

From the Front Cover

This weekend our nation observes Memorial Day - a date on the civil calendar when the nation can (and should) honor the men and women who died in battle on behalf of our nation. We remember all that have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect those that cannot protect their self and allow others to live in freedom. We solemnly pause to remember those who fought and died for our country through many conflicts, battles and wars to ensure that we continue enjoying the freedom envisioned by our Founders.

In this day and age, the identity of those that make such an ultimate sacrifice is broad and far reaching. No longer can such heroes be identified by uniforms and military units alone. For today, such heroes' attire, along with military uniforms, includes the uniforms' of first responders, business suits, work clothes, security personnel and day to day clothing.

This weekend has come to signify things of far less significance: the start of summer, the firing up of the backyard grill, and a day off. But all of us – people that live and reside in the United States of America... and particularly Christians... *should* stop and think deeply about this weekend, including prayers and vocabulary of honor in our liturgical worship services and community gatherings. The sacrifice of our fallen in war challenges us to think of what we want the values of society to be. Let us remember those who have shown us an unselfish way with honor. We remember them with gratitude because they show us who we can be as a country and a people, as we, too, seek ways in which we shall serve one another.

The men and women we remember this weekend were people of great love. We remember their sacrifice and their love today, and in our prayerful gatherings across the country, we shall keep alive the life and memory of all those many who unselfishly gave their lives for our country. They were not thinking of themselves as they went to fight for their country. They were thinking of the ideals of their country and their duty as faithful citizens.

May we never take for granted the freedoms for which they fought. Instead may we honor the memory of these generous men and women by making some sacrifice of our own this Memorial Day: an act of service, commemoration, or prayer. Together let us always strive to be citizens mindful and respectful of those who paid the ultimate price.

Memory Eternal! - Christ is Risen!



**Sixth Sunday of Pascha
'Sunday of the Blindman'**

The Weekly Bulletin

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Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach

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Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*
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Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are glad you have chosen to pray with us at Saint Mary's. As a friendly reminder, please observe the following upon entering the church for prayer.

- If you arrive after the services begin, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. Try not to interrupt the service by your entrance.
- Please silence your cellular telephones.
- Please place your offerings in the basket on the table in the Church Narthex (Entrance), or the Offering Tray when passed.
- You are invited join us in the Banquet Hall for coffee and refreshments following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Paschal Greetings...

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!
(al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
(Khristós Anéstī! Alithós Anéstī!)

Христосъ воскресъ! Воистину воскресъ!
(Hristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!)



Schedule of Services

Sunday of the Blindman, May 29th

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the
 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

The Feast of Ascension

Wednesday, June 1st

- Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM

Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council,

June 5th

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the
 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 8th

- Vespers at 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. Peter is available for the hearing of Confessions:

- Wednesday's 6:00 to 6:30PM
- Sunday's 8:30 to 8:50 AM
 - By appointment

Wednesday 'Ask Abouna'

Due to the celebration of the Feast of Ascension on Wednesday, June 1st, 'Ask Abouna' will not be held. 'Ask Abouna' will resume on Wednesday, June 8th following Vespers.

Food for Hungry People

Now is the time to return your Food For Hungry People Lenten almsgiving boxes. The boxes may be placed on the table in the Church Narthex. If you did not use FFHP Box during Great Lent and wish to contribute, please see Sam Pasley.

GRADUATION
SUNDAY
WE HONOR YOU



On Sunday, June 12th, Saint Mary's will honor our 2022 graduates in prayer and with a special coffee hour in their honor. Graduates from the following will be honored:

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Graduate School

Please submit their names to Fr. Peter by Wednesday, June 9th, for inclusion in the bulletin.



If you did not have your home blessed before Great Lent, Fr. Peter will be blessing homes through the end of June. Please speak to him to make arrangements to have your home blessed.

The Saints Are Alive In Christ Jesus

Vigil lights are placed before the icons of the saints, according to Saint Symeon the New Theologian, as a way of showing that without the Light, Who is Christ, the saints are nothing. It is only as the light of Christ shines on them that they become alive and resplendent.

The saints show us what a glorious destiny we have in God, and through the example of their lives, point the way to our becoming "partakers of divine nature." The saints, as the cloud of witnesses in heaven, are present in the divine services, worshipping the Holy Trinity with us. They, as our friends, intercede before the Throne of God on our behalf, having won the good fight, and we are encouraged by the memory and example of their lives, as we struggle on our own path to God.

It has been said that there are two kinds of people in the world: sinners who think they are saints, and saints who know they are sinners. A saint is a Christian who lets God's light shine through, and who's life has been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We venerate the Saints as we seek their intercession with God, but we adore and worship only God in Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We venerate the Images (Icons) as well as the relics of the saints and martyrs. Yet according to the decisions and Canons of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, this veneration relates not to the icons as such, but to their prototypes, or to the persons whom they represent.

