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PASTORALLY SPEAKING

Redeeming the Time - "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time." *Ephesians 5:15–16*

Dear Saint Mary's Parishioners and Friends,

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

As we approach September 1 and the beginning of a new Church year, it is a good time to pause and take stock of our spiritual lives. What went well this past year? Where have we grown? Where have we struggled? And where might God be calling us to begin again?

The Church gives us a beautiful rhythm for our lives: the Twelve Great Feasts, four major fasting seasons, and, of course, the Feast of Feasts—Holy Pascha. Put these dates on your calendars now. Make room for them before everything else fills the calendar. Life moves quickly. Work, school, appointments, activities, and responsibilities can easily consume our time. The Church year calls us back and reminds us that our lives ultimately belong to Christ.

As we begin this new year, perhaps we can each ask ourselves: How can I grow closer to God and His Church? How can I use the gifts God has given me to help build up the Church? What can I do for my family, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, and the people God places in my path? What do I have (my time, my talents, or my treasure) that can be offered for the glory of God?

And perhaps some of us begin this Church year tired. Some may be carrying grief, illness, family struggles, loneliness, disappointment, or simply the exhaustion that comes from trying to keep up with life. Some may even feel that they have drifted away from God or from the Church. If that is where you are, do not be discouraged. The spiritual life does not begin with doing everything at once. It begins by turning toward Christ again.

Sometimes the most important thing we can do is simply take one small step back toward Him. Make confession part of your spiritual life. Schedule a confession or come before or during one of the appointed services. Learn more about our Faith. We live in an extraordinary time when Orthodox Christian resources are readily available to us: books, podcasts, Bible studies, our parish library, Ancient Faith, the OCA website, and countless other resources.

And when illness, age, distance, or circumstances truly prevent us from being at church, we now have the blessing of being able to watch services from home. But when we can come together, let us come together. Christianity is not meant to be lived alone. We are the Body of Christ.

Maybe begin simply and come to one additional service each month. If you haven't been to Vespers in a while, put it on your calendar. We celebrate Vespers on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and on the eves of many of the great feasts. Come into the church and allow yourself, even for an hour, to go on retreat from the noise of the world. Stand before the icons. Hear the chanting. Smell the incense. Listen to the Psalms. Light a candle. Be still. Simply being in God's house begins to put everything

else back into its proper place. Here are a few simple ways to challenge ourselves during the coming Church year:

- Attend the services for the upcoming Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8 and the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14.
- Visit Ancient Faith and listen to an Orthodox podcast, lecture, or program.
- Visit OCA.org and read the daily Scripture readings and lives of the saints.
- Read a few chapters of the Bible - or even begin with one chapter each day.
- Add fasting to your spiritual life, or enter more deeply into the fasts than you normally do.
- Read the weekly Messenger and find out what is happening in your parish.
- Volunteer for a parish ministry (perohi making, our upcoming festival, coffee hours) or for FOCUS Minnesota
- Check the Saint Mary's website regularly for service times and parish information.
- And perhaps most importantly: pray every day. Even if it is only for a few quiet minutes, begin and end the day with Christ.

None of us will do all of these things perfectly. That is not the point. The goal is simply to take another step toward Christ.

One more prayer. One act of generosity. One person helped. One hour given to the Church.

Small things offered faithfully to God can transform a life, and if you have been away from church for a while, come back. If you have not been to confession in a long time, come. If your prayer life has fallen apart, begin again. If you feel unworthy, tired, distracted, or uncertain, come anyway. Christ does not wait for us to become perfect before He calls us. He simply calls us to follow Him.

I pray that this new Church year will bring us closer together as a parish family and deepen within each of us a spirit of joy, peace, repentance, generosity, and love. Life moves quickly. Our time is precious. So, as Saint Paul reminds us, let us redeem the time and offer the year ahead, and our lives themselves, for the glory of God. May God bless the beginning of this new Church year, and may it be spiritually fruitful for all of us.

