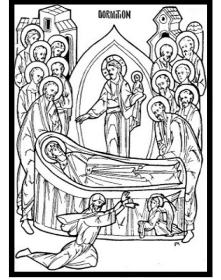




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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)

September 2, 2012

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الأحد الثالث 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. أَلرّجاء 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

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Chairman

Fadi Abu Manneh

Vice Chairman

Rashid Sweis

Treasurer

Abdullah Tadros

Financial Secretary

Samer Tadros

Secretary

Abeer Khouri

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CJ Kari

Bassam Salman

Faris Samawi

Ramzi Sweis

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Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani

Expansion & Maintenance

Luai Sweiss

Fundraising & Stewardship

Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman

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Sunday School Director

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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

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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 Four)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying death hath been spoiled, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهجة. وطرحن عنهن القضاء الجدي. وخاطبن الرسل مفتخرات وقائلات. قد سبي الموت وقام المسيح الإله. مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for St. Mamas (Tone Four)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from thee, our God, the imperishable crown; because, acquiring thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

شهيدك يا رب بجهاذه نال منك الإكليل غير البالي يا إلهنا. لأنه أحرز قوتك فحطم المغتصبين، وسحق بأس الشياطين التي لا قوة لها. فبتوسلاته أيها المسيح الإله خلص 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 وتركته يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

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 حررا. وآدم وحواء من فساد الموت اعتقا بمولدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يعيد شعبك إذ قد نجا من وصمة الزلات هاتفا نحوك. العاقر تلد والدة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

Epistle for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد الثالث عشر بعد العنصرة

O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب كلها بحكمة صنعت!

باركي يا نفسي الرب!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس (16: 13-24)

يا إخوة اسهروا اثبتوا على الإيمان كونوا رجالاً تشددوا * ولتكن أموركم كلها بالمحبة * واطلب إليكم أيها الاخوة بما أنكم تعرفون إستفانوس إنه باكورة أخائية وقد خصصوا أنفسهم لخدمة القديسين * أن تخضعوا أنتم أيضاً لمثل هؤلاء ولكل من يعاون ويتعب * إني فرح بحضور إستفانوس وفرتانس واخائكوس لأن نفضانكم هؤلاء قد جبروه * فأراحوا روعي وأرواحكم * فاعرفوا مثل هؤلاء * تسلم عليكم كنائس آسية، يسلم عليكم في الرب كثيراً أكيلاً وبرسكلة والكنيسة التي في بيتيها * يسلم عليكم جميع الاخوة سلموا بعضكم على بعض بقبلة مقدسة * السلام بيدي أنا بولس * إن كان أحد لا يحب ربنا يسوع المسيح فليكن مفروزاً. ماران أنا * نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح معكم * محبتي مع جميعكم في المسيح يسوع. آمين.

Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الإنجيل للأحد الثالث عشر بعد العنصرة

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (21:33-42).

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ، التلميدِ الطاهرِ (21:33-42).

قالَ الربُّ هذا المثل. إنسانٌ ربُّ بيتٍ غرسَ كَرْمًا وحوَّطَهُ بسياجٍ وحفرَ فيه مَعَصْرَةً وبنى بُرجاً وسلَّمَهُ إلى عمَلَةٍ وسافر * فلما قَرَبَ أوانُ الثَمَرِ أرسلَ عبيدَهُ إلى العمَلَةِ ليأخذُوا ثَمَرَهُ * فأخذَ العمَلَةُ عبيدَهُ وجلدُوا بعضاً وقتلُوا بعضاً ورجمُوا بعضاً * فأرسلَ عبيداً آخرينَ أكثرَ من الأولينَ فصنعُوا بهم كذلك * وفي الآخرِ أرسلَ إليهم ابنَهُ قائلاً سيهابونَ ابني * فلما رأى العمَلَةُ الابنَ قالوا فيما بينهم هذا هو الوارثُ. هلُمَّ نقتله ونستولي على ميراثِهِ * فأخذوه وأخرجوه خارجَ الكرمِ وقتلوه * فمتى جاءَ ربُّ الكرمِ فماذا يفعلُ بأولئك العمَلَةِ * فقالوا له إنه يهلكُ أولئك الأرياءَ اربداً هلاكٍ ويسلّمُ الكرمَ إلى عمَلَةٍ آخرينَ يؤدونَ له الثَمَرَ في أوانِهِ * فقال لهم يسوعُ أما قرأتمُ قطُّ في الكُتُبِ إنَّ الحَجَرَ الذي رذَلَهُ البنائونَ هو صارَ رأساً للزوايةِ. من قِبَلِ الربِّ كانَ ذلكَ وهو عجيبٌ في أعيننا.

