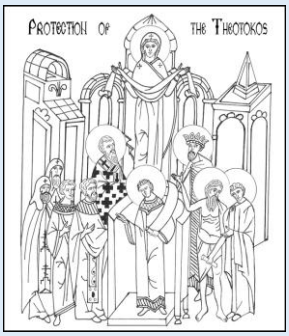
St. Mary's Cathedral Weekly Messenger

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A Warm Welcome to our Guests!

We are delighted to have you join us in worship today and pray that your participation in our worship service will be a blessing for you.

We encourage you to join us in our prayers and hymns and partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of today's Liturgy - this is not Holy Communion. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is the sign of membership and unity in the church.

Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Christian Church through baptism or chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular confession, prayer and have fasted since midnight are permitted to partake of Holy Communion.

Information about the Orthodox Christian Faith and this parish can be found in the back of the church. Feel free to ask questions before or after the services.

Please sign our guest book in the back of the church and join us for refreshments and fellowship across the street, in our Parish Center at the conclusion of today's liturgy.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Please refer to our website for service and event information and scheduling updates. Flowers at the Golgotha Cross are in memory of Tarasar and Memorich relatives from the Tarasar, Grant, and Miller families. Last Sunday Attendance: Cathedral - 242, Cemetery - 80

The hymns of the day are sung after the Little Entrance.

Troparion - Resurrection (Tone 6)
The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; * the guards became as dead men. * Mary stood by Thy grave, * seeking Thy most pure body. * Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. * Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. * O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Troparion - Founding (Tone 4)
Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth * to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. * Through the prayers of the Theotokos, * strengthen it for ever and ever * and accept our supplication * which we ceaselessly offer to Thee therein, // the life and resurrection of all!

Troparion - Forefeast (Tone 4)
We offer in supplication * the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, * which Thou hast granted to us * although we are unworthy. // Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

Kontakion - Resurrection (Tone 6)
When Christ God, the Giver of Life, * raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, * He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Glory... Now and ever...

Kontakion - Founding (Tone 4)
The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, * which enlightens all the faithful.// Standing within it we cry: "Establish this house, O Lord!"

The readings of the day are proclaimed after the choir and faithful sing the Trisagion.

Prokeimenon - Resurrection (Tone 6)
O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! *(Ps. 27:1a)*

Prokeimenon - Founding (Tone 4)
Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, / forevermore. *(Ps. 92:7b)*

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-4 *(Founding)*; **Galatians 6:11-18** *(Forefeast)*
Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. // See with what large letters I have written to

you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia Verses
v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. *(Ps. 88:18b)*
v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. *(Ps. 88:20)*
v. Thy foundations are in the holy mountains; the Lord loveth thy gates, O Zion, more than all the dwellings of Jacob. *(Ps. 99:1)*

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-18 & John 3:13-17
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. // No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Communion Hymn
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
I have loved the beauty of Thy house, O Lord, and the place where Thy glory dwells. *(Ps. 25:7)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please let the choir partake of Communion first, so they can return to the loft and continue singing. Thank you.

St. Mary's September **Special Appeal** (collecting next Sunday, 9/20) will be for the 2026 Diocesan *Support Our Seminarians* drive. Our diocese has fourteen seminarians, including St. Mary's own Samuel Miller, and they need our support.

Please consider contributing to next week's special collection.



Please keep the following in your prayers:

General Prayers: All victims of wars throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. Victims of violence, disaster, and disease. Those who rely on FOCUS Minnesota for assistance.

For the health of: Archpriest Myron; Archpriest Gregory; Mtka Elaine; Reader Elias; Polly; William; Rachel; Patricia; Thomas; Karen; Loraine; Cindy; Romanos; Darlene; Marc; Amanda; Natalie; Alexis; Nancy; Mark; John; Alexander; Bob; Jane; Avian; Mary Ann; Alexander; Deborah; Hazel; Reader Daniel; Nick; David; Diane; Nicholas; Michelene; Victoria; David; Gregory; Michael; Steve; Nino; Daniel; John; Maria; Mary; Darlene; Kathryn; Samuel; Cassandra; Joseph; Caleb; Larry; Kim; Donna; Julie; Alexei; James; Kelly; Seth; Julia; Jojo; Joni.