In Christ,
Fr. Ben Tucci

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Coffee Hour: Building Our Parish Community

Coffee hour is an important part of parish life at St. Mary's. It provides an important opportunity for our clergy to visit with members of the parish in a relaxed setting. It gives us an opportunity to spend time together after Divine Liturgy, welcome visitors, strengthen friendships, and get to know fellow parishioners.

To help keep our coffee hours strong and sustainable, we are becoming more deliberate about how we organize them.

Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

Coffee hour sign-up sheets for the upcoming months are posted in the dining room. We encourage parishioners, families, friends, and parish organizations to sign up for a Sunday and host coffee hour.

Making Coffee Hour Easier

We also want to make hosting coffee hour less demanding by making cleanup and service a shared responsibility.

We are asking everyone to help with a few simple things. Parishioners can bring coffee pots and other shared items to their tables and return them when finished. We also ask everyone to clear and clean their own table before leaving.

These may seem like small changes, but with everyone helping, they can significantly reduce the workload for those who volunteer to host.

Coffee hours are an important part of building a welcoming and connected parish community. Thank you to everyone who has hosted in the past, and please consider taking a Sunday in the months ahead.

In Christ,
Scott Boris
President 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: *Emily Labine.* 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*.

"We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This cannot all be cut out with one sharp motion, but [instead with] patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that He will strengthen you."

St. Nektarios of Aegina

MUSIC NOTES

It has been a wonderful first month getting to know everyone and to be working with our choir. First my gratitude goes out to our parish community who has been welcoming and kind to me. There are a lot of different moving parts and your kindness and support has made my transition as choir director go smoothly. Here are just a few brief notes for September.

As we work our way into September we will be picking up choir rehearsals again. I will have more information available soon once dates and times are finalized. I host informal rehearsals on Saturday evenings at 4:35pm to about 4:50pm that focus on teaching the tones, and this is open to anyone who may be interested in learning the structure and becoming familiar with them.

We have already had the opportunity to welcome new members into our choir and I hope to continue welcoming more members in the future. Our choir serves as a pastoral role in the church, not simply singing hymns, but teaching the scripture and leading the faithful to engage closer with Christ. This is a crucial ministry that relies on the faithful to grow and maintain our musical tradition. While I do not have a formal process in place currently, in the meantime if you have any interest in joining the choir, both youth and adults, or even have interest in reading the scriptures at Liturgies, please reach out to me at choirdirector@stmarysoca.org and we can discuss more in detail on how you can be involved.

Parents, if you have youth who may be interested in reading opportunities like the Hours, Epistle, or Post-communion prayers, please reach out to me.

Speaking of scripture reading, if you have a moment following Liturgy during the veneration of the cross, take a step back to listen to the post communion prayers. These prayers are there to offer thanks unto God for counting us worthy to receive His Body and Blood. The words of these prayers serve to remind us how wonderful it is to receive Him into our bodies. They also remind us how important the Eucharist is as God has given it to us as a vital and irreplaceable source of nourishment. During these prayers we also give thanks to the Saints as a symphony of witnesses who continually pray on our behalf to God to have mercy on us and to count us as worthy partakers of His most pure Body and precious Blood. These prayers are as important as the Liturgy and have a deeply profound purpose in being read. I encourage you to listen to these words if you are able.

As we move forward into the Church New Year, I hope to continue to grow our choir and leadership, as well as grow as a conductor to best serve our Cathedral for the Glory of God.

Yours in Christ,

Benjamin Sawchak, Music Director



ST. MARY'S NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Thank you from the Brindas!