September 1st is the beginning of the Liturgical Church Year. Blessed New Year to all!

Prayer for the Beginning of the New Year

O Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, who by Thy authority has established the times and the seasons, who provides us with rain and the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and who hears the prayers of those who humbly seek Thee, accept also our requests about our needs and concerns and deliver us from every worry, danger, and sin. Thy mercy is as abundant as thy works. Bless all our activities, direct our steps by Thy Holy Spirit, and forgive our sins. O Lord, bless the beginning of our New Year with Thy goodness and make it a year of grace for all of us. Preserve us in peace through the prayers of Thy Most Holy Mother, the Theotokos, and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

صلاة لبداية السنة الجديدة

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، يَا خَالِقَ جَمِيعِ الْأَشْيَاءِ، يَا مَنْ بِسُلْطَانِهِ خَلَقَ الْأَزْمِنَةَ وَالْمَوَاسِمَ وَمَدَّنَا بِالْأَمْطَارِ وَبُقُولِ الْأَرْضِ الْغَزِيرَةِ، يَا مَنْ يَسْتَمِعُ إِلَى صَلَوَاتِ طَالِبِيهِ، إِقْبَلْ طَلَبَاتِنَا لِمَا نَحْتَاجُ إِلَيْهِ وَنَهْتَمُّ بِهِ وَخَلَّصْنَا مِنَ الْهُمُومِ وَالْأَخْطَارِ وَالْخَطَايَا. رَحْمَتُكَ عَظِيمَةٌ كَأَفْعَالِكَ. بَارِكْ كُلَّ أَعْمَالِنَا، سَدِّدْ خُطَايَا بَرُوحِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا خَطَايَانَا. يَا رَبُّ، بَارِكْ بِدَايَةِ هَذِهِ السَّنَةِ الْجَدِيدَةِ بِصَلَاحِكَ وَاجْعَلْهَا سَنَةً خَيْرٍ عَلَى الْجَمِيعِ. إِحْفَظْنَا بِسَلَامٍ، بِشَفَاعَةِ أُمَّكَ الْكُلِّيَّةِ الْقَدَّاسَةِ وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ. آمِينَ.



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
09/02: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family	09/02: غالب وريتينا صويص والعائلة
09/09: Refqa Sweis & Family	09/09: رفقا صويص والعائلة
09/16: Jamileh Zedan & Family	09/16: جميلة زيدان والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: *English* - Abeer Khouri, *Arabic* - Nour Swaiss
Next Week: *English* - Lana Ammari, *Arabic* - Mansoura Khouri

Altar Server Ministry:

09/02: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi): Rami Sweis, , Yazen Swaiss, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel 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
09/16: Team A (Captain Jordan Rihani): Odeh Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al-Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis

“Bible Verse of the Week”

“God, you give true peace to people who depend on you, to those who trust in you.” [Isaiah 26:3](#)

أَنْتَ تُعْطِي سَلَامًا لِلْمُتَّكِلِينَ عَلَيْكَ، لِأَنَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ بِكَ. [أشعيا 26:3](#)

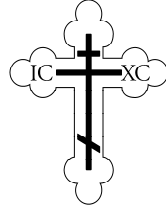
Parish News

Memorial:

3rd & 9th memorial

Haitham Awwad Ensheiwat

May his memory be eternal!



الذكرانية:

الثالث والتاسع

هيثم عواد نشيوات

ليكن ذكره مؤبداً!

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 (unless otherwise noted)

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

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

Sat - 1:30pm, Youth Sports League

3:30pm, Arabic School

5:30pm, Great Vespers

August 2012

Wed - 08/31/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

September 2012

Sat - 09/01/12

10:00am: Liturgy for the Church New Year

Sat - 09/01/12

6:30pm: SOYO Pizza Social & Elections

Mon - 09/03/12

12:00pm: St. Mary Annual Labor Day Picnic

Mon - 09/03/12

1:00pm: St. Mary's Basketball Championship Game

Tue - 09/04/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 09/07/12

7:00pm: Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sun - 09/09/12

8:45am: Liturgy with His Grace **Bishop NICHOLAS**

Tue - 09/11/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Wed - 09/12/12

7:00pm: Choir Practice

Sat - 09/15/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session

Tue - 09/18/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 09/21/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bowling Outing

