



Church of the Virgin Mary

كنيسة العذراء مريم الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America



“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)

March 11, 2012

Second Sunday of Great Lent
St. Gregory Palamas Bishop of Thessalonica

الأحد الثاني من الصوم

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Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Matins -- 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Matins -- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

(Confessions by Appointment)

Welcome to the Church of the Virgin Mary! We extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings to you and your family. If this is your first time with us, we pray that you feel at home. After all, we are gathered together in our Father's house. Please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet" for more information. May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

أهلاً بكم في كنيسة العذراء مريم! يُسعدنا أن نُقدّم لكم ولعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارّة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الأولى لكنيستنا، نرجو أن تشعروا بأنكم في بيتكم الذي هو بيت أبنينا جميعاً. أَلرّجاء أن تسألوا أحد المساعدين في الكنيسة في نهاية الخدمة الالهية عن "رزمة معلومات الترحيب" التي تحتوي على المعلومات المطلوبة. اللهُ يبارككم وينعم عليكم بالصحة لسنين عديدة في خدمة الرب.

Clergy, Parish Council, Committees, and Ministries

Parish Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani
Rev. Dn. Saed Rihani
Subdeacon Matthew Sweis

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SOYO President

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SOYO Spiritual Director

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Mansoura Khouri & Lina Haddad

Handmaids Spiritual Director

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Khaled Salman & Faris Samawi

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Changes in the Liturgy

تغييرات في القداس

Entrance Hymn

O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر. فسبيت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادقت البتول يا مانحاً الحياة. فيامن قمت من بين الأموات يارب المجدلك.

Troparion of St. Gregory Palamas (Tone Eight)

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

يا كوكب الرأي المستقيم وسند الكنيسة ومعلمها. يا جمال المتوحدين ونصيراً لا يحارب للمتكلمين باللاهوت. غريغوريوس العجائبي فخر تسالونيكية وكاروز النعمة. ابتهل على الدوام في خلاص نفوسنا.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone One)

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.

في ميلادك حفظت البتولية وصنتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركتها يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos for the Sundays of Lent (Tone Eight)

To thee the champion leader, I thy city ascribe thank-offerings of victory. For thou hast delivered me from terrors O Theotokos. But as thou hast that power which is invincible, from all dangers set me free that I may cry out unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom!

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله، اكتب لك رايات الغلبة يا جنديةً مُحامية. وأقدم لك الشكر كمنقذة من الشدائد. لكن بما أن لك العزة التي لا تحارب، اعتقينا من صنوف الشدائد. حتى أصرخ إليك: إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروس لها!

Megalynarion for the Theotokos from the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Tone Eight)

In thee all creation rejoices, O Full of Grace; the assembly of angels and the race of Man; O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise; the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child; our God before the ages, He made thy body into throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee all creation rejoices; O Full of Grace, glory to thee.

إن البرايا بأسرها تفرح بك يا ممتلئة نعمة، محافل الملائكة وأجناس البشر، أيتها الهيكل المنقذ والفردوس الناطق، فخر البتولية مريم التي منها تجسد الإله وصار طفلاً وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور، لأنه صنع مستودعك عرشاً وجعل بطنك أرحب من السماوات، لذلك يا ممتلئة نعمة تفرح بك كل البرايا وتُمددك.

Epistle for the Second Sunday of Lent

الرسالة للأحد الثاني من الصوم

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us!

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed!

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (1:10-2:3).

“In the beginning, Thou O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Thine enemies a stool for Thy feet?” Are they not all ministering spirits set forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا!

خَلَّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى العبرانيين (1:10-2:3)

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ فِي الْبَدْءِ أَسَّسْتَ الْأَرْضَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ هِيَ صُنْعُ يَدَيْكَ * وَهِيَ تَزُولُ وَأَنْتَ تَبْقَى وَكُلُّهَا تَبْلَى
كَالثُّوبِ * وَتَطْوِيهَا كَالرِّدَاءِ فَتَتَغَيَّرُ وَأَنْتَ أَنْتَ وَسُئُوكَ لَنْ تَفْنَى * وَلَمِنْ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ قَالَ قَطُّ اجْلِسْ عَنِ
يَمِينِي حَتَّى اجْعَلَ أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ * أَلَيْسُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ أَرْوَاحًا خَادِمَةً تُرْسَلُ لِلخِدْمَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ
سَيَرْتُونِ الْخَلَاصَ * فَلِذَلِكَ يَجِبُ عَلَيْنَا أَنْ نُصْغِيَ إِلَى مَا سَمِعْنَاهُ إِصْغَاءً أَشَدَّ لِئَلَّا يَسْرِبَ مِنْ أَذْهَانِنَا *
فَإِنَّهَا إِنْ كَانَتْ الْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي نُطِقُ بِهَا عَلَى أَلْسِنَةِ مَلَائِكَةٍ قَدْ ثَبَّتَتْ وَكُلُّ تَعَدٍّ وَمَعْصِيَةٍ نَالَ جَزَاءً عَدْلًا *
فَكَيْفَ نُفَلِّتُ نَحْنُ إِنْ أَهْمَلْنَا خَلَاصًا عَظِيمًا كَهَذَا قَدْ أَبْتَدَأَ النُّطْقُ بِهِ عَلَى لِسَانِ الرَّبِّ ثُمَّ ثَبَّتَهُ لَنَا الَّذِينَ
سَمِعُوهُ.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent

الإنجيل للأحد الثاني من الصوم

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (2:1-12).

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts. Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس مرقس الإنجيلي البشير, التلميذ الطاهر (2:1-12)

في ذلك الزمان دخل يسوع كفرناحوم وسمع أنه في بيت * فلوقت اجتمع كثيرون حتى أنه لم يعد موضع ولا ما حول الباب يسع وكان يخاطبهم بالكلمة * فأتوا إليه بمخلع يحمله أربعة * وإذ لم يقدروا أن يقتربوا إليه لسبب الجمع كشفوا السقف حيث كان. وبعد ما نقبوه دلوا السرير الذي كان المخلع مضطجعا عليه * فلما رأى يسوع إيمانهم قال للمخلع يا بني مغفورة لك خطاياك * وكان قوم من الكتبة جالسين هناك يفكرون في قلوبهم ما بال هذا يتكلم هكذا بالتجديف. من يقدّر أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده * فلوقت علم يسوع بروحهم انه يفكرون هكذا في أنفسهم فقال لهم لماذا تفكرون بهذا في قلوبكم * ما الأيسر أن يقال مغفورة لك خطاياك أم أن يقال قم واحمل سريرك وامش * ولكن لكي تعلموا أن ابن البشر له سلطان على الأرض أن يغفر الخطايا (قال للمخلع) لك أقول قم واحمل سريرك واهب إلى بيتك * فقام للوقت وحمل سريرته وخرج أمام الجميع حتى دهش كلهم ومجدوا الله قائلين ما رأينا مثل هذا قط.



Honoring your loved ones: Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays to provide Holy Bread and Coffee hour. It's this gift of Holy Bread that we use to prepare communion and to share with our parishioners at the end of the service.

What better way to honor your loved ones on their birthday, anniversary, graduation or memorial. It takes minimal effort, and it encourages fellowship among our community.

