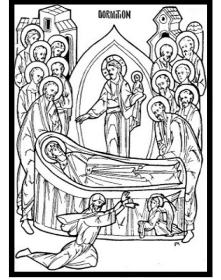




# St. Mary Orthodox Church

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

كنيسة العذراء مريم الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية



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

*August 26, 2012*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

الأحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

## Weekly Schedule of Services

*Saturday: 5:30 p.m. -- Great Vespers*

*Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Matins -- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy*

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

*(Confessions by Appointment)*

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*Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm*

Welcome to St. Mary Orthodox Church! 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 الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية! يُسعدنا أن نُقدّم لكم ولعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الأولى لكنيستنا، نرجو أن تشعروا بأنكم في بيتكم الذي هو بيت أبينا جميعاً. ألرجاء أن تسألوا أحد المساعدين في الكنيسة في نهاية الخدمة الالهية عن "رزمة معلومات الترحيب" التي تحتوي على المعلومات المطلوبة. الله 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*  
*Subdeacon Matthew Sweis*  
*Subdeacon Ameer Tadros*

### Parish Council:

#### **Presiding Officer**

*Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad*

#### **Chairman**

*Fadi Abu Manneh*

#### **Vice Chairman**

*Rashid Sweis*

#### **Treasurer**

*Abdullah Tadros*

#### **Financial Secretary**

*Samer Tadros*

#### **Secretary**

*Abeer Khouri*

#### **Council Members:**

*George Barakat*

*Maher Ibrahim*

*CJ Kari*

*Bassam Salman*

*Faris Samawi*

*Ramzi Sweis*

### Committees:

#### **Altar / Liturgics**

*Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani*

#### **Expansion & Maintenance**

*Luai Sweiss*

#### **Fundraising & Stewardship**

*Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman*

#### **Financial**

*Abdullah Tadros*

#### **Communication**

*Abeer Khouri*

#### **Constitution**

*Ramzi Sweis*

#### **Humanitarian**

*Shireen Salman*

#### **Ushering**

*Fadi Abu Manneh*

#### **Web Master**

*Sana Sweis*

#### **Office Administrator**

*Katia Haddad*

### Organizations and Ministries:

#### **Sunday School Director**

*Omar Sweiss*

#### **Sunday School Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Mousa Haddad*

#### **Ladies Guild President**

*Kholoud Swais*

#### **Ladies Guild Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Mousa Haddad*

#### **Fellowship President**

*Khalil Haddad*

#### **Fellowship Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Mousa Haddad*

#### **SOYO President**

*Hadeel Sweis*

#### **SOYO Advisor**

*Orieb Sweis & Steve Rihani*

#### **SOYO Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Malek Rihani*

#### **Handmaids of the Lord**

*Mansoura Khouri & Lina Haddad*

#### **Handmaids Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Malek Rihani*

#### **Choir Director**

*Michael Rascia*

#### **Chanter**

*Khaled Salman & Faris Samawi*

**Church Hall Rental** - Call the church office or email: [katiahaddad@virginmaryoc.org](mailto:katiahaddad@virginmaryoc.org)

# 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 Three)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled down death by death and became the first-born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجُ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ وَصَارَ بِكُرِّ الْأَمْوَاتِ. وَأَنْقَذَنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الْجَحِيمِ. وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

### Troparion of Saints Adrian and Natalia (Tone Three)

Thou didst deem that Faith which hath salvation to be riches never lost or plundered. Thou forsookest thy father's impiety, and thou didst follow thy Master, becoming rich in His divine gifts. Therefore, O glorious Adrian, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

ايها المثلث الغبطة، لقد احتسبت الايمان الخلاصي، غني لا يُسَلَب، لأنك لما تركت عبادة أبيك الرديئة، تابعا السيد في إثره، استغنيت بالموهب الإلهية. فيا اديانوس المجيد ابتهل الى المسيح الإله. 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 ميلادكِ حَفِظْتِ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَيْتِهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكِ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

### Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, the barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life.

إن يواكيم وحنة من عار العقر حرّرا. وآدم وحواء من فساد الموت اعتقا بمولدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يعيد شعبك إذ قد نجا من وصمة الزلات هاتقا نحوك. العاقر تلد والدة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

# Epistle for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

## الرسالة للأحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises!*

*Clap your hands, all you nations!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (15:1-11).**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

رَتِّلُوا لِإِلَهِنَا رَتِّلُوا!

يا جميع الأمم صفقوا بالأيدي!