Sat - 09/22/12

2:00pm: SOYO Trampoline

Tue - 09/25/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Wed - 09/26/12

10:00am: Liturgy for St. John the Evangelist

Fri - 09/28/12

6:00pm: Ladies Meeting, Elections, and Bible Study

Sat - 09/29/12

8:00am: Annual IOCC Walk

October 2012

Tue - 10/02/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 10/05-07

Midwest Diocese Fall Gathering

Sun - 10/07/12

12:00pm: St. Mary Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Tue - 10/09/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Sat - 10/13/12

9:00am: Ladies Guild Monastery Trip

Sun - 10/14/12

11:30am: Ladies Guild Shawerma Sale

Tue - 10/16/12

6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 10/19/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study

Sat - 10/20/12
Sat - 10/20/12
Sun - 10/21/12
Mon - 10/22/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
6:30pm: SOYO Bible Study
11:30am: St. Mary Annual Family Health Fair
7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of
James the Brother of the Lord
6:00pm: Girls Volleyball Open Gym
7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting
6:30pm: SOYO Fall Ball

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

November 2012

Fri - 11/02/12
Sat - 11/03/12
Sat - 11/03/12
Sun - 11/04/12
Sat - 11/10/12
Sun - 11/11/12
Thu - 11/15/12
Sat - 11/17/12
Wed - 11/21/12

7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Celebration
10:00am: Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Daylight Saving Time Ends
7:00pm: St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh
10:00am: Blood Drive
Nativity Fast Begins
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
10:00am: Liturgy for the Presentation of the
Theotokos into the Temple
10:00am: St. Mary Annual Turkey Bowl
No Youth League & No Arabic School
7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

Thu - 11/22/12
Sat - 11/24/12
Fri - 11/30/12

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12
Wed - 12/05/12
Fri - 12/07/12
Sun - 12/09/12
Fri - 12/14/12
Sat - 12/15/12
Sat - 12/22/12
Mon - 12/24/12
Wed - 12/26-28
Fri - 12/28/12
Sat - 12/29/12
Sun - 12/30/12
Mon - 12/31/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
7:00pm: SOYO Bible Study
1:00pm: Visit to Hope Children's Hospital
7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
No Youth League & No Arabic School
6:00pm: Christmas Services
SOYO Christmas Retreat
6:00pm: Ladies After Christmas Party
No Youth League & No Arabic School
No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
7:00pm: Liturgy for the New Year and
Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

January 2013

Sat - 01/05/13
Sun - 01/06/13
Fri - 01/11/13

No Youth League & No Arabic School
No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Game Night

February 2013

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

5:30pm: Fellowship Super Bowl Party
7:00pm: Annual St. Valentine's Day Hafleh

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

St. Mary Orthodox Church
of Palos Heights

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



St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St
Palos Heights, IL 60463

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!***

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 drop shadow.

Monday, September 3rd, 2012

From Noon until Dusk

Our Annual Labor Day Picnic

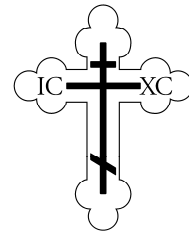
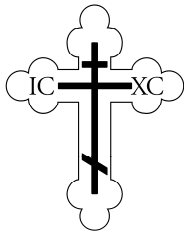
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Featuring the Championship Game of the
St. Mary Men's Basketball League!!!



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

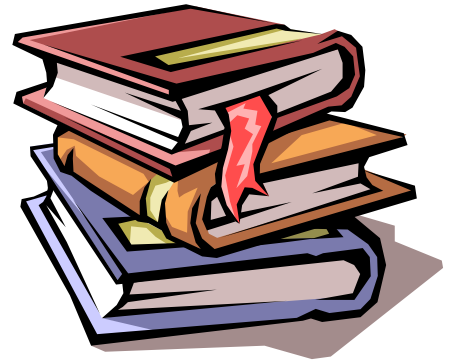
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Arabic School is Back!

