

## From the Front Cover

It is much easier to think, feel, and talk than to actually do something. Jesus Christ said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” (Matt. 7:21) He also taught, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (Jn. 14:15) Too many people who call themselves Christians do so without reference to how they act in tangible, practical ways. The truth is that, unless we actually obey the Savior in daily life, we have no part in Him. If we want to share in His life, then we must become like the apostles who first responded faithfully to Christ’s command, “Follow Me.” In Him, we find liberation from the nets that hold us back from making every dimension of our lives a point of entry into the joy of the heavenly kingdom.

When the disciples first heard Christ say “Follow Me,” they were doing their daily work as fishermen. He called them to the fulfillment of their work in catching people for the Kingdom, in drawing them into the blessing of God’s salvation. They had to leave their homes and occupations in order to follow Christ around in His ministry and learn from His teaching and example as best they could. It was not until after His resurrection that they understood who He was and were empowered by the Holy Spirit for their unique work.

Despite their imperfect understanding, they still had to obey Him, for otherwise they would not have become His disciples. Their obedience provided the context within which they would find the healing of their souls and become evangelists, martyrs, and pillars of the Church. We may wonder, however, what their example has to do with us. They lived long ago in very different circumstances than our own. As members of the Body of Christ, however, we serve the same Lord as they did.

The Savior calls and enables us to obey Him not only within the dimensions of our lives that we like to designate as being religious, but in every action we perform. He says to us all, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As we continue the Apostles Fast, let us humble ourselves in order to receive the healing and strength we need to serve Christ faithfully through the sacramental and ascetical life of His Body, the Church. That is the only way for us to follow in the way of the apostles and of all the saints to a kingdom that is not of this world.



The Calling of the First Disciples



# Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach

*A Parish of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast of the  
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*  
The Most Reverend Metropolitan Joseph, *Primate*

The Right Reverend Nicholas, *Bishop for Diocese of Miami and the Southeast*  
The Very Reverend Father Peter Shportun, *Priest | Pastor*

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*Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM*  
*Banquet Hall Rentals: Maribel Perez - (561) 721-5696*

## 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.



## Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

We conclude the Apostles Fast and celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, feast day of our Holy Patriarchate of Antioch, and our pastor Fr. Peter, with the celebration of a Vespertal Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, June 28th, at 6:30 PM.

*\*\*\*Those who wish to receive communion on the feast day should abstain from food and drink following their noon meal.*

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday - June 26th

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

### Tuesday - June 28th

#### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

- Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM

### Sunday - July 3rd

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

**Note:** Wednesday Evening Vespers will not be held during the remainder of June and the month of July.

## Sacrament of Confession

Fr. Peter is available for the hearing of Confessions:

- Sunday's 8:30 to 8:50 AM
- By appointment with Fr. Peter

## The Apostles Fast

This year, the Apostles Fast begins on Monday, June 20th, and concludes on Tuesday, June 28th. The Fast of the Holy Apostles is not as strict as the Fasts of Great Lent and the Nativity of Christ. Red meat, poultry, and dairy products are not allowed during the entire fasting period. Fish, wine, and oil are allowed on all days except on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Apostles Fast concludes with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 28th. We will end the fast with the celebration of the Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM, on June 28th.

## DOMSE Scholarships

The Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is offering scholarships up to \$2500 for those graduating high school in the 2021-2022 academic year.

For more information, please go to [domse.org/domse-scholarships/](http://domse.org/domse-scholarships/)

Deadline to apply is  
July 1st

## This Summer at a Glance

- ◇ Beginning August 1st, we will celebrate 'The 15 Days of August' in preparation for our Church Feast Day - The Dormition of the Theotokos.
- ◇ August 1st, we will pray The Paraklesis Service and Lesser Blessing of Water at 6:30 PM.
- ◇ August 5th, Vespertal Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Grapes for the Feast of the Transfiguration at 6:30 PM.
- ◇ Church Feast Day celebrations Dormition of the Theotokos: August 14 & 15