Our family is so grateful to all of you for supporting the FOCUS Minnesota fundraising coffee hour in honor of Mary Ann's 101st birthday. You helped us raise funds through donations, monetary gifts, kitchen help, hand-crafted desserts, meal preparation, and clean up afterwards. As a result, over $800 was raised for FOCUS Minnesota, and another $450 was raised for several of St Mary's funds. With our sincere thanks, May God Grant You Many Years! -- The Brinda Family (Mary Ann Brinda, Tom Brinda, Jo Anne and Mike Korluka, Betsy, Paul and Matthew Langlais)

From the Olive Shoot Cathedral Shop

As summer hours end at the Annunciation Chapel and we all come back together at the Cathedral, the Olive Shoot Cathedral Shop resumes regular hours. See you 10:45-12:45 pm on Sunday September 13!

Church Library OPENS SOON

The church library will be open on Sunday, September 13th. It will be open on Sundays from 10:45am to noon. The library is located on the upper level at the end of the display cases. Come in and check out books on Intro to Orthodoxy, Lives of Saints, Theology, Church History and many more topics as well as books for young adults and children.

Library Ministry

The church library is looking for volunteers to help on Sundays with greeting people, helping them find a book and checking books in and out. Help out on Sundays when you can. No library experience needed. If interested or have more questions, please email library@stmarysoca.org

Grief Group

St Mary's hosts a Pan-Orthodox Grief Group that meets every month. If you are interested in joining or need more information, reach out to Joni Snidarich at stmarysgriefgroup@gmail.com

Hansen Scholarship Committee

There are several openings available on the Hansen Scholarship Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the young people in our parish community, and it also only takes a few hours of time each year. Please consider assisting in this worthy cause and join the committee. For questions or to join contact Walt Grivna at walttgrivna@comcast.net.

You can't begin with what you need to do to be saved… and [by] telling who's saved and who isn't saved. We've got to be interested in loving God, not salvation. God. Life is about God. The Bible is about God. Church is about God. The sacraments are about God.

Fr. Thomas Hopko

Church School

Church School begins September 13! All children of St. Mary's, **aged 3 (by September 1) through 12th grade,** are encouraged to participate in the Church School classes. Please stop by the Youth Office if you have not registered yet, or email the Church School, churchschool@stmarysoca.org

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry is continually updating its list of parishioners who are homebound, in senior living or assisted living and would like to be on our Visitation list. If you or a loved one is a member of St. Mary's and are unable to attend church and would like a visit from Fr. Andrew, Fr. Ben and/or a member of our Visitation committee, please call the church office at 612-781-7667. If you would like to participate in this ministry as a visitor, please call Mary Thell at 612-599-9198.

Iconography Workshop

As St. Mary's Cathedral once again sponsors the iconography workshop, Nov 1-7, you are encouraged to participate as students. The theme this year is Christ the Teacher. Jesus is holding a Gospel Book declaring: "I am the Light of the world." A 10% tuition discount is given to parishioners. Contact Marilyn Johnson at mjohnson@alumni.umn.edu, see the church website for details, or register by the QR code.

ELSEWHERE

Intro to Orthodoxy Catechism - Fall 2026

Join us for our MEOCCA catechism course, Intro to Orthodox Christianity, beginning on Tuesday, September 8, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Catechism is open to all: people interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity, inquirers, catechumens, and current Orthodox Christians. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in person (St. George Antiochian, 1250 Oakdale Ave, West St Paul, MN 55118) or online via Zoom. Register here or through the QR code.

Taste of Greece Upcoming!

The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival at St. Mary's Greek will be upon us soon! We invite everyone interested in helping to sign up. It's easy to do. Access the iVolunteer sign up through the link or the QR code:

Follow the prompts, choose an area of interest to volunteer and then choose your dates/times when you can help out. Verify your email address to confirm your selection. Without this, your selection will not be confirmed. Please contact Krisanthy Sikkila at 763.227.6154 (text or call) or sikkila@comcast.net with any questions.

