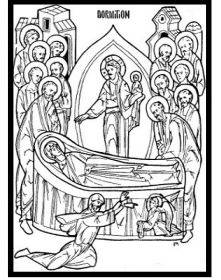




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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 23, 2012

First Sunday of St. Luke

and the Conception of St. John the Baptist

**الأحد الأول من لوقا و عيد الحبل بالنبي الكريم والسابق المجيد
يوحنا المعمدان**

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

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Fadi Abu Manneh

Vice Chairman

Rashid Sweis

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Faris Samawi

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Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani

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Luai Sweiss

Fundraising & Stewardship

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Kholoud Swais

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Khalil Haddad

Fellowship Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

SOYO President

Hadeel Sweis

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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!

هَلِّمْ لِنَسْجِدْ وَنَرْكِعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكْنَا وَالْهَنَا، خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْزِلْ لَكَ هَلْلُويَا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Seven)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلَابِيكَ الْمَوْتَ وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّالِحِينَ الْفَرْدُوسَ. وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فَرْحٍ. وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا مُنْذِرِينَ، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ. مَا نَحَا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

Troparion of the Conception of St. John the Baptist (Tone Four)

Rejoice, O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zacharias, and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blessed Prophet of God Most High.

افرحي أيتها العاقرة التي لم تلد قبلاً. فما إنك قد حملت بوضوح بالذي هو صبح الشمس، المزمع أن ينير كل المسكونة المبتلاة بعدم الأبصار. وتهلل يا زكريا صارخاً بدالة، إن الذي يولد هو نبي للعلي.

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 Theotokos (Tone Four)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية، الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المردودة. لا تعرضي عن أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما أنك صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بإيمان. بادري إلى الشفاعة وأسرعني في الطلبة يا والدة الإله، المتشفعة دائماً في مكرميك.

Epistle for the Conception of St. John the Baptist

الرسالة لعيد الحبل بالنبي الكريم والسابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord!

O God, hear my prayer!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians (4:22-27).

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

يَفْرَحُ الصِّدِّيقُ بِالرَّبِّ!

استمع يا الله لصوتي!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (4:22-27)

يا إخوة إنَّه كان لإبراهيمَ ابنانِ أحدهما من الجارية والآخر من الحرَّة * غير أن الذي من الجارية وُلِدَ بحسبِ الجسدِ أمَّا الذي من الحرَّة فبِالموعِدِ * وذلك إنما هو رمزٌ. لأنَّ هاتين هما العهدانِ أحدهما من طورِ سيناءَ بلدُ العُبُوديةِ وهو هاجر * فإنَّ هاجرَ بل طورِ سيناءَ جبَلٌ في ديارِ العَرَبِ ويُناسبُ أورشليمَ الحاليَّة. لأنَّ هذه حاصِلَةٌ في العُبُوديَّةِ مَعَ أولادِها * أمَّا أورشليمُ العُليا فهي حرَّةٌ وهي أمُّنا كُلُّنا * لأنَّه كُتِبَ افرحي أيتها العاقِرُ التي لم تَلِدِ. اهتفي واصرُخي أيتها التي لم تَتَمَخَّضِ. لأنَّ أولادَ المهجورةِ أكثرُ من أولادِ ذاتِ الرَّجُلِ.

Gospel of the First Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد الأول من لوقا

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11).

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير, التلميذ الطاهر (5:1-11)

في ذلك الزمان فيما يسوع واقف عند بحيرة جنيسارت رأى سفينتين واقفتين عند شاطئ البحيرة وقد انحدر منهما الصيادون يُغسلون الشباك * فدخل إحدى السفينتين وكانت لسمعان وسأله أن يتباعد قليلاً عن البرّ وجلس يُعلم الجموع من السفينة * ولما فرغ من الكلام قال لسمعان تقدّم إلى العمق وألقوا شبّاكم للصيد * فأجاب سمعان وقال له يا معلم إنّنا قد تعبنا الليل كله ولم نصب شيئاً ولكن بكلمتك ألقى الشبكة * فلما فعلوا ذلك احتازوا من السمك شيئاً كثيراً حتى تحرقت شبكتهم * فأشاروا إلى شركائهم في السفينة الأخرى أن يأتوا ويعاونوهم. فأتوا وملاوا السفينتين حتى كادتتا تغرقان * فلما رأى ذلك سمعان بطرس خرّ عند ركبتي يسوع قائلاً اخرج عني يا ربّ فإني رجل خاطئ * لأنّ الإنذال اعتراه هو وكلّ من معه لصيد السمك الذي أصابوه * وكذلك يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي اللذان كانا رفيقين لسمعان. فقال يسوع لسمعان لا تخف فإنّك من الآن تكون صياداً للناس * فلما بلغوا بالسفينتين إلى البرّ تركوا كلّ شيءٍ وتبعوه.