For the expectant parents and the children to be born of them: Robbie & Shelby; John & Eleni; Mark & Christi; Sarah & Lucas; Sasha & Eric; Anna & Steven; Jillian & Andrew.

For those serving in the armed forces: Alexander; Alexandra; Ann; Nicholas; Zachary.

For the newly departed: Protodeacon Alexei

For the repose of the souls of: Metropolitan Leonty; Archpriest Karp; Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Virginia; Archpriest Anastasy; Archimandrite Roman; Mary; Subdeacon Joseph; George. May their memory be eternal!

If you have a loved one in the hospital or in need of prayer, please notify the Office (office@stmarysoca.org)

September Parastas: William Z. (26 yrs); Liah G. (29 yrs); Archpriest Sergei G. (5 yrs); Hieromonk Seraphim R. (44 yrs); Anna Z. (3 yrs); Evgenia M. (18 yrs); Varvara L. (48 yrs); Iya S. (8 yrs); Marina M. (51 yrs); Protodeacon Alexei D. (40 days); Naeim Hanna ( ).

Stay Connected with St. Mary's:

The Cathedral sends out important information via email, along with each week's Messenger and the Monthly Bulletin in .pdf format. To receive these communications, send your email address to office@stmarysoca.org. If your home address or phone number has changed or you are not receiving the weekly email, please update your contact information with the office.

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This Week at St. Mary's Cathedral

Please refer to our website for service and event information and all scheduling updates.

Sat., Sept 12

5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	**Great Vespers**	Reader: Shared

Church Office and Parish Center CLOSED

Sun., Sept 13 — Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

7:45 a.m.	Cathedral	**Matins**	Reader: Shared
9:00 a.m.	Cathedral	**Divine Liturgy**	Reader: Rdr. Paul Ignatowicz
10:45 a.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Students	
11:00 a.m.	Parish Center	First Day of Church School	
6:15 p.m.	Cathedral	**Festal Vespers**	Reader: Shared

Mon., Sept 14 — The Exaltation of the Cross

9:00 a.m.	Cathedral	**Divine Liturgy**	Reader: Shared

Church Office and Parish Center CLOSED

Tues., Sept 15

9:00 a.m.	Parish Center	Perohi Making
1:00 p.m.	Online	Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew
7:00 p.m.	Online	Bible Study w/ Fr. Andrew

Church Office and Parish Center open: 10:00-12:30 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wed., Sept 16

9:00 a.m.	Parish Center	Perohi Making	
6:15 p.m.	Cathedral	**Daily Vespers**	Reader: Shared

Church Office and Parish Center open: 10:00-12:30 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thurs., Sept 17

9:00 a.m.	Cathedral	**Divine Liturgy**

Church Office and Parish Center open: 10:00-12:30 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fri., Sept 18

Church Office and Parish Center open: 10:00-12:30 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept 19

5:00 p.m.	Cathedral	**Great Vespers**	Reader: Shared

Church Office and Parish Center CLOSED

Sun., Sept 20

7:45 a.m.	Cathedral	**Matins**	Reader: Shared
9:00 a.m.	Cathedral	**Divine Liturgy**	Reader: Sara Ann Pogorely

Church Office and Parish Center CLOSED

Mon., Sept 21

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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST
ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

To the Clergy, Monastics, Faithful and Friends of the Diocese of the Midwest

Beloved in Christ,

Twenty-five years ago, on the morning of September 11, 2001, death and evil entered the world and our nation in a shocking and violent manner. Thousands of innocent people lost their lives, and the lives of countless others were forever changed. Parents, children, spouses, friends, neighbors, and colleagues were taken. And those who survived were robbed of their loved ones. In the days and years that have followed the terrors of that day, our nation has borne - and continues to bear—profound sorrow and deep grief.

Twenty-five years have now passed, yet 9/11 remains one of the darkest days in our nation's history. In a matter of moments, violence shattered ordinary lives. And that dark moment was played out before our very eyes and is embedded in our memory forever.

However, we also remember that the powers of evil and darkness did not conquer. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). Indeed, amid the devastation of that horrific day, light broke through. People revealed extraordinary courage, strength, faith, and love. First responders ran toward danger. Strangers carried one another to safety. Communities gathered to pray, mourn, serve, and rebuild. In one of our darkest hours, the light of compassion shone with remarkable power.