St. Mary's Romanian Festival

St. Mary's Romanian - 16th Annual Festival
Saturday, September 19th -- Noon to 7 p.m.
Cuisine, live music, dance presentation and dance lessons.
854 Woodbridge St. (& 189 Atwater St.), St. Paul, MN

Man of God Screening at Holy Trinity

Friday, September 28th at 7pm there will be a screening of "Man of God," a movie about St. Nectarios at Holy Trinity's Archangel Michael Hall (962 Forest St. St. Paul) There will be popcorn and Twizzlers provided. Free will donation to OCMC is encouraged. Bring your friends!

Family Camp 2026 – Orthodoxy in the Home

Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18 at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI. Regular Registration (August 16-31): $170 per person

This year's speaker is Fr. David Hyatt. Fr. David is the pastor of St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He and Khouryee BethAnn have three sons who were born and raised in northern Minnesota where he served as a Baptist pastor for more than twelve years before converting to the Orthodox Church at Twelve Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church under the guidance of Fr. Timothy Sas. More information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters! Learn more through the QR code.

Benefit Concert for FOCUS Minnesota

Join us for a night of beautiful and unique blend of Western Classical music and Byzantine chant in support of St. George GOC and FOCUS.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Capacity is limited. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged. Visit St. George's website or use the QR code to purchase tickets. Contact office@stgeorgegoc.org with any questions.



Many Years!

A very Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthdays in September, especially

- Mary Ann Tich, celebrating her 96th birthday on September 1
- Joanne Ziek, celebrating her 90th birthday on September 14
- and Bunny Wakaruk, celebrating her 97th birthday on September 26.

May God grant you many years!

Congratulations to all who are celebrating their anniversaries during the month of September:

John & Mary Warian	9/1/2026	26 yrs
Evan & Gretchen Griggs	9/3/2026	10 yrs
John & Barbara Leschisin	9/3/2026	66 yrs
Walter & Karen Parlow	9/5/2026	5 yrs
Scott & Kristina Olson	9/6/2026	29 yrs
Rick & Jeanne Werenicz	9/6/2026	51 yrs
Jan & Jo Hubbard	9/10/2026	49 yrs
Stephanie & John Hasbargen	9/11/2026	5 yrs
Paul & Mary Ignatowicz	9/12/2026	45 yrs
Miranda & Andrew Schneider	9/13/2026	18 yrs
Debra & John Crowley	9/13/2026	51 yrs
Chris & Angelique Haldorson	9/13/2026	29 yrs
Joni & Andrew Hinton	9/15/2026	8 yrs
Mike & JoAnne Korluka	9/17/2026	43 yrs
Shane & Kyra Dunn	9/19/2026	22 yrs
Todd & Madeline Pilacinski	9/20/2026	40 yrs
Brian & Paula Schulte	9/21/2026	24 yrs
Jolanta & Samuel Grey	9/23/2026	19 yrs
Barbara & Rodney Kinny	9/24/2026	5 yrs
Daniel & Susan Imhoff	9/24/2026	43 yrs
Robert & Julie Jensen	9/24/2026	32 yrs
Michael & Alison Patiuk	9/24/2026	15 yrs
Danielle & Christopher Nelson	9/27/2026	23 yrs
Scott & Christine Nelson	9/29/2026	47 yrs
Jose & Kimberly Arauz	9/30/2026	20 yrs
Allyson & Karl Elfstrom	9/30/2026	3 yrs

May God grant you many years!

