



# St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | JANUARY 15, 2023

31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • Tone 6 • Ven. George the Chozebite • Ven. John Calabytes

## Today's Schedule

9am — Matins  
10am — Divine Liturgy

*Following the service:*

11:45am — Church School  
6pm-8pm — Men's Fellowship at the Pettitt/Shera Residence

**Reports for 2022 Annual Reports due**  
**Donations for Women Giving Back to be collected until 2pm**  
**Project Mexico RSVPs due to Nathan L.**

## This Week at St. Mary's

Hours (Online) | weekday mornings @ 7:15am-7:45am

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Parish Council | 7pm-9pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Vespers | 7pm-7:40pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Leadership Development | 6:30pm-7:30pm

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

March for Life

Philokalia Book Group | 12pm-1pm

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

YAM Volunteer Shift at WGB | 8:30am-noon

Met. Tikhon 10th Anniversary | 10am-1pm

Great Vespers | 5pm-6pm

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

Church School | 11:45am

## UPCOMING

**Home Blessings** (*check the website calendar for the most updated times and locations*) | January 9-22

**Choral Workshop with Steve Quintilian** | Saturday, Jan 28 @ 10am-12pm

**Altar Servers Retreat** | Saturday, Feb 4 @ 10am-1pm

**Handmaidens Retreat** | Saturday, Feb 4 @ 10am-12pm

**St. Mary Tea** | Saturday, Feb 4 @ 1pm-3pm at the home of Dn. Michael & Kristi in Culpepper Gardens

**Parish Assembly** | Sunday, Feb 5 @ 12pm

**St. Mary's Nats Game Outing** | Sunday, May 21, following liturgy. Buy tickets from Christina J. by Sunday, Apr 16

Visit [stmaryorthodox.org/calendar](http://stmaryorthodox.org/calendar) to stay updated on parish events and service times.

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

*Tone 6. Troparion of the Resurrection*

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.

*Tone 4. Troparion of the Parish*

TODAY the faithful celebrate the feast with joy \* illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God. \* Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: \* Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection. \* Deliver us from every form of evil, \* by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, // that He may save our souls!

*Tone 4. Troparion of Ss. Paul and John*

O GOD of our Fathers, \* always act with kindness towards us; \* take not Your mercy from us, \* but guide our lives in peace // through the prayers of the venerable Paul and John!

*Tone 6. Kontakion of the Resurrection*

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.

*Tone 4. Kontakion of St. John*

LONGING for poverty in imitation of Christ, \* you abandoned your parents' wealth, O wise Father John; \* grasping the Gospel in your hands, you followed Christ God, // unceasingly praying for us all.

**Glory.** *Tone 3. Kontakion of St. Paul*

TODAY we gather and praise you with hymns \* as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun; \* for you shine on those in the darkness of ignorance, \* leading all ^mankind to the heights, // venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and ascetics.

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

THE Virgin is present today in the Church \* And with the fellowship of saints she prays to God on our behalf. \* The angels and the bishops worship! \* The apostles and the prophets make glad! // For the Theotokos makes supplications for us to the everlasting God!

## PROKEIMENON

**In the sixth tone:** O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

∩ To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

## EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:15-17

*My son Timothy,* this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. But for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all

longsuffering, as a pattern to them which should believe in Him unto life everlasting. Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only most-wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia** in the sixth tone:

∩ He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

∩ He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

**GOSPEL** Luke 18:18-27

*At that time,* a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and

come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Are you visiting? Welcome to St. Mary's!**

We're delighted that you've joined us! Please feel free to watch, participate, or ask the person next to you if you have any questions. Here are a few things you can do to get acquainted with us:

- sign the **visitor's log** at the entrance of the church (called the “narthex”)
- check out the **Connections Corner** in the fellowship hall to learn more about us, Orthodoxy, pick up a copy of our **newsletter** and **ministry brochure**, and meet a few friendly faces

We try to avoid entering or exiting the nave during readings, processions, or the sermon. Please note that to receive Holy Communion in our church, one must be baptized Orthodox, recently-confessed, and at peace with one's fellows. At the end of the service, everyone is welcome to come up to kiss the Cross, greet the priest, and receive blessed bread.

**Please join us for coffee hour downstairs in the fellowship hall after liturgy. We'd love to meet you!**

# Parish News & Announcements



**Birthdays** Adrian A., Sophia P.

**Namedays** Toni P.

**Anniversaries** Bogdan & Galina

**TODAY: Men's Fellowship Group meeting** — How does the Orthodox man of a family — whether the family members are all Orthodox or not — best perform his duties, in the light of his faith? Men, join us to discuss at the Pettitt/Shera residence.

**TODAY: RSVP to Nathan for Project Mexico 2023** — Want to spend a transformative week in the Tijuana area building a home for a family in need? Nathan L. is leading a service trip from August 1-7, 2023. Find all the details on Realm, or email him to ask questions and confirm your interest — today is the last day to confirm!

**TODAY: Reports for the 2022 Annual Report Book due** — The Parish Assembly is scheduled for Feb. 5, so it's time to put together the 2022 Annual Report. Please send your reports to Sophia P. by the end of the day today.

**THIS SATURDAY (Jan 21): Join YAM to volunteer a shift at Women Giving Back in Sterling.** The last day to sign up is Tuesday (Jan 17). You can sign up for a shift by scanning the QR code with your phone. You can also find the signup link at [stmaryortho-dox.org/volunteer-with-yam-at-women-giving-back](http://stmaryortho-dox.org/volunteer-with-yam-at-women-giving-back), which also has more info about Women Giving Back.



**Altar Server's Retreat (Sat, Feb 4)** — On Feb 4, 10am–1pm, St. Mary will hold an altar boy retreat for current altar boys only. The retreat will focus on the purpose of serving in the altar, building camaraderie, and practicing the nuts and bolts of serving. If you have questions, ask Subdeacons Eugene or Bogdan.

**Handmaidens Retreat (Sat, Feb 4)** — On Feb 4, 10am–12pm, concurrent with the Altar Server's Retreat, Eccl. Katherine invites the girls and young ladies of the parish to join her to learn how they can serve the church's liturgical life. More details are forthcoming.

**St. Mary's Tea at Culpepper Gardens (Sat, Feb 4)** — On Feb 4, 1pm-3pm, the St. Mary's Tea will take place at the Culpepper Gardens multipurpose rooms. Families, men, women and friends are welcome. Please RSVP, maximum of 24 guests. Culpepper Gardens' visitors are required to take a self-temperature and sign into the visitors log. Culpepper Gardens requires masks in common spaces but not in the tea venue. Contact Eva F. for more details. Thank you!

**Connect with the parish at the Connections Corner** — Stop by the Connections Corner in the fellowship hall during coffee hour to check out our ministries, newsletter, or meet a couple friendly faces. Great for visitors, inquirers, or if you just want to get more involved at church.



Next week's coffee hour host (Jan. 22): **Group S-Z**