On this twenty-fifth anniversary, let us remember those who died, those who continue to mourn them, and all those whose lives were forever changed. Let us honor the courage of those who served and sacrificed. And let us recommit ourselves to being bearers of Christ's unconquered light - choosing mercy over hatred, unity over division, service over indifference, and hope over fear.

May God comfort all who continue to grieve. May God grant peace to our nation and our world. And may the memory of September 11 call us to live with greater faith, compassion, courage, and love.

With love in Christ the Giver of Light,

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St. Mary's News & Information

Parish Center Fire Drill - Next Week

A fire drill will be held at the Parish Center at the end of Church School on Sunday, September 20. Parents who normally meet their children at their classrooms should arrive by 11:40 AM. At the end of Church School, the fire alarm will sound. Everyone should calmly leave the building and gather on the east side of the Parish Center parking lot. Parents can leave with their child's class. Teachers will remain with and supervise their classes at the assembly area until each child is released to a parent or guardian. Parents may pick up their children from their teachers at that location. Those in the Dining Room should exit through the doors leading into the hallway and then leave the building through the east or west exterior doors. For this drill, the north emergency exit doors in the Dining Room will not be used.

Thank you for your cooperation as we practice our emergency procedures. --Scott

Upcoming Weddings

Next Saturday, September 19 at noon, Amy Patiuk and John Haller will be joined in the sacrament of marriage at the Annunciation Chapel. Liam Edgar and Naomi Gaetano will be married at the Cathedral on September 20 at 4:30, and Peter Miller and Sophia Jideofor will be married at the Cathedral on Thursday, September 24 at 1:00 PM.

Choir Rehearsals

Regular choir rehearsals began September 9. We start at 7:15 and go until 8:45 Wednesday evenings moving forward.

Olive Shoot Cathedral Shop

WE ARE OPEN TODAY and celebrate the Elevation of the Cross! We have restocked the shop over the summer and offer many new crosses for your homes, crosses to wear and books explaining the importance of the cross and its veneration as part of our Christian identity. Check out our sale corner for "last chance" one-of-a-kind items. We look forward to seeing you!

Perohi Update

Our next public sale will be during the Taste of Northeast Festival Sep 26th and 27th. Email Janice Strauss (jmbstrauss@gmail.com) with any questions. Our next work dates will be Tues Sep 15th at 9:00 a.m. (scooping and rolling) and Wed Sep 16th at 9:00 a.m. (filling, pinching and cooking). Please note: We need extra volunteers in September to prepare for both the Taste of Northeast Festival and our regular sale dates. Any additional help in producing this attraction would be welcome!

Hansen Scholarship Committee Open

There are several openings available on the Hansen Scholarship Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the young people in our parish community with only 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.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry at the Men's Prison at MCF Lino Lakes:

Thanks to JoAnn Lucs, Carol Karos, Adam Rusinak, Karen Schwebach, Sara Pogorely, Annette Miller, Adam Rusinik, Kay Wakaruk, Todd Pilacinski, Barbara Leschisin and Dn. Philip for participating in a moving Typica service at the Lino Lakes Medium Security Prison at 8:30 am on Sunday, August 30th. Over 70 prisoners attended the service! Special thanks to Sara for Choir Directing and to Dn. Philip for a message on the Vineyard of God and His long-suffering patience. You can find out more about this ministry by visiting the website https://www.ocpm-mn.org/ or contacting Dn. Philip Wagner at either wagne003@gmail.com or 651-587-3657.

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.

Church Library

The church library will be open beginning TODAY and 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, as well as books for young adults and children.

We are also 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 you're interested or have more questions, please email library@stmarysoca.org.

Donate a meal to OCF

University of Minnesota's OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) chapter is looking for volunteers interested in donating a meal for our weekly meetings. We meet select Thursday evenings this upcoming fall semester. Please contact Mary Rezcallah at (952)-258-3047 if interested or scan this QR code:

Basket Raffle / Silent Auction Wish List

One way to support the Taste of NE Festival is to make a contribution to the Basket Raffle / Silent Auction. We are looking for new items (small appliances, power tools, games, wireless speakers, sports equipment, kids toys and games, bicycles, Lego kits, pet baskets), gift cards, or tickets (sporting events, movie theaters, concerts). If you prefer, we are happy to accept cash donations and do the shopping for you! Please call or text Jo Anne Korluka at 612-710-8294. We would appreciate your donations submitted by September 9th.