Transitions

Baptism:
Wylder O., 8-8-2026

Memory Eternal:
Marina Elnesky, 7-24-2026



The Dormition of the Theotokos, celebrated Aug. 15

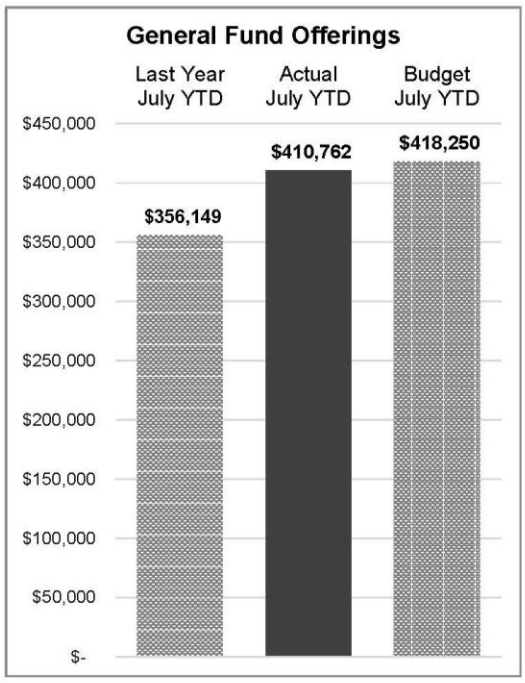
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From Family and Friends

Golf Tournament
In memory of Joe Neumann
From Anonymous

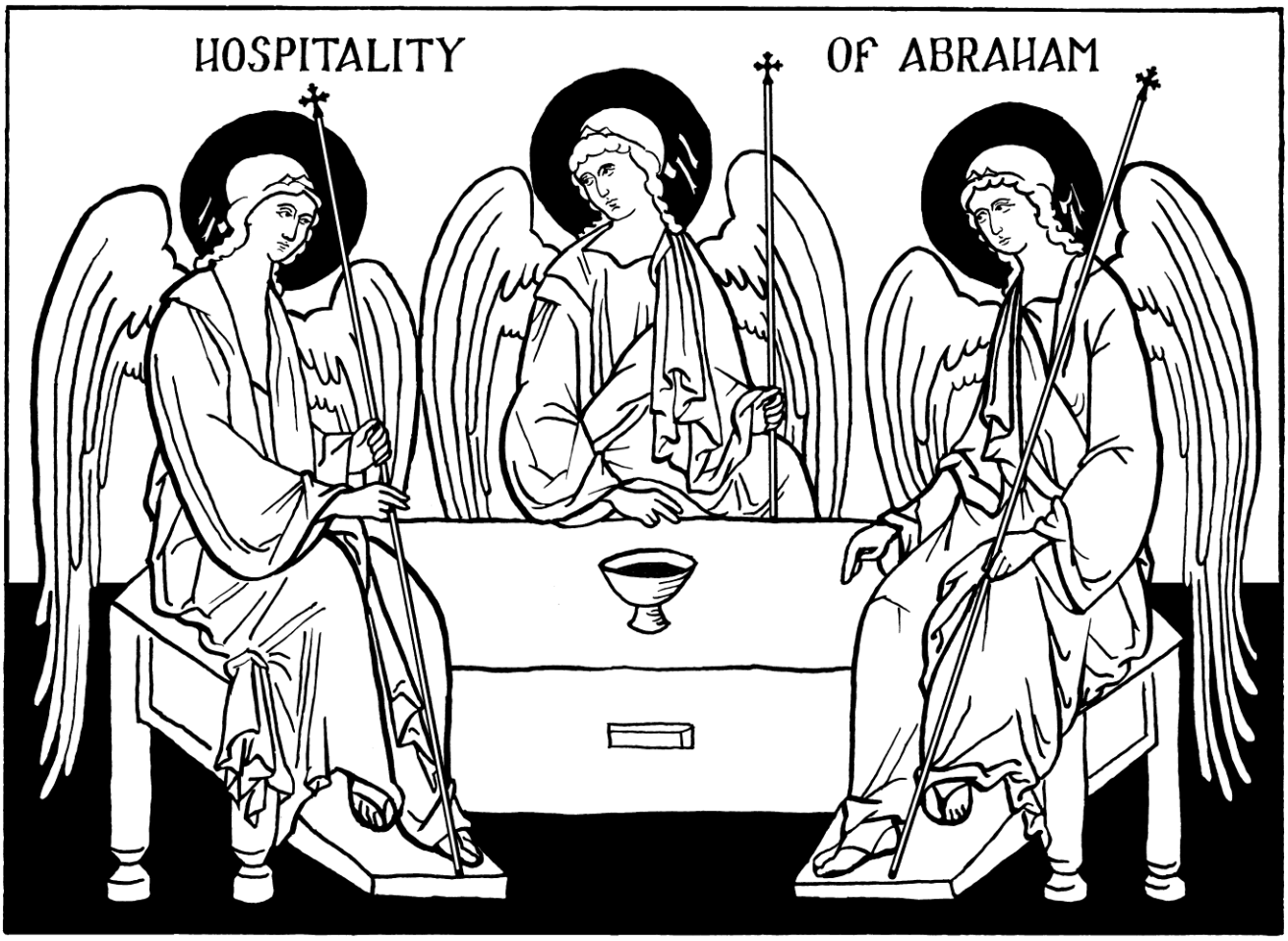
ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL RECAP AS OF July 31, 2026





