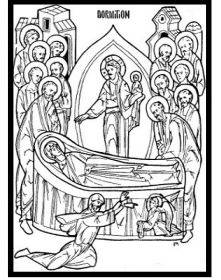




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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 9, 2012

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Sunday after the Nativity of the Theotokos

الأحد الذي قبل عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

الأحد الذي بعد عيد ميلاد السيدة

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

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Fadi Abu Manneh

Vice Chairman

Rashid Sweis

Treasurer

Abdullah Tadros

Financial Secretary

Samer Tadros

Secretary

Abeer Khouri

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Maher Ibrahim

CJ Kari

Bassam Salman

Faris Samawi

Ramzi Sweis

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Altar / Liturgics

Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani

Expansion & Maintenance

Luai Sweiss

Fundraising & Stewardship

Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman

Financial

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Communication

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Ushering

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Web Master

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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

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 Five)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

لنُسبِّحْ نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة. المساوي للآب والروح في الازليّة وعدم الابتداء. المولود من العذراء لخلصنا . لأنه سرّ وارتضى بالجسد أن يعلّو على الصليب. ويحتمل الموت وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

ميلادك يا والدة الإله، بشرّ بالفرح كلّ المسكونة. لأنه منك أشرق شمس العدل المسيح الهنا. فحلّ اللعنة، ووهب البركة، وأبطل الموت، وأعطانا حياةً أبدية.

Troparion of Saints Joachim and Anna (Tone Four)

As we celebrate the remembrance of Thy righteous grandparents, Joachim and Anna, O Lord our God, through them we beseech Thee to save our souls.

إننا معيّدون لتذكّار جدّيك الصديقين فبواسطتهما نبتهل إليك يارب أن تخلص 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 وصنيتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركته يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتك 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 حرّرا. وآدم وحواء من فساد الموت اعتقا بمولدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يعيّد شعبك إذ قد نجا من وصمة الزلات هاتفا نحوك. العاقر تلد والدة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

Epistle for the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

الرسالة للأحد الذي قبل عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance!

To thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11-18).

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world had been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاتِكَ!

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ، يَا إِلَهِي!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (6:11-18)

يا إخوة انظروا ما أعظم الكتابات التي كتبتها إليكم بيدي * إنَّ كلَّ الذين يُريدون أن يُرضوا بحسبِ الجسدِ يلزمونكم أن تَحْتَنُوا وإِنَّمَا ذَلِكَ لئَلَّا يُضْطَهَدُوا مِنْ أَجْلِ صليبِ المسيحِ * لأنَّ الذين يَحْتَنُونَ هُمُ أَنفُسُهُمْ لَا يَحْفَظُونَ الناموسَ بل إِنَّمَا يُريدون أن تَحْتَنُوا ليفتخروا بأجسادكم * أمَّا أنا فحاشى لي أن افتخرَ إلا بصليبِ رَبِّنَا يسوعَ المسيحِ الذي بهِ صُلبَ العالمُ لي وأنا صُلبتُ للعالمِ * لأنَّهُ في المسيحِ يسوعَ ليس الختانُ بشيءٍ ولا القَلْفُ بل الخليقةُ الجديدةُ * وكلُّ الذين يَسْلُكُونَ بحسبِ هذا القانونِ فعليهم سَلامٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ اللهُ * فلا يجلبُ عليَّ أحدٌ أتعاباً فيما بعدُ فأني حاملٌ في جسدي سماتِ الربِّ يسوعَ * نعمةُ رَبِّنَا يسوعَ المسيحِ مع رُوحكم أيها الإخوة. آمين.

Gospel for the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

الإنجيل للأحد الذي قبل عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17).

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

***فصل شريف من بشارة القديس يوحنا الإنجيلي البشير, التلميذ الطاهر*
(3:13-17).**

قال الربُّ لم يصعدُ أحدٌ إلى السَّماءِ إلاَّ الذي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّماءِ ابنُ البَشَرِ الذي هُوَ في السَّماءِ * وكما رَفَعَ موسى الحيةَ في البرِّيَّةِ هكذا ينبغي أن يُرْفَعَ ابنُ البَشَرِ * لكي لا يَهْلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ بل تَكُونُ لَهُ الحِياةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ * لأنَّهُ هكذا أَحَبَّ اللهُ العالَمَ حَتَّى بَدَلَ ابْنَهُ الوَحِيدَ لِكِي لا يَهْلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ بل تَكُونُ لَهُ الحِياةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ * فَإِنَّهُ لم يُرْسِلِ اللهُ ابْنَهُ الوَحِيدَ إلى العالَمِ لِيَدِينِ العالَمَ بل لِيُخَلِّصَ بِهِ العالَمَ.



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
09/09: Refqa Sweis & Family	09/09: رقفا صويص والعائلة
09/16: Jamileh Zedan & Family	09/16: جميلة زيدان والعائلة
09/23: Faysal and Suhair Sweis & Family	09/23: فيصل وسهير صويص والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Lana Ammari, Arabic - Mansoura Khouri
Next Week: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Mazen Ammari

Altar Server Ministry:

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): Odei Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al-Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis

09/23: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi): Rami Sweis, Yazen Swais, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel Samawi, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey

“Bible Verse of the Week”

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!” [Psalm 143:10](#)

عَلِّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ مَا يُرْضِيكَ لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ إِلَهِي، وَلِيَهْدِنِي رُوحَكَ الصَّالِحُ إِلَى أَرْضٍ مُسْتَوِيَةٍ.