Hospitality Teams

“Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Trinity one in essence and undivided.” - From the Divine Liturgy

<i>Holy Bread and Coffee Hour</i>	القداس والقهوة
03/11: Ladies Guild	03/11: سيدات الكنيسة
03/18: Joseph Makri & Family	03/18: يوسف مكري والعائلة
03/25: Refqa Sweis & Family	3/25: رفقة صويص والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Khaled Salman

Next Week: English - Abeer Khouri, Arabic - Lily Sweiss

Altar Server Ministry:

03/11: Team A (Captain Jordan Rihani): Odei Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al-Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis

03/18: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi): Rami Sweis, Yazen Swais, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel Samawi, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey

03/25: Team C (Captain Arrar Alnaser): Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis, Elia Sweiss, Simon Tadros, George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis

“Bible Verse of the Week”

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

افحصني يا الله، لتعرف ما في قلبي. امتحني واعرف افكاري. وانظر ان كانت في افكار شريرة. وفندي

في طريق الحياة الابدية. المزامير 139:23-24

Parish News

Great Lent!

We are currently in the Lenten Fast and it will continue until Pascha (Easter), April 15th. Please do not forget that in order for our fasting to be effective and beneficial to our souls, it must be accompanied by prayer, repentance, forgiveness, alms-giving (giving to the poor), and good works. The fast is not a “diet” so that one could lose weight. What good is the fast if it does not change us and strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another? Fast from anger, judging, pride, gossip, and lust. If you are not able to keep the discipline of fasting as prescribed by the church for health reasons, please speak to Fr. Mousa and he will give you a discipline you can handle. Remember the words of St. John Chrysostom:

“Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip...”

“Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism...”

“For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?”

The Church of the Virgin Mary will have the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy every Wednesday at 7pm and the service of the Akathist (Al-Madayeh) followed by a potluck dinner every Friday at 7pm. May you have a spiritually rewarding Lent. God bless you!

نحن الان في فترة الصوم الذي يستمر حتى عيد الفصح 15-4-2012. نرجو أن نتذكروا انه حتى يكون صيامكم مقبولاً ومفيداً لأرواحكم, يجب أن يقترن بالصلاة والندامة والمسامحة ومساعدة الفقراء والمحتاجين وكافة الاعمال الصالحة. الصيام ليس وسيلة لتخفيف الوزن. ما الفائدة منه إذا لم نتغيّر ونقوّي علاقتنا مع السيد يسوع المسيح ومع بعضنا البعض. الصيام هو الابتعاد عن الغضب والعصبية والحكم على الآخرين والغرور والقبل والقال والشهوة. إذا كان لأي منكم اسباب تمنعه من الصيام كما اوصت الكنيسة, يُرجى التكلم مع الاب موسى حداد الذي سيساعدكم على معالجة الامر. تذكروا ما قاله القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم:

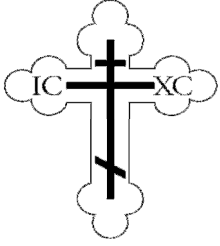
" لتصم أذانكم عن سماع أقوال الشر وكلام الثرثرة... "

" لتصم أفواهكم عن الكلام البطل وأنقاد الآخرين... "

" لانه أية مئة لكم إذا أمتعتكم عن أكل اللحوم والاسماك, بنما تنتهشون أخوانكم؟ "

ستقيم الكنيسة قُداس "السابق تقديسه" كل يوم أربعاء الساعة 7 مساءً. أيضاً خدمة المدائح كل يوم الجمعة الساعة 7 مساءً يتبعها وجبة طعام في قاعة الكنيسة. نسأل الله أن يُكافئكم روحياً بهذا الصيام. الله يبارككم!

Parish News



Our deepest and sincere condolences to the Rihani and Sayegh family on the loss of the handmaid of God Mariam (Rihani) Al-Sayegh who departed this life in Jordan. May the Lord give rest to the soul of His handmaid Mariam, and may He give peace and comfort to her family. May her memory be eternal!

تعازيننا الى عائلة ریحاني وعائلة الصایغ بوفاة مریم (ریحاني) الصایغ التي انتقلت الى رحمته تعالى في الاردن. نسأل الله ان يتغمد الفقيدة برحمته ويلهم ذويها الصبر والسلوان. ليكن ذكرها مؤبداً!