## Igniting the Soul

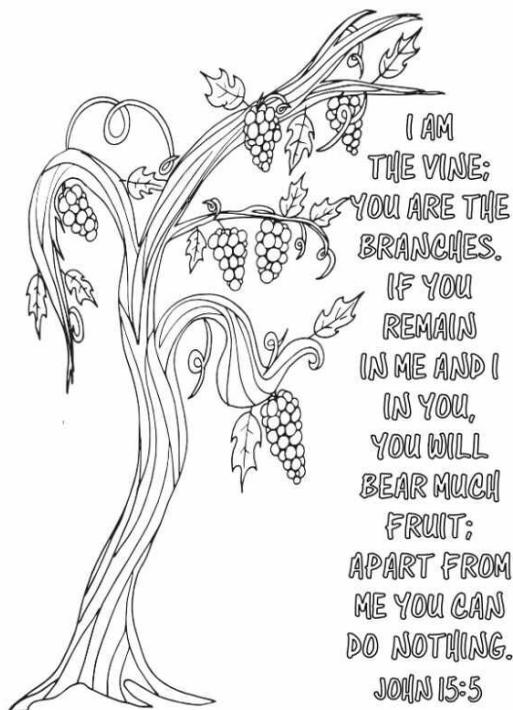
by Abbot Tryphon

*“Without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5)*

If we are to be true to our calling as the children of God, we must live in imitation of Christ. We must imitate His meekness and humility. We must love others just as did He. We must be willing to be transformed, and made whole, that others can see in us, the Light of Christ. To do this, we must pray and fast, seeking the help that only Christ can give us. That which is impossible with us, is possible with the help of Christ. Only Christ can ignite our soul for love of God, but we must cooperate by making our hearts open to Him.

We must not allow ourselves to be complacent in our journey into the Heart of God. Our Christian faith demands that we take heaven violently, storming heaven as it were. Only when we are ruthless towards ourselves, and quick to condemn ourselves as the worst of sinners, will we truly be flooded with the grace needed to be transformed and made whole. Like the Holy Apostle Paul, we must see ourselves as the worst of sinners, and like Paul must see that any good we do, is Christ in us.

Just as we light candles before holy icons, symbolizing the Light of Christ, so too must we struggle each and every day to let the Light of Christ shine forth in us. If we live our Christian faith with little effort, the Light will be dim, and neither the angels in heaven, or those who come in contact with us, will notice anything different from the unbeliever. We are, as Christians, called to be a holy people, living “not of this world”, but ever in the Kingdom that is to come.



I AM  
THE VINE;  
YOU ARE THE  
BRANCHES.  
IF YOU  
REMAIN  
IN ME AND I  
IN YOU,  
YOU WILL  
BEAR MUCH  
FRUIT;  
APART FROM  
ME YOU CAN  
DO NOTHING.  
JOHN 15:5



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## Divine Liturgy Variables for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*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.*

- *During the Little Entrance, the Resurrectional Apolytikion is sung. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

### 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.

### Ordinary Kontakion for Sunday in Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### The Epistle

**(For Second Sunday after Pentecost)**

Prokeimenon Verse: *Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as

many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا .

ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ .

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ رومية .

يا إخوة، المجد والكرامة والسلام لكل من يفعل الخير من اليهود أولاً ثم من اليونانيين. لأن ليس عند الله محاباة وجوه. فكل الذين أخطأوا بدون الناموس فبدون الناموس يهلكون، وكل الذين أخطأوا في الناموس فبالناموس يذانون. لأنه ليس السامعون بالناموس هم أبراراً عند الله بل العاملون بالناموس هم يبررون. فإن الأمم الذين ليس عندهم الناموس، إذا عملوا بالطبيعة بما هو في الناموس، فهؤلاء، وإن لم يكن عندهم الناموس، فهم ناموس لأنفسهم. الذين يظهرون عمل الناموس مكتوباً في قلوبهم وضميرهم شاهد وأفكارهم تشكو أو تحتج فيما بينها، يوم يدين الله سراير الناس بحسب إنجيلي بيسوع المسيح.

## The Gospel

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. [4:18-23]**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Please contact either me or Father Peter to discuss this matter and what assistance you can be to Saint Mary's.

*"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." 2 Corinthians 8: 22*

In Christ,

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## Repair and Improvement Campaign Update

	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Amount Received				As of June 19, 2022: <b>\$28,420</b>

## Online Donations

The church offers Zelle as an online means of fulfilling your **Annual Pledge** as well as make a donation to the **'Repair and Improvement Campaign.'**

To use Zelle, please access it through your online bank to:  
[stmarywpbfinance@gmail.com](mailto:stmarywpbfinance@gmail.com).

In addition, you may use the online services of Paypal, and the Envelopes on the table in the Church Narthex in fulfilling your pledge, or to make an offering.

For questions and information, please speak with our Parish Council Treasurer Sam Pasley.



## Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach, Florida

May 31, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While some may step away from the church during the summer months for various reasons, the church continues open its doors and offer ministry to the community. Your continued support to our beloved Saint Mary's Church is greatly appreciated.

Operating the church does not come without any unexpected problems or expenses. Our church community is currently facing a major expense that needs your help. This past week, our air conditioning system in the hall ceased to work and is past the point of repair. The lack of air conditioning in the hall puts the church in a difficult position of having to cancel daily and weekly hall rentals, thus losing rental income. In addition, our Sunday Coffee Hours and fellowship activities are put on hold. The Parish Council is working diligently to replace the air conditioning units as soon as we locate the equipment.