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 Sun. Aug 30 and will continue through the Festival. We are looking for some "super sellers" willing to check out a block of tickets to sell at work, school, gym, or to neighbors, friends, or community members. If you would like to be a super seller, please contact Cindy Huber (chuber29@gmail.com) or Natalie Tangen (Natalie.tangen@gmail.com).

Taste of Northeast BOOK SALE

Taste of Northeast is hosting the book sale again this year and is now accepting donations. Please feel free to drop donations off inside the Gym on the table named Book Sale Donations. If you would like to help with the book sale in any capacity, please reach out to John Jurichko!

Calling all Bakers and Pie Makers!

It's time to break out those favorite made-from-scratch pie and specialty dessert recipes for "The Sweet Tooth" booth during the Taste of Northeast Festival! Our homemade pies are always in high demand, and the addition of specialty desserts has been very popular as well! We don't want to disappoint anyone by running out, so we need your help! This year, we will be selling our pies and desserts throughout the festival on Saturday AND Sunday. We are expecting a large crowd and want to satisfy their sweet tooth, so we need many hands to make that happen!

Bulletin & Messenger Submissions

Please note, ***today* (9/13)** is the deadline to get materials in the October Monthly Bulletin. If it's not in the office inbox by 11:59 PM tonight, it's not going in. In addition, items for the weekly St. Mary's Messenger should be submitted by *9 a.m. on **Tuesday***. Please email all items to office@stmarysoca.org with the name of your event, a brief description, along with the day(s), time(s), location, and cost. Content submitted may be edited for placement and will be included as often as possible, space pending.

Upcoming Events

Last Day for Taste of Greece!
The Minneapolis Taste of Greece Festival at St. Mary's Greek is ***this weekend!*** Come out for delicious Greek food and

St. Mary's Romanian 16th Annual Festival
Dear Friends, We hope to see you and your family at the St. Mary's Romanian Festival next Saturday, September 19, 2026 (noon - 7 p.m.). Join us at 854 Woodbridge ST N, St Paul, MN 55117 for fantastic Romanian cuisine, pastries, live entertainment, beer, wine, soft drinks, the Romanian Dance group, & more.

St. Maron's Lebanese Festival
Sat. Sept. 19, Noon to 8 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Ethnic foods, music & dancing, The Cedars Dabke Dance group, kids & adult games, silent auction, church tours and gift marketplace.
600 University Ave. NE Mpls.

St. Sahag Armenian Festival
203 N Howell St, St. Paul, MN 55104
September 19, 11 am - 6 pm
September 20, 11 am - 3 pm

Holy Trinity in Clayton Harvest Festival
Join us at 532 1st St, Clayton, WI for our annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 20! We will serve Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. followed by dinner service 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner includes cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, apple and pumpkin pie, and more. There will be a bake sale, bazaar, kids' games, and a raffle.

Tickets: Adults (12+) $15, Youth (5-11) $8, Children (0-4) Free, Take outs $15

37th Czech & Slovak Festival
Sun. Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Ethnic foods, Czech beer, music; Sokol gift shop; dance; kids games, silent auction and street vendors.
C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan Street, St. Paul, MN

Masquerade and Merlot
Join us for the Lynn Olson Medical Crisis Program fundraiser on Thurs. October 29, 6:00-9:00 pm at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral. Purchase tickets here or with the QR code:

Intro to Orthodoxy Catechism - Fall 2026
Join us for our MEOCCA catechism course, Intro to Orthodox Christianity, every Tuesday 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:

Join Us in Prayer on The Encounter App!
The Encounter Orthodox prayer app by Faithtree Resources is the perfect companion to help you build a meaningful habit of prayer. The app has daily prayers, Scripture, Psalms, and Saints lives in audio and text form. All of this and much more in one peaceful place, helping you dive in wherever you are! The app is perfect for families and those looking to establish a prayer life. Download the Encounter Orthodox prayer app with the QR code below:

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Taste of Northeast Festival
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Sign ups are out and we are looking for coverage on all areas of the festival. Whether that is food tent, drink tent, kids games, or more, we need our parishioners to help us cover all these spots available.

I understand that for many restrictions some aren't able to participate in every capacity or at all, however we have sitting and low maintenance spots available.

