

ST. MARY'S HELPERS

	July 17	July 17
Prosphora	Gabriela & Maria	Daniel & Galina
Reader	Florin & Dan	Marius & Anne
Greeter	George D	Giani & George D
Coffee hour		
Lawn	Alex	George C

Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the organizer know.

'He who labors as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands.'

St. Benedict of Nursia

'Be at rest, courage and confidence; the Lord will bring our enemies to nothing.'

St. Cadoc

TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. Please join us for coffee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.

As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all

St. Marina- July 17

Marina was born in Antioch of Pisidia to pagan parents; her father was a pagan priest. When she was about twelve years old her mother died, and she was given into the care of a woman who told her of the Gospel of Christ. She was immediately filled with love for Christ and consecrated her life to His service. Her father, hearing of this, was furious and disowned her. When she was fifteen years old, she was brought before the governor Olymbrius, who first desired to marry her and, when she refused, ordered her to make sacrifice to the idols.

She refused and proclaimed herself a Christian. For this she was harshly tortured, imprisoned, and finally beheaded. While she was in prison she was tormented by demons, but drove them away by her prayers. For this reason she is especially invoked for deliverance from demonic possession. One of her hands is preserved at Vatopedi Monastery on the Holy Mountain, and some of her relics are preserved at an Albanian Monastery dedicated to her.

St. Mary's Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church

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July 17, 2016

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

a Sf. Părinți de la Sinodul IV Ecumenic

Vespers Saturday 6 pm

Divine Liturgy Sunday 9 am (beginning July 17)

Confessions by Appointment

Other services as announced

- *We are collecting for the icons in the altar. We need \$12,000 to complete the project. One patron has generously agreed to match each donation. Please consider contributing today.*
- *Dormition Fast begins August 1*
- *Paraclesis will be sung Wednesdays and Fridays during the Dormition Fast.*

ORTHODOX TEACHING

Reading: Sunday of the Holy Fathers

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we remember the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm. Reading © Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA

READINGS AND TROPAR

4th Sunday after Pascha (Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council). Ep. Hebrews 13:7-16; Romans 6:18-23. Gos. John 17:1-13 (Prayer of Jesus); Matthew 8,5-13 (Healing of centurion's servant). Tone 3.

Duminica 4-a după Rusalii (a Sf. Părinți de la Sinodul IV Ecumenic). Ap. Evrei 13:7-16; Ap. Romani 6,18-23. Ev. Ioan 17,1-13 (Rugăciunea lui Iisus); Matei 8,5-13 (Vindecarea slugii sutașului). Glas 3,

Tone 3

Let the Heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad; for the Lord has shown the power of His arm. He has trampled death by death, and became the first to rise from the dead. He delivered us from the depths of Hades, and granted great mercy to the world.

Tropar for the Holy Fathers

*You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!*

Tropar for the church

Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.

In Memory

Mr. Vasile Siminiceanu, the father of Mirela Siminiceanu, passed away peacefully on Thursday July 14. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date as his body is being prepared to be transported to Romania to be buried next to his wife. We offer Mirela our deepest sympathies for her loss.

Memory Eternal – Vesnica Pomenire