Thank you so much for your generous donations and support of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral! As a reminder, you can look at the church website for information on ways to donate: ***https://stmarysoca.org***

Venmo QR Code



Masquerade and Merlot



Join us for the Lynn Olson Medical Crisis Program fundraiser, where we pour for a cause! Experience an enchanting evening of masquerade and merlot as you enjoy the exquisite Lanchava Collection of Georgian wines. Let's raise our glasses for a meaningful cause! Bring your own mask or choose from a selection crafted by St. Mary's Young Adult League.

Thursday October 29, 2026,

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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Purchase Tickets:

Regular Admission $65

Senior Admission (over 55) $55

Couple Admission $12



ARMENIAN FESTIVAL 2026

SEPTEMBER 19 11AM–6PM

SEPTEMBER 20 11AM–3PM

St. Sahag Armenian Orthodox Church,

203 N Howell Street, St. Paul, MN 55104


Holy Trinity Orthodox Church's
HARVEST FESTIVAL
September 20, 2026
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Dinner Service 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dinner Menu
Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cheese, salad, buns, pumpkin & apple pie, and beverages
Prices
Adults (12+) $15
Youth (5-11) $8
Children (0-4) Free
Take outs $15
Also featuring
Bake sale
Bazaar
Kids' games
Raffle
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TASTE OF NORTHEAST

ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Basket Raffle and Silent Auction

We are looking for auction and raffle items. Either fully made baskets or items that would go along with a basket. Things that go well for this are tickets, merchandise, and services as gifts. If you or you know a business that would be willing to donate items fill out the basket raffle form using the QR code below:

Baked Goods and Desserts

We are looking for volunteers to bake/make baked goods and desserts for our bake sale/dessert tables.

If you have baked goods you want to offer, please contact Sophia Shuran at sophiafs127@outlook.com.

If you have desserts or pies that you'd like to donate to our dessert tables, please contact Deb Pound at Debbie.pound@comcast.net

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

September 26th and 27th

Note from the chairman!

The month of the festival is finally upon us. Lots to be done still, but our planning is nearly wrapped up! We have a bunch of exciting stuff for our neighbors, sister churches, and friends.

This year, everything from our beautiful Cathedral to Kids Games, is open nearly the entirety of the festival. We will continue to have something for everyone to enjoy.

NOW WE NEED YOU. Pulling off an event like this requires bodies. Not everyone wants to work for free, I understand, we all have lives outside of our parish, but this is an opportunity for us to do this together.

This festival is not about money; our festival is about the continued promotion of our church in the area. Our festival is about the spread of Orthodoxy to locals and inquirers. Our festival is about us coming together to accomplish these goals.

Please plan on attending and lending your support, this is your festival, and this is your parish.

