



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | DECEMBER 10, 2023

Tone 2 • 27th Sunday After Pentecost • Martyrs Means, Hermogenes, and Eugehrphus

Today's Schedule

9am — Matins

10am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Church School

1pm — Museum of the Bible Trip

This Week at St. Mary's

3rd & 6th Hours (Online) | weekday mornings @ 7:15am–7:45am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Parish Council | 7pm–9pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Vespers | 7pm–7:45pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Herman of Alaska

Divine Liturgy | 7am–8am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Philokalia Book Group | 1pm–2pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Great Vespers | 5pm–6pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sunday of the Forefathers

Matins & Divine Liturgy | 9am–11:30am

Nativity Pageant

Men's Fellowship | 6pm–8pm

SAVE THE DATE

Services, holidays, and other events farther down the calendar

Vespers (St. Ignatius) | Tue., Dec. 19 @ 7pm–7:45pm

Divine Liturgy (St. Ignatius) | Wed., Dec. 20 @ 7am–8am

— Christmas Services —

DECEMBER 22 (FRIDAY) 10am–12pm — Royal Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY) 5pm–6:30pm — Christmas Vespers | 10pm–11:30pm — Candlelight Christmas Matins

CHRISTMAS DAY (MONDAY) 10am–11:30am — Christmas Liturgy

Visit stmaryorthodox.org/calendar to stay updated on parish events and service times.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY*Tone 2. Troparion of the Resurrection*

WHEN Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, * Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. * And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, * all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 8. Troparion of the Martyrs

HAVING slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors, * the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Euphrasius, * received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while alive and after death. * It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing. // Glory to our only God and Creator!

Tone 2. Kontakion of the Resurrection

HELL became afraid, O almighty Savior, * seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! * The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 1. 1st Kontakion of the Martyrs

LET us sing praise in honor of the glorious Menas, * and of his companions, the holy Hermogenes and Euphrasius. * For they have honored the Lord and fought for His glory. * They are worthy of numbering with the Angels in ^heaven, // and are bountiful in their miracles.

Glory. *Tone 4. 2nd Kontakion of the Martyrs*

THE Lord snatched you from the temporal

army, * making you a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas; * together with Hermogenes and Euphrasius * with whom you suffered, // you are granted an incorruptible crown.

Both now. *Tone 3. Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Nativity*

ON this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

PROKEIMENON

In the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, / He is become my salvation.

✠ *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.*

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with

truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Alleluia, Tone 2:

✠ *May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!*

✠ *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day
we call to Thee!*

GOSPEL

*The Reading from the Holy Gospel According
to St. Luke (17:12-19)*

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ✠ Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
- ✠ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Parish News & Announcements



Birthdays Namedays

Pheobe D., Amy D.
Cindy S., Daniel C., Lucy J., Eugene H.

NEXT SUNDAY: Join the Men's Fellowship at the Jacobsons' (Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 6pm-8pm) — Jonathan invites the men of the parish to his home for a potluck dinner and discussion on St. Ignatius' *Epistle to the Ephesians*. For the address, a helpful link to the text, and more details, find the Realm Event for December's meeting in the Men's Discussion Group on Realm.

SALE ENDS NEXT SUNDAY: Gift Shop Items are 50% Off Until Dec. 17 — Get 50% off the ticketed price for edifying advent reading and holiday gifts!

Help switch the church's decor from Advent to Christmas! (Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 12:30pm) — Men, women, young ladies, and young men are all invited to assist with this process. Please RSVP on the Event in the Mischief of Mice Group on Realm if you'd like to assist. RSVPs help Eccl. Katherine know how much can be accomplished.

Christenson Family Mealtrain — Ben and Jessie welcomed their baby boy, Hans Olaf, to the world on Wednesday, November 15. Help bless their family with meals on their Mealtrain: mealtrain.com/trains/2lr2q8

Dorton Family Mealtrain — Brittany was induced on Thursday, November 30 to give birth to their second son, Caleb. Help Joshua and older brother Noah adjust to a household of four through their Mealtrain: mealtrain.com/trains/zk6zlo

Sign up for the Winter Family Camp at Antiochian Village (January 12-15) — Take your family and get away from everyday life for a weekend at the Antiochian Village Camp. Learn more and register at avcamp.org/programs/winter-family-camp.

NOTICE: *Communications Manager Sophia P. is out on maternity leave Dec. 9 – Feb. 5. Please contact Fr. David for additions to the weekly bulletin, Realm posts, and other communication needs.*



(Christenson
Mealtrain)



(Dorton
Mealtrain)



(Camp)

Connect with the parish at the Connections Corner! Stop by the Connections Corner in the fellowship hall during fellowship hour to check out our ministries, newsletter, or meet a couple friendly faces. It's a great place to learn for visitors, inquirers, or parishioners who want to get more involved at church.



Next week's fellowship hour host (Dec. 17): **Group L-O**



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 fellowship hour downstairs in the fellowship hall after liturgy. We'd love to meet you!