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**STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

## 2021 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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### OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

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**QUESTIONS? CALL OR VISIT US**

**(FOR OFFICE VISITS PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE)**

## **FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **February 7: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

- † 9:00 a.m. - Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

### **February 14: Sunday of the Canaanite**

- † 9:00 a.m. - Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

### **February 21: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - Triodion Begins**

- † 9:00 a.m. - Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

### **February 28: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

- † 9:00 a.m. - Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



# “Mystagogy” Resource Center

-By John Sanidopoulos

<https://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/>

# WHEN TO SIT OR STAND DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY

(Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Norfolk, Virginia)

People have been asking me the important question of what is the proper etiquette when sitting or standing in Church during the Divine Liturgy. To best explain, I have referenced the guidelines provided by one of our sister parishes, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Norfolk, Virginia. Their guidelines, which I also agree with, state:

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox “old countries,” there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand. It is fully acceptable (even preferable) to stand for the entire service. If you prefer this, it would be better to find a place closer to the back or side of the church so as not to stand out or block someone’s view.

When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the Small and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. In many parishes, the Divine Liturgy books in the pew have suggested times when sitting is acceptable. Follow those instructions (it’s probably safer than to follow what the people are doing in the first couple of rows). It is never wrong to stand in church.

(Note: Many parishes also follow the practice of kneeling on Sundays during the Cherubic Hymn, consecration, and the “Our Father.” Strictly speaking, this is not correct, because every Sunday is a “little Pascha” in which the Resurrection is remembered — hence, no kneeling. The “kneeling prayers” said five weeks after Pascha, are said after the Sunday Liturgy, “reinstating” kneeling for Vespers, Matins, and weekday Liturgies only. If the tradition of the parish you are visiting is to kneel, and everyone kneels, it’s better to do so than to stick out like a sore thumb. If there is a mixture of standing and kneeling, then stand.)

**STS. MARY MAGDALENE AND MARKELLA  
VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION "TO-GO" DINNER**

**\*\*\*CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY GREEK STYLE\*\*\***



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GREEK SALAD

BREAD

ONE SLICE OF BAKLAVA CHEESECAKE

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**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN 12-4**

# STS. MARY MAGDALENE AND MARKELLA WINTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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TICKETS ARE \$25.00 AND FOR EVERY \$100.00 YOU SPEND YOU GET ONE FREE TICKET  
(WE WILL EMAIL YOU YOUR FREE TICKET NUMBERS)

\*\*\*DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST\*\*\*

# STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA ADVERTISEMENT BOOKLET

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WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE NEW ADDITION TO OUR NEWSLETTER. STARTING JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, WE WILL BE INCLUDING ADVERTISEMENTS OF BUSINESSES.

THROUGH OUR AD FUNDRAISER, YOUR HARD WORK AND AMAZING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES CAN BE KNOWN AND SUPPORTED BY OUR PARISHIONERS AND FOLLOWERS.

## WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT SIZES AVAILABLE

**FULL PAGE:** \$250/YEAR or \$150/6 MONTHS

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STEWARDSHIP  
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