In ICXC,

Joe Dmowski

president@tasteofnortheast.org (612) 516-6110

TASTE OF NORTHEAST

ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Cash Raffle

The Cash Raffle is back at this year's Taste of Northeast Festival. Tickets will be available for sale at coffee hour starting Sunday, August 30, 2026 and continuing through the Festival.
We are looking for some "super sellers" willing to check out a block of tickets to sell at work, school, gym, to neighbors, friends or anywhere else in your own community. If you would like to be a super seller, please contact Cindy Huber, chuber29@gmail.com or Natalie Tangen, natalie.tangen@gmail.com

Holubke Helpers

Join us in preparing holubke for this years festival! Experienced and Rookie cooks are welcome! Please check the weekly messenger for dates or reach out to Andrew Hinton at (612) 242-0497 for details!

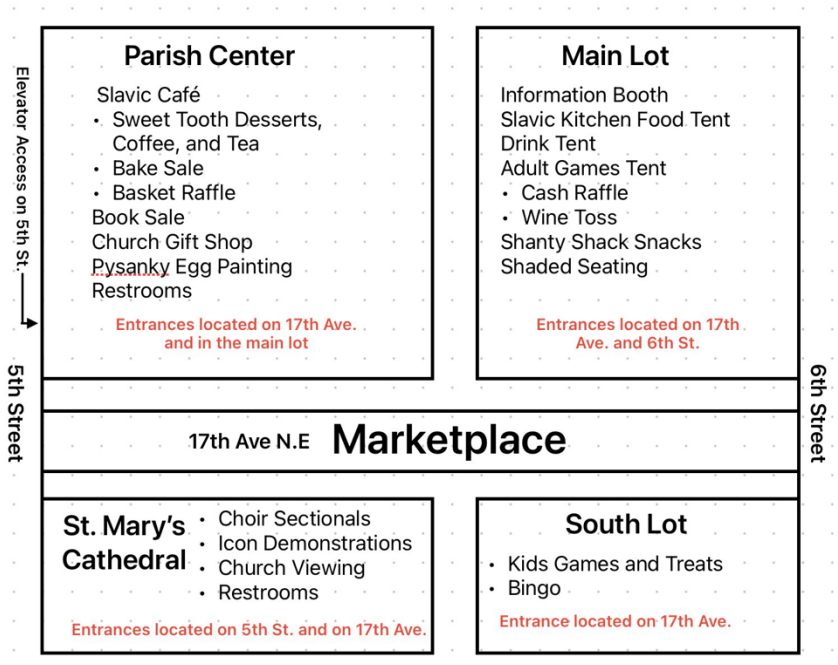
Volunteering is live!

If you have the availability, **please consider signing up for one or more shifts using the QR code to the left and select festival signup.** There are lots of opportunities for volunteering during the festival, some are subject to higher intensities like the food tent and drink tent, and others are more relaxed like our marketplace booth.

If you do not want to sign up digitally on your own, you can visit the sign-up table during coffee hour.

Yard Signs

During coffee hour new yard signs will be available for use of promoting our festival!



TASTE OF NORTHEAST
ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

SAVE THE DATES:
Saturday Sept 26
Sunday Sept 27

A huge THANK YOU to our PERSONAL FESTIVAL SPONSORS:

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Jim Varian



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If you are interested in becoming a business sponsor, marketplace vendor,or are looking to donate to our silent auction/basket raffle, please use the QR code below to navigate to our digital forms. If you would like to be a personal sponsor, please see other side for more info.