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 st child - \$200	1 st child - 250
2 nd child - \$150	2 nd child - 200
3 rd child - \$100	3 rd child - 150
4 th child - free	4 th child - 100
	5 th 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 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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The Fellowship is feeling lucky! Join us at the
**FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF
BOWLING OUTING**
- LUCKY STRIKE LANES -



**Friday, September 21st 2012
7:00 pm**

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

**Cost: \$30 per person- includes shoes, games.
Bowling, food and drinks for two hours!**

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
years old and over.**

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO PRESENTS:

CHICAGO CONCERT OF SYRO-BYZANTINE LITURGICAL MUSIC WASHINGTON
DC
GRAND RAPIDS FEATURING:
DETROIT THE ST ROMANOS
CLEVELAND BYZANTINE CHOIR
PITTSBURGH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BEIRUT
WORCESTER
BOSTON
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 60TH 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.

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

The End of History – The Last Judgment

“I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”

(Matt 25:35-36)



BIBLE BOWL • 2013

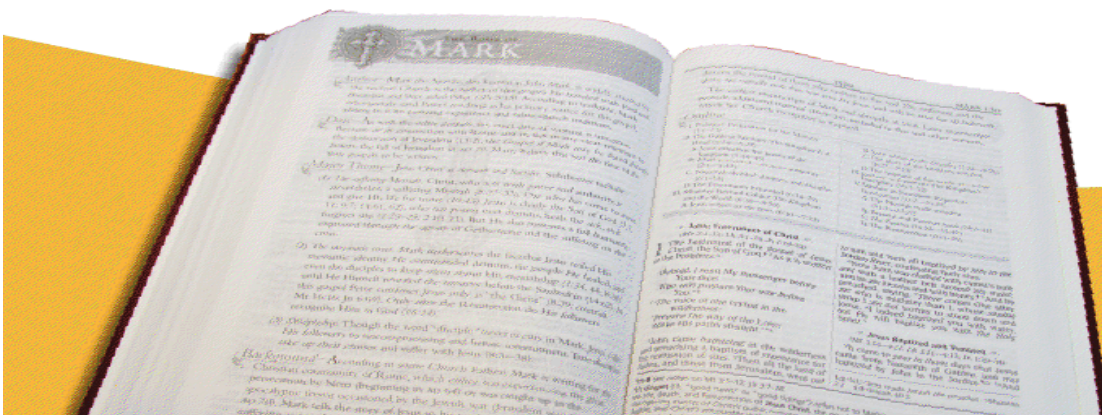


The Gospel of Mark

As found in the Orthodox Study Bible

Study Guides and other resources available online on our Bible Study site: www.orthodoxyouth.org/Mark

The online version can be used as an interactive tool for the student. Study leaders may also download the handouts for their students. While these additional resources and practice questions will not be a source of questions in the Bible Bowl, they are good resources to help expand the understanding of the Gospel of Mark. All Bible Bowl questions will come directly from the text.

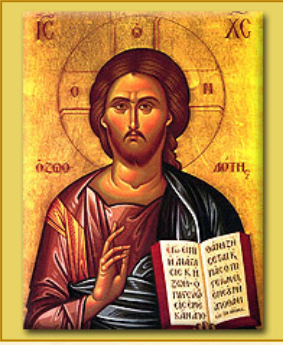


Anyone interested (Teen team: 13-19) and Adult team (19+) needs to contact Kh. Delia Haddad at kh.delia@gmail.com

The schedule of the study sessions is as follow:

(Sept 15, 29) (Oct 20) (Nov 3, 17) (Dec 1, 15) from 2-3:30 at the church.

The Bible Bowl will take place at the PLC in Louisville KY, June 19-23, 2012.



Weekly Synaxarion



On September 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina, and Saint Ammia his foster mother. Mamas was born in Paphlagonia of renowned Christian parents, Theodotos and Rufina. They were cast into prison for Christ's name. His father died first in prison, and as soon as Rufina bore Mamas, she also died. However, God sent an angel to a noble widow, Ammia, in a dream; he told her to go to the prison. The local eparch granted Ammia permission to bury the dead and to take the child to her home. In school, Mamas displayed unusual intelligence, and as he had been reared in a Christian spirit, he did not hide his faith, but confessed it to the other children. Mamas was fifteen years old when he was brought before Emperor Aurelian, who persecuted Christians. The emperor told him to deny Christ. Mamas refused, and so emperor ordered him to be tortured and killed. But an angel of God saved him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea where he lived in solitude and prayer. His persecutors found him and again subjected him to fire and wild beasts. Finally, Mamas was run through with a trident by a pagan priest and martyred, giving his holy soul to God in the year 275. On this day, we also commemorate John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.