There are two ways to sign up:

1) **Online**: Using the QR code below or this link, navigate to Volunteer Sign up, and you will be automatically taken to the sign-up genius. Make you're you aren't on a work computer that prevents going to some of these sites.

2) **In Person**: Every Sunday from now until the festival we will have a table for sign-ups. You will still be signing up using sign up genius, but with our assistance using a computer.



From the Chairman,

I ask that you please do not plan on anything else during our festival weekend aside from being at your church festival. We have many groups putting in a lot of effort to make sure our parish is highlighted well as a member of our Northeast Minneapolis community. This is not about money, rather this is about volunteering together once a year. Invite everyone you know, and if you are able, please volunteer for as many shifts as you can spare!

Thank you for all of your support, and I look forward to this year's festival!

In ICXC,

Joe Dmowski - *Festival Chairman*

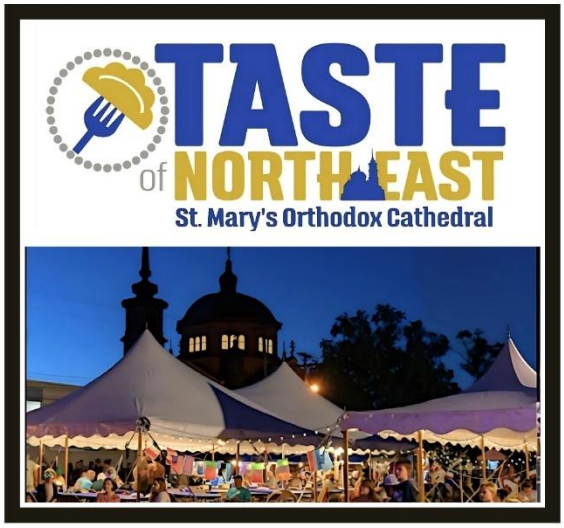
Dear Parish Family,

Planning is underway for the 2026 Taste of NE Festival (September 26–27), and we're looking forward to another joyful weekend of food, music, and fellowship!

To help make this event possible,
WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PERSONAL SPONSOR.

- Sponsorships help cover essential festival costs, such as live music, security, permits, equipment rental, etc.
- Being a sponsor shows your support for the festival's mission of creating a fun and welcoming event for our church and community.
- Your support also helps ensure that the festival is a financial success. In 2025, the festival donated $20,000 to St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, $3,000 to Focus and $1,000 to Eastside Neighborhood Services; and we hope to exceed those amounts in 2026.

Thank you for your support!



Thank you for choosing to be a personal festival sponsor!

Two ways you can become a sponsor:

1. CASH OR CHECK

Complete the form below and mail/drop it off at the church office (1701 5th St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413) along with your donation. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Taste of NE Festival.

Sponsorship Level (check one):

____ Kielbasa King (or Queen): $200 or more
____ Holubki Hero: $100
____ Perohi Partner: $50
____ Festival Friend: $25

Name:_____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
_____

2. VENMO

Decide on your sponsorship level, and then pay with the Venmo link below. Add memo note "FESTIVAL SPONSOR".

If you have any questions, please call or text Sandy Tomczyk, 612/720-6391.

TASTE OF NORTHEAST
ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

SAVE THE DATES:
Saturday Sept 26 12-9 PM
Sunday Sept 27 12-6 PM

A huge THANK YOU to our PERSONAL FESTIVAL SPONSORS:

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Pastoral Reflection

Within the Anaphora, there is a focused moment called the epiclesis, when we explicitly call upon the Holy Spirit to come and "make this Bread the precious Body of Christ, and that which is in this Cup the precious Blood of Christ." The Church believes that it is by the power of the Holy Spirit, not through human worthiness, that the gifts are changed and the faithful are sanctified.

It is always the Holy Spirit who constitutes the Body of Christ in the world. At Pentecost, the Church—the Body of Christ—was constituted by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the Incarnation, Christ's human body was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. And at every Divine Liturgy, it is the Holy Spirit who changes the bread and wine into the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Christ.

The epiclesis is not magic; it is the Church's humble confession that only God can transform ordinary elements and ordinary people into bearers of divine life. The priest prays that God sends his Holy Spirit, not only upon the bread and wine, but "upon us and upon these gifts here offered." The fruits of this blessing are the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the real transformation of the people into His Body.

With love in Christ,
Archpriest Andrew Jarmus, Dean
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