Congratulations to Philip and Grace Riske on the baptism of their daughter Asha Sophia. May God grant Asha Sophia, her parents, and the entire family many years of health and happiness. Mabrouk!

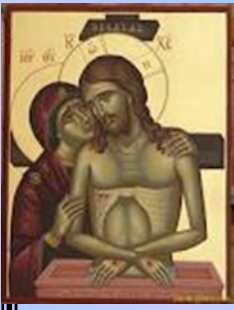


تهانينا الى فيليب وقريس ريسك بمناسبة عماد ابنتهم آشا صوفيا. نسأل الله

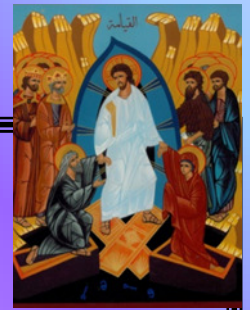
ان يمنح الطفلة ووالديها والعائلة الصحة والسعادة لسنين عديدة. مبروك!



St. Mary's Ladies Guild will host a Lenten Luncheon today immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please help support our ladies by joining us for lunch. God bless!



Chicago-area Antiochian Churches present
2012 Lenten Lecture Series



Uniting our faithful; and together sharing in the Passion of our Lord, and celebrating His Glorious Resurrection.

Please see the schedule below.

Join us for these discussions and let's travel together on a meaningful journey through the Holy Season of Lent.

Date / Time	Church / Presenter	Topic / Language	Location
Thursday, February 23 rd 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Saint Mary Orthodox Church Fr. Malek Rihani 708-239-0004	English "From Doubt to Sainthood: A Lenten Journey"	Saint John Melkite Church 200 East North Ave. Northlake, IL
Thursday, March 1 st 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Our Lady of Lebanon Fr. Charles Khachan 630-932-9640	English "Toward the Cross, the Empty Tomb, and Beyond"	Saint John Syriac Church 250 South Villa Ave. Villa Park, IL
Thursday, March 8 th 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Saint John Melkite Church Fr. Fouad Sayegh 708-562-7050	Arabic "The Liturgical Year, Celebrating Christ and Journeying towards God." "السنة الليتورجية، احتفال بالمسيح ومسيرة نحو الله"	Saint Mary Orthodox Church 12147 S. Cicero Ave. Alsip, IL
Thursday, March 15 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Saint John Syriac Church Fr. Yacoub Youhanoun 847-533-6003	English and Arabic "Anger in the Holy Bible: How can we deal with it"	Our Lady of Lebanon 950 N. Grace Lombard, IL
Thursday, March 22 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Saint Afrem Syriac Church Fr. Dr. Sharbel Bcheiry	English "Repentance and Fasting in the Sermon of St. Jacob of Serug on the People of Nineveh (Jonah 3). A model of an inner spiritual progress and change for our daily life.	Saint John Melkite Church 200 East North Ave. Northlake, IL

"For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?" St. John Chrysostom

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Spiritual Renewal Retreat

A Leap of Faith...

Presenter: Sarah Elisabet Oftedal,
House Mother of the Martha and Mary Maternity House in Escondido, CA

March 24, 2012

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465

Spiritual Retreat Schedule:

9:00 am: Orthros (Matins)

10:00 am: Continental Lenten
Breakfast & Registration

10:30 am-12:00 pm: First Session
(Her journey to Orthodoxy)

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00-2:30 pm: Second Session
(Her journey to the
Martha & Mary House)

Registration:

\$15 by March 17

**\$20 After March 18
or on-site registration**

Sara Elisabet Oftedal is Co-Founder and House-Mother/ Director of Martha and Mary House, an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home for pregnant women in crisis who choose life and open adoption for their unborn child.

Sara Elisabet is an accomplished journalist, correspondent, author and sculptress. She gave birth to her first living child in 1956 in a Salvation Army Maternity Home after aborting an infant while a rebellious teen. Although she later married and went on to have three more children, she lived with a secret pain in her heart, a black hole caused by aborting a child and existing as an atheist. Through the years, Sara's work as a writer took her to several denominations.

