break. One lady always brought a fresh-baked loaf of bread she made. Men were starting to come and join us!

Today it is not unusual to see John Hlivka, Bill Varhol, and Mary Sue Skirka by 6 a.m. starting the fillings, and Gloria Tarasar peeling potatoes.

Thirty-five years strong and still working.

- Helen Josul

(Article from the "St. Mary's 125th Anniversary Commemorative Book: Remember, Rejoicing, & Reaching Out", published October 14, 2012)

Perohi Sales are Back!

St. Mary's will once again be selling our handmade Perohi to the public. Sales on the fourth Friday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center (1701 5th St. NE MPLS). Five flavors: potato & cheese, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut, prune, & cottage cheese. \$6.00 for a package of 6. Our next sale will be Friday, February 27.

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Monday filling making group - Front row: Cheryl Morse, Helen Josul, Irene Novak, Ann Reshetar, Mary Manoleff, Gloria Tarasar. Back row: Nick Josul, Mary Ann Brinda, Elaine Jurichko, John Hlivka, Mary Sue Skirka, Dorothy Zurbey, Bill Varhol, & Myra Toconita.



Tuesday Dough & Pincher group - Front row: Mary Manoleff, Margaret Dupay Martha Dzubak, Ellen Duncan, Jean Johnson. Back row: Gloria Tarasar, Marge Wineberg, Lorraine Parlow, Carol Olson, Lorraine Kalina, Phyllis Pesek, Elsie Stenberg, Jan Varhol, Mary Sauk, Dorothy Zurbey, Edith Sarich, Ann Reshetar, & Phyllis Banholzer



Tuesday Kitchen Crew - Front row: Helen Josul, Sharon Rusinak, George Skrbich, Joe Lasho, & Nick Josul. Back row: Jack Leschisin, Myra Toconita, Peter Dupay, Pat Oestreich, David Skirka, Ann Miller, Phil Toconita, Bill Varhol



Article deadline for the
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is **Monday, February 16.**

Cathedral Office Hours Update

St. Mary's Cathedral Office is open Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Office is open from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 12:30-4:00 p.m. Please note the Office is closed for lunch from 12-12:30 p.m.

Transitions

Baptism:

Miles H., 1-17-2026

Funeral:

Elsie Porianda, 1-17-2026

Many Years!

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthdays in February and especially to Earl Langlais, who is celebrating his 93rd birthday on February 2, and Robert Andrus, who is celebrating his 91st birthday on February 11.

May God grant you many years!

Flower Chart 2026

The 2026 flower chart to sign-up for Sunday flowers is available online at: <https://bit.ly/flowersignup>. When signing up, enter your contact information (name & email), and for whom or what the occasion is (ex. in memory of John Doe). You may order flowers from your favorite florist and have them delivered (before 3 p.m.) on the Friday before to St. Mary's Parish Center, 1701 5th St NE, or you may bring the flowers to Saturday Vespers or before Sunday Liturgy.

Service Cancellation Policy

- No one should travel to church for services if the road conditions are dangerous.
- No services will be cancelled. Most services will be live streamed (links available on the our website).
- Those who cannot get to services should instead stay home, watch the live stream of the service if possible, and be happy in the knowledge that a priest and a chanter are singing the services and praying for them.
- Cancellation of services and activities will be posted on our website: www.stmarysoca.org.

Update Contact Information

Moving or have a change of phone number or email? Please contact the Church Office with your new address contact information (office@stmarysoca.org or 612-781-7667).

Coffee Hour: Hosts Needed

To sign-up to host Coffee Hour visit: <https://bit.ly/coffee-hour-signup>. Please visit the sign-up and see if there is a Sunday you can volunteer to host. In the event that no one signs up for a given Sunday, we will still have a Coffee Hour, but only have coffee available. For more information about Coffee Hour and volunteering/hosting email coffeehour@stmarysoca.org or contact Liz Korba or Karen Doten.

Financial Stewardship

To make a donation, visit our donation page: <https://stmarysoca.org/donate>, scan the Venmo QR code below, or mail your donation to the Cathedral Office, attention Financial Secretary. Thank you for your generous support of our parish!



Make a check payable to
"St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral"
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St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral
1701 5th Street NE,
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Special Contributions

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Dorothy Zurbey's 95th Birthday
From: Peter & Darlene Felegy

PARISH HOMES

In memory of Elsie Porianda
From: Bill & Jan Varhol

ENDOWMENT FUND

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St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Church School 11:00 am Saints Meeting 11:00 am Chili Lunch Fundraiser 6:15 pm Festal Vespers	2 Meeting of our Lord 7:45 am Festal Matins 9:00 am Festal Liturgy 6:00 pm Ice Candle Parastas	3 2:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 7:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	4 6:15 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm Catechism & Ed. Talk	5 HM Agatha of Palermo 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom) w/ Dn.Philip	6 7:00 pm POCM Rehearsal	7 1:00 pm Rusin Association Duchnovich Day 5:00 pm Great Vespers 5:45 pm General Confession
8 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Church School	9 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 7:00 pm Board Meeting	10 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 2:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 7:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	11 6:15 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm Catechism & Ed. Talk	12 St. Meletios of Antioch 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Orthodox Guys' Night 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom) w/ Dn.Philip	13	14 5:00 pm Great Vespers
15 Meatfare Sunday of the Last Judgment Parastas Sunday 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Annual Meeting NO Church School	16	17 2:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 7:00 Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	18 6:15 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Apostles of the 70 Archippus & Philemon 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm POCM Concert Dress Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom) w/ Dn.Philip	20 7:00 pm Pan-Orthodox Choir Ministries (POCM) Benefit Concert 7:00 pm Concert Reception	21 5:00 pm Great Vespers
22 Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday 7:45 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Church School 6:15 pm Forgiveness Vespers	23 Clean Monday 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 7:00 pm Great Canon	24 Clean Tuesday 7:30 am Perohi Set-Up 9:00 am Perohi Making 7:00 pm Great Canon	25 Clean Wednesday 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Great Canon	26 Clean Thursday 7:00 pm Great Canon	27 Clean Friday St. Raphael of Brooklyn 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 11:00 am Public Perohi Sales 6:00 pm 9 th Hour Prayers & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Saints Lenten Dinner	28 Clean Saturday St. Theodore the Recruit 9:00 am Molieben to St. Theodore 5:00 pm Great Vespers

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