**\*فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس (15:1-11)\***

يا اخوة أعرفكم بالإنجيل الذي بشرتكم به وقبلتموه وأنتم قائمون فيه \* وبه أيضاً تخلصون بأي كلام بشرتكم به إن كنتم تذكرون إلا أن تكونوا قد آمنتم باطلاً \* فإني قد سلمت إليكم أولاً ما تسلمت أن المسيح مات من أجل خطايانا على ما في الكتب \* وأنه تراءى لصفاء ثم الإثني عشر \* ثم تراءى لأكثر من خمس مئة أخ دفعة واحدة أكثرهم باق إلى الآن وبعضهم قد رقدوا \* ثم تراءى ليعقوب ثم لجميع الرسل \* وآخر الكل تراءى لي أنا أيضاً كأنه للسقط \* لأنني أنا أصغر الرسل ولست أهلاً لأن أسمى رسولاً لأنني اضطهدت كنيسة الله \* ولكن بنعمة الله أنا ما أنا. ونعمته المعطاة لي لم تكن باطلة بل تعبت أكثر من جميعهم. ولكن لا أنا بل نعمة الله التي معي \* فسواء كنت أنا أم أولئك هكذا نكرز وهكذا آمنتم.

# Gospel of the for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

## الإنجيل للأحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (19:16-26).**

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before him and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Jesus, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Jesus, “All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**\*فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير, التلميذ الطاهر (19:16-26)\***

في ذلك الزمان دنا إلى يسوع شابٌ وجثا له قائلاً أيها المعلم الصالح ماذا أعمل من الصالح لتكون لي الحياة الأبدية \* فقال له لماذا تدعوني صالحاً وما صالح إلا واحد وهو الله. ولكن إن كنت تريد أن تدخل الحياة فاحفظ الوصايا \* فقال له أية وصايا. قال يسوع لا تقتل، لا تزن، لا تسرق، لا تشهد بالزور \* أكرم أباك وأماك، أحب قريبك كنفسك \* قال له الشاب كل هذا قد حفظته منذ صباي فماذا ينقصني بعد \* قال له يسوع إن كنت تريد أن تكون كاملاً فاذهب وبع كل شيء لك وأعطه للمساكين فيكون لك كنز في السماء وتعال اتبعني \* فلما سمع الشاب هذا الكلام مضى حزينا لأنه كان ذا مال كثير \* فقال يسوع لتلاميذه الحق أقول لكم إنه يعسر على الغني أن يدخل ملكوت السماوات \* وأيضا أقول لكم إن مرور الجمل من ثقب الإبرة لأسهل من دخول غني ملكوت السماوات \* فلما سمع تلاميذه بهتوا جدا وقالوا من يستطيع إذن أن يخلص \* فنظر يسوع إليهم وقال لهم أما عند الناس فلا يستطيع هذا وأما عند الله فكل شيء مستطاع.



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>	<b>القداس والقهوة</b>
<b>08/26:</b> Bishara Sweis & Family	<b>08/26:</b> بشارة صويص والعائلة
<b>09/02:</b> Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family	<b>09/02:</b> غالب وريتينا صويص والعائلة
<b>09/09:</b> Refqa Sweis & Family	<b>09/09:</b> رفقا صويص والعائلة

### Epistle Readers:

*Today: English - Omar Sweiss, Arabic - Norma Tadros*  
*Next Week: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Nour Swaïss*

### Altar Server Ministry:

**08/26: Team A (Captain Jordan Rihani):** Odeï Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al- Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis  
**09/02: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi):** Rami Sweis, , Yazen Swaïss, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbhel Samawi, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey  
**09/09: Team C (Captain Murad Salman):** Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis , Elia Sweiss, Simon Tadros, , George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis

### “Bible Verse of the Week”

“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” [Romans 8:32](#)

وَإِنْ كَانَ اللهُ لَمْ يَمْنَعْ عَنَّا ابْنَهُ الْوَحِيدَ، بَلْ أَسْلَمَهُ لِلْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِنا جَمِيعاً، أَفَلَا يَكُونُ مُسْتَعِدّاً لِإِعْطَائِنَا

كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مَعَهُ؟ رومية 8:32

# Parish News

**Congratulations!**

**Wedding**

John George Hanna & Maysoun Hani Omar

**Removal of Crowns**

Tamer & Jehan Haddad

**Newborn Baby Girl**

Sohear Yalile

Parents - Elias & Rania Facuse



**مبروك !**

**زواج**

جون جورج حنا وميسون هاني عمر

**تنزيل الاكاليل**

تامر وجيهان حداد

**الزيارة الاولى**

سهير ياليلي

الياس ورائيا فقوسه

*ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PALOS HEIGHTS*



BISHOP NICHOLAS

PLEASE JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH  
AT 10:00 A.M. TO CELEBRATE  
DIVINE LITURGY WITH  
HIS GRACE BISHOP NICHOLAS

BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

# *St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights*

## *Calendar of Events*

### Every Week

Sun - 8:45am Matins, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sat - 5:30pm Great Vespers

Wed - 10:00am Morning Prayers, 10:30am Parish Bible Study

### August 2012

Tue - 08/28/12

Wed - 08/29/12

Wed - 08/29/12

Fri - 08/31/12

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

**10am: Divine Liturgy** for the  
Beheading of St. John the Baptist

**6pm:** Men's Basketball League Open Gym

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

### September 2012

Sat - 09/01/12

Sat - 09/01/12

Mon - 09/03/12

Tue - 09/04/12

Fri - 09/07/12

Sun - 09/09/12

Tue - 09/11/12

Tue - 09/18/12

Fri - 09/21/12

Sat - 09/22/12

Tue - 09/25/12

Wed- 09/26/12

Fri - 09/28/12

Sat- 09/29/12

**SOYO:** Pizza Social & Elections @ 6:30pm

**10am: Divine Liturgy**  
for the Church New Year

**Parish Event:** Annual Labor Day Picnic with  
St. Mary's Basketball Championship Game

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

**7pm: Divine Liturgy** for the  
Nativity of the Theotokos

Liturgy with His Grace **Bishop NICHOLAS**

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

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**Fellowship:** Bowling Outing @ 7pm

**SOYO:** Trampolining @ 2pm

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

**10am: Divine Liturgy** for the  
Repose of St. John the Evangelist

**Ladies Guild:** Meeting & Bible Study @ 6pm

**Parish Event:** IOCC Walk @ 8am

### October 2012

Tue - 10/02/12

Sun -10/07/12

Tue - 10/09/12

Sat - 10/13/12

Sun -10/14/12

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

**Parish Event:** Fall Harvest Festival @ 12pm

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym

**Ladies Guild:** Monastery Trip

**Ladies Guild:** Showerma Sale after Liturgy

# *St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights*

## *Calendar of Events*

### **October 2012**

Tue - 10/16/12  
Fri - 10/19/12  
Sat - 10/20/12  
Sun - 10/21/12  
Mon - 10/22/12

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym  
**Fellowship:** Bible Study @ 7pm  
**SOYO:** Bible Study @ 6:30pm  
**Parish Event:** Annual Family Health Fair  
**7pm: Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of James the Brother of the Lord

Tue - 10/23/12  
Thu - 10/25/12  
Sat - 10/27/12

**6pm:** Girls Volleyball Open Gym  
**Ladies Guild:** Meeting @ 7pm  
**SOYO:** Fall Ball @ 6:30pm

### **November 2012**

Fri - 11/02/12  
Sat - 11/03/12  
Sat - 11/10/12  
Sun - 11/11/12  
Wed - 11/21/12

**Fellowship:** NADI Celebration @ 7pm  
**10am: Divine Liturgy** for St. Raphael of Brooklyn  
**Parish Event:** Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh  
**Parish Event:** Blood Drive  
**10am: Divine Liturgy** for the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple  
**Parish Event:** Annual Turkey Bowl  
**Ladies Guild:** Meeting @ 7pm

Thu - 11/22/12  
Fri - 11/30/12

### **December 2012**

Wed - 12/05/12  
Fri - 12/07/12  
Sun - 12/09/12  
Fri - 12/14/12  
Mon - 12/24/12  
Wed - 12/26-28  
Fri - 12/28/12  
Mon - 12/31/12

**7pm: Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of St. Nicholas  
**SOYO:** Bible Study 7pm  
**Fellowship:** Visit to Hope Children's Hospital  
**Fellowship:** Bible Study @ 7pm  
**Christmas Services @ 6pm**  
**SOYO:** Christmas Retreat  
**Ladies Guild:** After Christmas Ladies Party  
**7pm: Divine Liturgy** for the New Year and Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

### **January 2013**

Fri - 01/11/13

**Fellowship:** NADI Game Night @ 7pm

### **February 2013**

Sun - 02/03/13  
Sat - 02/09/13

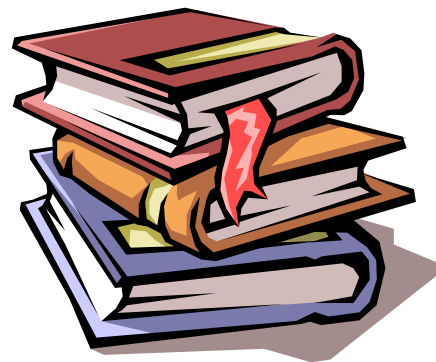
**Fellowship:** Super Bowl Party  
**Parish Event:**  
Annual St. Valentine Day Hafleh @ 7pm

## Arabic School is Back!

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. It will start September 15th, 2012 and it will be held on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Great Vespers from 5:30pm-6:15pm is optional).