Searching for meaning, she made a desperate leap of faith across the abyss of the absurd and promised God that she would live the rest of her life as if He were there. In her journey, Sara became an Evangelical, a Lutheran, an Episcopalian, an Anglican and finally an Orthodox Christian. In January 1995, Sara Elisabet was chrismated at Saint John of Damascus Orthodox Church (OCA) in Poway, California where she is currently a member.

With the blessing of Bishop Benjamin of the Diocese of the West, Sara is currently working on a book titled "Coming Full Circle, - From The House of Tomorrow to Martha and Mary House." It will include the reprint of her first book, and the circumstances leading to the founding of Martha and Mary House.

Come hear Sara's inspiring and moving spiritual journey.

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HOUSE BLESSINGS

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord's Theophany on January 6th, we bless water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time. Please contact Fr. Mousa at 708-979-3222 or Fr. Malek at 708-516-6417 if you would like your home blessed this year.



خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم 2012 Lent & Holy Week Services

شباط 29 فبراير	الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 2 مارس	الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 7 مارس	الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 9 مارس	الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 14 مارس	الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 16 مارس	الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 21 مارس	الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 23 مارس	الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 25 مارس	الأحد: خدمة القداس لعيد البشارة Sunday: Annunciation Liturgy	صباحا 10:30am
آذار 28 مارس	الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
آذار 30 مارس	الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 7 أبريل	السبت: القداس لسبت اليعازر Saturday: Lazarus Saturday Liturgy	صباحا 10:30am
نيسان 8 أبريل	الأحد: خدمة القداس لعيد الشعانين Sunday: Palm Sunday Liturgy	صباحا 10:30am
	الأحد: الختن الأولى Sunday: 1st Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 9 أبريل	الاثنين: الختن الثانية Monday: 2nd Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 10 أبريل	الثلاثاء: الختن الثالثة Tuesday: 3rd Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 11 أبريل	الأربعاء: صلاة الزيت المقدس Wednesday: Holy Unction Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 12 أبريل	الخميس: قداس باسيليوس العظيم Thursday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	صباحا 10:30am
	الخميس: خدمة 12 انجيل والصلب Thursday: 12 Passion Gospels	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 13 أبريل	الجمعة: خدمة الساعات Friday: Royal Hours	صباحا 10:30am
	الجمعة: خدمة انزال المصلوب Friday: Taking Down From the Cross	مساء 3:00pm
	الجمعة: جناز المسيح Friday: Lamentations	مساء 7:00pm
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نيسان 14 أبريل	السبت: قداس سبت النور Saturday: Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil	صباحا 10:30am
	السبت: سحرية العيد، الهجمة و قداس القيامة Saturday: Rush Procession & Matins followed by Paschal Liturgy	مساء 10:00pm
نيسان 15 أبريل	الأحد: صلاة الباعوث Sunday: AGAPE VESPERS	ظهرا 1:00pm

Scholarship

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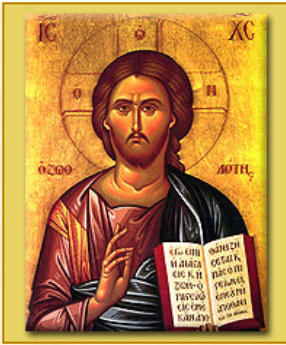
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Weekly Synaxarion



On March 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Sophronios, patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Thallos and Trophimos; Venerable George of Sinai; Theodora the empress; and the repose of Euthymios, bishop of Novgorod. On this same day, the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica. This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a theologian, a hierarch and a miracle-worker, who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. The Most-Holy Theotokos, St. John the Theologian, St. Demetrius, St. Anthony the Great, St. John Chrysostom and angels of God appeared to him at different times. Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.