The interior walls of our temples are adorned with the icons and frescoes of the saints as a reminder that we are surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, the saints, and that the Church Militant (here on earth) is not separated from the Church Triumphant (in heaven). In Christ, death does not divide us, for the saints are not dead, but alive in Christ Jesus.

Glory to Jesus Christ, Who is glorified in His saints



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The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated on this day. The service text may be found beginning on page 91 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

Divine Liturgy Variables

- The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(once)*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(twice)*

The First Antiphon

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. *(Refrain)*

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

The Third Antiphon *(sung during the Little Entrance)*

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

(Refrain) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. *(Refrain)*

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. *(Refrain)*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

(Refrain)

Entrance Hymn of Pascha

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

- *After the Little Entrance, these hymns are sung in the following order*

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone Five

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Church (Dormition) in Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of Pascha in Tone Eight

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. [16:16-34]

In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters

“Unless you are converted and become like children you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3



2022 Parish Life Conference Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Memphis, Tennessee June 15–18, 2022



Hosted by St. John Orthodox Church at the beautiful Hilton Memphis

Join us in Memphis, Tennessee – the home of the Blues and the birthplace of Rock ‘n’ Roll – as we share fellowship with members from all corners of our Diocese. **Highlights of the in-person PLC include:**

- Keynote Speaker: Fr. Stephen Freeman
- Oratorical Festival
- Bible Bowl
- ...and much more!

The city of Memphis also has much to offer, including:

- Historic Beale Street
- Graceland (the home of Elvis Presley)
- National Civil Rights Museum
- The world’s largest Bass Pro Shop
- Big River Crossing over the majestic Mississippi River
- ...and much more!



Barbecue, Blues, and Beatitudes

Dalack, Angie Smith, Zakia Salloum.

Metropolitan Boulos & Archbishop Youhanna, for their release from captivity and safe return.

For those affected by the shootings at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

For the end of hostilities and sufferings, and for peace in the Ukraine.

For those serving in our armed forces here and abroad: Christopher Smith, Jonathan Shportun.

For the Departed

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest O Lord to the souls of Thy servants..."

Robert Laham (newly departed 5/24/22), Thomas Eissey (newly departed 5/4/22), Margo Fankhauser (newly departed 5/3/22), Fr. Nicholas Neyman (12/12/21), Sonia AbuHadid (10/3/21), Ruth Bashour (6/28/21).

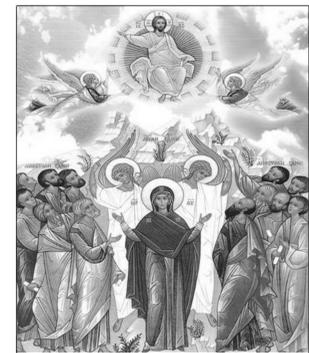


Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour is a time for fellowship and to welcome visitors to our church community. Each Sunday, Coffee Hours hosts are needed. To volunteer, Please sign-up at the entrance of the hall, or speak to Jane Pasley or Khouryia Myriam.

Church Directory Information

The Parish Council is in the process of updating our Church Directory to better minister to our Saint Mary's Community. If you have not done so already, please take a minute or two to complete a Church Directory Information Form. Forms are on the table in the Church Narthex.



Join us in prayer for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

**Wednesday, June 1st
Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM**

- For those who wish to receive Communion, please abstain from food and drink following your noon meal.
- Fr. Peter will be available for Confessions from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I

am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," which means "Sent." So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he;" others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They

answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

Megalynarion for Pascha in Tone One

[sung instead of 'It is truly meet...']

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

Communion Hymn

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

- *After Communion, instead of "We have seen the true light," "Christ is Risen" is sung once.*

Liturgical Offerings

- Holy Altar Vigil Candle for the week of May 29th is offered in glory of the Most-Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If you wish to offer Holy Bread or an Altar Vigil Candle, please speak with Fr. Peter.

There will be no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Church of Antioch in 1997.)

Please Remember In Your Prayers

For the Living

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5: 14

For the Good Health of the Servants of God: Archpriest Michael & Matushka Annette Zaparyniuk, The Priest John, Michael, Sub-Deacon William Hall, George Frieji, Jodet Rae, Judy Chalhub, Johnny & Joyce Chalhub, Nayla Tacla, Jenna Welch, Shane Brown, Raouf Saballeil, Val Franji.

For the Shut-ins of our Church Community: Gloria Yedlinsky, Lidia Pawlcuk, Basil