### The fees for 2012 will be as follows:

<u>Pledged Members</u>	<u>Non-Pledged Members</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> child - \$200	1 <sup>st</sup> child - 250
2 <sup>nd</sup> child - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> child - 200
3 <sup>rd</sup> child - \$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> child - 150
4 <sup>th</sup> child - free	4 <sup>th</sup> child - 100
	5 <sup>th</sup> free



Adults Class available as well!

## Handmaids of the Lord

The Handmaids of the Lord group is considering putting on a play for our parish. We encourage any member of our parish (over 7 years old) who has interest in the Arts and Theater, to contact the Advisors of this group for more information.

Our goal is to provide all of our beloved parishioners an opportunity to nurture their God-given talents in a spiritual environment under the guidance of Christ's Holy Church .

Please contact Mansoura Khouri (708-691-8777) or  
Lena Haddad (708-691-7727)

St. Mary Orthodox Church

**PICNIC**

A row of silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a plate, a person with a dog, a person sitting at a table with a picnic basket, a person standing with a child, a person grilling, a person playing a game, and a person with a child. The word 'PICNIC' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, and the silhouettes are placed within and around the letters.

Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

From Noon until Dusk

**Our Annual Labor Day Picnic**

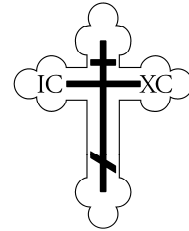
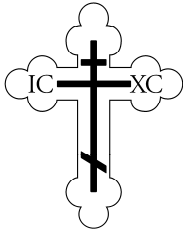
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Featuring the Championship Game of the  
St. Mary Men's Basketball League!!!



**FOOD \* MUSIC \* GAMES \* SPORTS & MORE!!!**

**SAINT MARY MEN'S BASKETBALL  
LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**



***MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE*  
PLAYOFFS &  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012 - LABOR DAY  
PICNIC**

**FOOD, MUSIC, GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT, FAMILY, FUN**

***ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PALOS HEIGHTS*  
6330 W. 127th ST, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463**

# HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET?



## WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- ◆ Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- ◆ Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- ◆ Set your kids on the right path to success!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 9th

Please see Omar Sweiss or any Sunday School Staff in the Fellowship Hall

*“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” “ - Matthew 19:14*

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# Pizza Social & SOYO Elections!

Ages  
13-18

Saturday, September 1st 2012

6:30pm

*It's time to drop your phones and work on your social skills at our  
Pizza Social and SOYO Elections!*



**ROCK  
THE  
VOTE**

SOYO OF ST. MARY  
ORTHODOX CHURCH



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TEENS— Join us on Saturday, 9/1/12 @ 6:30pm to elect new officers for the SOYO board, while we gather for a Pizza Social! If you would like to make some long lasting friendships, or you want to see change and improvement, this is the place to be!

***Please see Fr. Malek Rihani or Hadeel Sweis with  
any nominations, questions, or concerns!***

*The Fellowship is feeling lucky!* Join us at the  
**FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF  
BOWLING OUTING**  
- LUCKY STRIKE LANES -



**Friday, September 21st, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Lucky Strike Lanes**  
100 Yorktown Shopping Center  
Lombard, IL 60148

**Please see Asimt Sweis or any  
Fellowship Officer with questions.**

**This event is hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine.  
It is for ages 19 and older.**

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**ATTENTION  
LADIES:**

**Are you sick of being in the kitchen, the laundry room, or the workplace?**

**If you answered yes to any or all of these questions,  
then you belong on the court for the  
*St. Mary Women's Volleyball League!***

**The Volleyball League is a great way to meet new friends, exercise, and have a great time!**

**The League is open to experienced and non-experienced ladies!**

**Check Calendar for scheduled Open Gyms from 6:00p,-9:00pm**

**Games will be played on Sunday afternoons.**

**To register, come to an open gym or contact us at**

**[saintmarygirlsvolleyball@virginmaryoc.org](mailto:saintmarygirlsvolleyball@virginmaryoc.org)**



***See you on the court!***



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights  
is proud to present the start of their...