In addition, our parking lot has become an eyesore, fallen into disrepair and presents a hazard in some places. This too needs our immediate attention.

The current estimate to replace the air conditioning units and resurface the parking lot is close to \$100,000, a substantial amount of funds that Saint Mary's does not have. To meet this expense your help is needed. We understand that the urgency of this request is never at a good time - especially during the summer months.

We encourage you not to take away from your current contributions to Saint Mary's that assist with our daily expenses. We ask that you contribute in any way you feel you are able. Keeping our church from a serious financial deficit depends on each one of us and of our ability and willingness to support these expenditures.

فصلٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ .

في ذلكَ الزَّمانِ، فيما كانَ يسوعُ ماشياً على شاطئِ بحرِ الجليلِ، رأى أخوينِ وهما سِمعانُ المدعوُّ بطرسُ وأندراؤسُ أخوهُ، يُلقيانِ شباكَهُ في البحرِ (لأنَّهُما كانا صيَّادين)، فقالَ لَهُما هَلُمَّ ورائي فأجعلُكما صيَّادي النَّاسِ. فللوقتِ تَرَكا كُلَّ شيءٍ وتبعاهُ. وجرَّازَ مِنْ هُناكَ، فرأى أخوينِ آخريينِ وهما يعقوبُ بنُ زبديّ ويوحنا أخوهُ، في سفينةٍ معَ أبيهما زبديّ يُصليحانِ شباكَهُما فدعاَهُما، وللوقتِ تَرَكا السفينَةَ وأباهُما وتبعاهُ. وكانَ يسوعُ يَطوفُ الجليلَ كُلَّهُ يُعلِّمُ في مجاميعِهِم وَيكرِّرُ ببِشارةِ المَلَكوتِ وَيشفي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ في الشَّعبِ

- *The Divine Liturgy continues as usual.*

*After receiving Communion, please read the 'Prayers of Thanksgiving After Holy Communion' on pages 128–131 in the Red Service Book in the pews.*



### Trisagion (Memorial) Prayers

Offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 26th for;

- The repose of Naji Aoun (9 Day).
- The repose of Margo Fankhouser (40 Day).
- The repose of Thomas Eissey (40 Day).

### Liturgical Offerings

- Holy Altar Vigil Candle for the week of June 26th is offered in glory of the Most-Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Holy Bread for the Divine Liturgy of June 26th is offered by Tammy Eissey Pagella (Jon) and Thomas Michael Eissey (Celia) in loving memory of their father, Tommy Eissey (40 Days—5/4/2022), and their mother Thelma Thompson Eissey (26 years—3/31/1996); and for the health of the Eissey, Pagella and Carmack families.
- Holy Bread for the Divine Liturgy of June 26th is being offered for the health and well-being of husband and father, Leon Chalhub on the occasion of his 80th Birthday (June 25, 2022), by the George, Brown, Roberts and Chalhub families.

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

## 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, Jennifer Joseph Zicky.

- *Please update Fr. Peter on how the following are doing and whether they should remain on our prayer list!*

*For the Shut-ins of our Church Community:* Gloria Yedlinsky, Lidia Pawlcuk, Basil Dalack, Angie Smith, Zakia Salloum.

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

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..."*

Naji Aoun *(newly departed 6/15/22)*, Thomas Eissey *(5/4/22)*, Margo Fankhauser *(5/3/22)*, Fr. Nicholas Neyman *(12/12/21)*, Sonia AbuHadid *(10/3/21)*, Ruth Bashour *(6/28/21)*.



## Parish Council Meeting

The June/July meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Sunday, June 26th, at 11:45 AM, in the Conference Room.

## Join Our Youth Ministry Team



The Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations (SOYO) is a ministry for our youth to help teens (13 - 18 years) in the church live the Orthodox faith daily through the organization's four pillars of worship, witness, service, and fellowship. Teen SOYO strives to help teens get involved in the life of the church and build effective habits that will last throughout their lives.

To assist our teens, a 'Youth Ministry Team' comprised of 3 to 4 volunteers is needed to assist the priest in engaging not only our teens, but pre-teens (11 & 12 years) as well.

If are interested in working as a 'team member' working with our youth, please



## 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.



## Home Blessings

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.



## Giving of Your Blessings

Thank you to those who continue to fill our Feed the Hungry Box located in the Church Narthex. Your food donations will be distributed to those in need in our local community. There is a need for non perishable food items; baby formula, diapers, wipes; toothpaste, soap and shampoo.