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral - September 2026

Schedule is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Messenger or www.stmarysoca.org for updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 30 - Sts Alexander, John, & Paul of Constantinople 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy @ Cemetery 9:00 - Divine Liturgy @ Cathedral	Aug. 31 7:30 am - Perohi Making *Church Office CLOSED*	**1 - Church New Year Begins** 7:30 am - Perohi Making	**2** 6:15 pm - Daily Vespers	**3 - Hieromartyr Anthimus of Nicomedia** 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm - Women's Club meet 7:30 pm - Bible Study w/ Dn. Philip (Zoom)	**4**	**5** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers 5:45 pm - General Confession
6 - Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy @ Cemetery 9:00 - Divine Liturgy @ Cathedral	**7 - Labor Day** 6:15 pm - Festal Vespers *Church Office closed*	**8 - Nativity of the Theotokos** 7:45 am - Festal Matins 9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy	**9** 6:15 pm - Daily Vespers 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	**10 - Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora** 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm - Orthodox Guys' Night 7:30 pm - Bible Study w/ Dn. Philip (Zoom)	**11**	**12** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
13 - Founding of Church of the Holy Sepulchre 7:45 am - Matins 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:45 am - Blessing of Students 6:15 pm - Festal Vespers	**14 - Elevation of the Cross** 7:45 am - Festal Matins 9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy *Church Office CLOSED*	**15** 7:30 am - Perohi Making 1:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 7:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	**16** 7:30 am - Perohi Making 6:15 pm - Daily Vespers 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	**17 - Martyr Sophia & Daughters** 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm - Bible Study w/ Dn. Philip (Zoom)	**18**	**19** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
20 - Great Martyr Eustathius ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall*** 7:45 am - Matins 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:45 am - Parastas 4:30 pm - Wedding	**21** ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall*** 7:00 pm - Board Meeting *Church Office CLOSED*	**22** ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall*** 1:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 7:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	**23** ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall*** 6:15 pm - Daily Vespers 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	**24 - Protomartyr Thekla** ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall*** 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy	**25** ***Taste of NE Prep - Gym & Hall***	**26** ***Taste of Northeast (12-9)*** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
27 - Martyr Callistratus & Companions ***Taste of Northeast (12-6)*** 7:45 - Matins @ Cathedral 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy @ Cemetery 9:00 - Divine Liturgy @ Cathedral	**28** *Church Office CLOSED*	**29** 1:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew 6:30 pm - Grief Group 7:00 pm - Online Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew	**30** 6:15 pm - Festal Vespers 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	Oct 1 - Protection of the Theotokos (Parish Feast Day) 7:45 am - Festal Matins 9:00 am - Festal Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm - Women's Club meet	Oct 2 -	Oct 3 - 5:00 pm - Great Vespers 5:45 pm - General Confession

Family & Church School Calendar:

SEPTEMBER 2026		
SEPT 1	**CHURCH NEW YEAR**	
SEPT 8	**NATIVITY of the THEOTOKOS.** Matins: 7:45AM; Liturgy: 9:00 AM	
SEPT 13	9:00 AM 11:00 -11:45	**Divine Liturgy** **FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES** • **Church School PreK-5** • ***Saints*** Kick-Off, Grades 6-12
		Great Vespers for the Exaltation of the CROSS
SEPT 14	Matins: 7:45AM; Liturgy: 9:00 AM	**EXALTATION OF THE CROSS** The Cross comes out at Matins before Liturgy
SEPT 20	9:00 AM 11:00-11:45	Divine Liturgy **Church School Classes, all grades**
SEPT 26 & 27	**TASTE OF NORTHEAST PARISH FESTIVAL** Saturday & Sunday ***Saints* Service Sunday: Volunteering at the Festival** **NO Church School on September 27**, VOLUNTEER for the Festival	

OCTOBER 2026		
SEPT 30		**Festal Vigil for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos**
OCT 1	**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS** **Parish Altar Feast Day** Liturgy: 9:00 AM	
OCT 4	9:00 AM 11:00 -11:45 am	Divine Liturgy **Church School: PreK-5th Grade** ***Saints***: 6-12: Meeting and Service (Festival Cleanup)
OCT 11	9:00 AM 11:00-11:45	Divine Liturgy **Church School: PreK-5th Grade** ***Saints***: Coffee and conversation with Fr. Ben
OCT 16-18	**Family Camp** Family Camp Wapo, Amery, WI	
OCT18	9:00 AM 11:00-11:45	Divine Liturgy **Church School Classes, all grades**
OCT24		***Saints*:** Potential Lock-In, TBD
OCT 25	9:00 AM 11:00-11:45	Divine Liturgy **Church School Classes, all grades**

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