# YOUTH LEAGUE



## LEAGUE BEGINS SATURDAY, SEP 15th

- League will be every Saturday for 8 weeks.
- Ages 5-12
- Cost: \$25 (ages 5-7)  
\$40 (ages 8-12)
- All games and open gyms will be held at St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**

Saturdays at St. Mary will be filled with lots of activities! The day will begin with the Youth League at 1:30 p.m.

Followed by Arabic School at 3:30 p.m. Then ending with prayer at Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

All families are encouraged to participate in our growing community!

If there is anyone interested in volunteering please see Fr. Mousa or Fabiola Sweis.

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

### Contact

**Fabiola Sweis**

*fabiolasweis@gmail.com*

**with any questions.**

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# ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO PRESENTS:

CHICAGO CONCERT OF SYRO-BYZANTINE LITURGICAL MUSIC WASHINGTON  
GRAND RAPIDS FEATURING: DC  
DETROIT THE ST ROMANOS WORCESTER  
CLEVELAND BYZANTINE CHOIR BOSTON  
PITTSBURGH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BEIRUT NEW YORK



With the blessings of His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP of North America and His Eminence, Metropolitan ELIAS of Beirut, The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is pleased to welcome the Ecclesiastical Choir of St Romanos the Melodist from the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Beirut, Lebanon on their Fall 2012 Tour of the USA from September 10-24, 2012.

Led by the Priest Romanos Joubran, Dean of the Cathedral of St George in Beirut and instructor of Byzantine Music, the choir has produced several professional recordings and performed throughout Lebanon and Europe. This will be their first tour of the United States. Search "Romanos Joubran" on YouTube to listen to samples of their music.

TUESDAY, SEPT 11 AT 7:00 PM  
ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
1220 S 60<sup>TH</sup> CT. CICERO, IL 60804

TICKETS ARE \$20 AT THE DOOR FOR ADULTS &  
\$10 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A VALID ID

*This tour has been funded through the generosity of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the charitable arm of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. To find out more about The Order, please see their website at [www.antiochianorg/order](http://www.antiochianorg/order).*

WITH A PERFORMANCE BY  
THE PAN-ORTHODOX  
CHOIR OF GREATER  
CHICAGO

# St. Mary Orthodox Church SOYO

## Annual Christmas Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**December 26 - December 28**

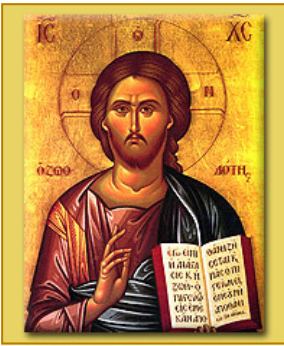


**START MAKING PAYMENTS NOW!!!**

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING MONTHLY PAYMENTS STARTING TODAY!  
SEE ORIEB SWEIS OR SUHAIL RIHANI TO MAKE PAYMENTS**

**THE AVERAGE COST OF THE RETREAT IS APPROXIMATELY \$200.00  
PER PERSON (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**ANY QUESTIONS....SEE FATHER MALEK OR ELAINE RIADI**



## Weekly Synaxarion



On August 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia, who were husband and wife. Adrian was the head of the Praetorium and a pagan, and Natalia was secretly a Christian. Both were young and lived together in marriage for only thirteen months until martyrdom. When the nefarious Emperor Maximian visited Nicomedia, he ordered that Christians be seized and tortured. In a cave near the city, 23 Christians were hidden. Someone reported them to the authorities and they were cruelly flogged with oxen whips and rods and then cast into prison. Adrian observed these people, tortured but patient. He asked them what they expected from God for so many tortures endured. They spoke to him concerning the blessedness of the righteous in the Kingdom of God. Hearing this and, again observing these people, Adrian, at once, turned to the scribe and said to him: “Write down my name with these saints; I also am a Christian.” Learning of this, Natalia greatly rejoiced and when Adrian, with the others, sat chained in prison, she came and administered to all of them. When they flogged and tortured her husband, Natalia encouraged him to endure to the end. After lengthy tortures and imprisonment, Adrian, with the 23 honorable men, gave up the spirit in martyrdom. A few days later, Adrian appeared to Natalia in light and beauty and called her to come to God, and she peacefully gave up her spirit. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Joasaph, prince of India; and Venerable Adrian of Ondrutsov. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.