[المزامير 143:10](#)

BISHOP OF BROOKLYN



WE WELCOME IN OUR MIDST TODAY

HIS GRACE BISHOP NICHOLAS

BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PALOS HEIGHTS

Parish News

Churching



Sohear Yalile

Parents - Elias & Rania Facuse

الزيارة الاولى

سهير جليلة

الياس ورائيا فقوسه



Congratulations to the newly elected officers of our Teen SOYO: Marram Salman (President), Christine Sweis (Vice-President), Murad Salman (Treasurer), Josphine Tadros (Secretary). They will be sworn in by His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS today. May God grant you many healthy years in His service. God bless!

Sunday, September 16, 2012

!!!IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY!!!

**JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT YOUR LADIES GUILD
BY ENJOYING SOME KUNAF**



Maha Al-Asaker

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

September 2012

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

Sun - 09/16/12

Kunafa Sale

Tue - 09/18/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 09/21/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bowling Outing

Sat - 09/22/12

2:00pm: SOYO Trampolining

Tue - 09/25/12

6:00pm: 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: 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: Volleyball Open Gym

Sun - 10/14/12

11:30am: Ladies Guild Shawerma Sale

Tue - 10/16/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 10/19/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study

Sat - 10/20/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session

Sat - 10/20/12

6:30pm: SOYO Bible Study

Sun - 10/21/12

11:30am: St. Mary Annual Family Health Fair

Mon - 10/22/12

7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of
James the Brother of the Lord

Tue - 10/23/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Thu - 10/25/12

7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

Sat - 10/27/12

6:30pm: SOYO Fall Ball

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
Wed - 11/21/12

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

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
10:00am: Liturgy for the Presentation of the
Theotokos into the Temple
10:00am: St. Mary Annual Turkey Bowl
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
No Youth League & No Arabic School
7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

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 !!!

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 16th

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

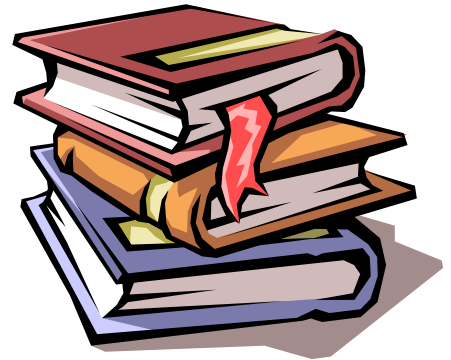
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Arabic School is Back!

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! taught by Professor Maha Dababneh, PhD.

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 boys & girls) who have 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)

ATTENTION

Ladies & Gents

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

If you answered yes to any or all of those, then you belong on the court for the

St. Mary 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 players!

Open gym and games are as scheduled

To register see Kati Khouri, come to an open gym, or contact us at saintmaryvolleyball@virginmaryoc.org

Registration deadline :
Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.



See you on the court!

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights



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.

St. Mary

Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St

Palos Heights, IL 60463

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



**Join the St. Mary team for the
6th annual Walk the Walk 5K Walk/Run
to support IOCC global humanitarian aid programs!**

RACE INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, September 29th 2012

Time: Registration opens at 8:00 AM
Welcome rally: 8:45 AM
Walk/run begins: 9:00 AM
*Breakfast & celebration follows

Location: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
5649 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660
Route along beautiful Lake Michigan

Cost: \$20 Adults
\$10 for children under 12
\$25 for day of the event registration

To Register: Visit www.iocc.org
Then click on "Events"

**We will be carpooling! If you would like to join us meet us
at St. Mary at 7:00am. We will be leaving at 7:30am
Please see Klodia Haddadin or Fabiola Sweis
with any questions.**

ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO PRESENTS:

CHICAGO CONCERT OF SYRO-BYZANTINE LITURGICAL MUSIC WASHINGTON
GRAND RAPIDS FEATURING: DC
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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
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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.

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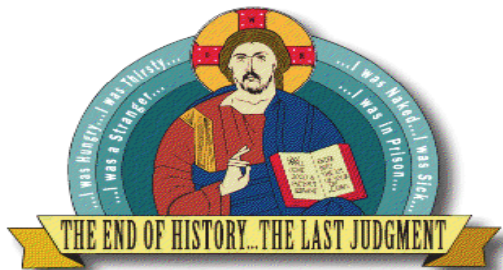
The End of History – The Last Judgment

“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)



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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, 24) (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.

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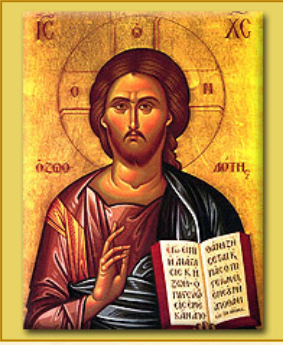
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Weekly Synaxarion



On September 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos, and we celebrate the Synaxis of the righteous Joachim and Anna. Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest of the tribe of Levi; her family came from Bethlehem. The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this; but they fervently prayed to God for a child, humbly trusting in Him. One day, after great humiliation, each prayed separately to God to grant them a child; He answered their prayers. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that she would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Couples trying to have children invoke this holy couple for intercession. On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Severian of Sebastia; and the Holy Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.