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
09/23: Faysal and Suhair Sweis & Family Emad & Issam Haddad & Family	09/23: فيصل وسهير صويص والعائلة عماد وعصام حداد والعائلة
09/30: Wajih Tadros & Family	09/30: وجيه تادرس والعائلة
10/07: Jamal and Kholoud Swais & Family	10/07: جمال وخلود صويص والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Delia Haddad, Arabic - Khaled Salman

Next Week: English - Sub. Dn. Matthew Sweis, Arabic - Lily Sweiss

Altar Server Ministry:

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

09/30 Team C (Captain Murad Salman): Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis , Elia Sweiss, Simon Tadros, , George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis

10/07: 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”

“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” [Matthew 6:33](#)

أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، فَاطْلُبُوا أَوَّلًا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ وَبِرِّهَ، وَهَذِهِ كُلُّهَا تَزَادُ لَكُمْ. [متى 6:33](#)

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

Thu - 09/20/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 09/21/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bowling Outing

Sat - 09/22/12

2:00pm: SOYO Trampolining

Sun - 09/23/12

11:30am: Fellowship Showerma Sale

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

11:30am: St. Mary Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Tue - 10/09/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Sat - 10/13/12

9:00am: Ladies Guild Monastery Trip

Sun - 10/14/12

11:30am: Ladies Guild Showerma 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

Sat - 11/03/12	10:00am: Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
Sat - 11/03/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sun - 11/04/12	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sat - 11/10/12	7:00pm: St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh
Sun - 11/11/12	10:00am: Blood Drive
Sun - 11/11/12	5:30pm: Fellowship NADI Bears Game
Thu - 11/15/12	Nativity Fast Begins
Wed - 11/21/12	10:00am: Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
Thu - 11/22/12	10:00am: St. Mary Annual Turkey Bowl
Sat - 11/24/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sat - 11/24/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Fri - 11/30/12	7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Wed - 12/05/12	7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
Fri - 12/07/12	7:00pm: SOYO Bible Study
Sun - 12/09/12	1:00pm: Visit to Hope Children's Hospital
Fri - 12/14/12	7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study
Sat - 12/15/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sat - 12/22/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Mon - 12/24/12	6:00pm: Christmas Services
Wed - 12/26-28	SOYO Christmas Retreat
Fri - 12/28/12	6:00pm: Ladies After Christmas Party
Sat - 12/29/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Sun - 12/30/12	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
Mon - 12/31/12	7:00pm: Liturgy for the New Year and Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

January 2013

Sat - 01/05/13	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Sun - 01/06/13	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
Fri - 01/11/13	7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Game Night

February 2013

Sun - 02/03/13	5:30pm: Fellowship Super Bowl Party
Sat - 02/09/13	7:00pm: Annual St. Valentine's Day Hafleh

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!



KEEP OUR YOUTH HEALTHY & AWAY FROM TEMPTATION!!

NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

September 29, 2012

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

JOIN IN the battle against prescription drug abuse! The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled September 29, 2012 as **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** to safely dispose of accumulated **unwanted, unused prescription drugs and medications**. Over 1.5 million pounds (774 Tons) of medication was turned in by Americans during the last initiative, in April of this year.

Call your DISTRICT POLICE STATION for the nearest prescription drug disposal site or, go to the Drug Enforcement Administration at: <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/> for your nearest Location.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

JOIN US IN THE
CHURCH HALL FOR A
HOMEMADE
SHAWARMA LUNCH
Today!
SPONSORED BY
ST. MARY FELLOWSHIP

TODAY!!!

After Liturgy

**SHAWARAMA
SALE**



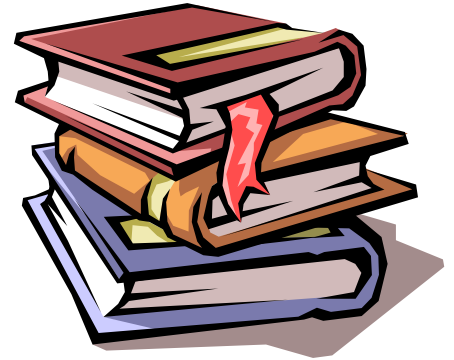
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Arabic School is Back!

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. First day of Arabic School was yesterday, September 22nd, 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 Sweis-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)

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET?



**Join us at
Sunday School!**

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 TODAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

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

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.**

The Fellowship cordially invites you to their annual...

Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 7th 2012

After Divine Liturgy
in the backyard of the church.

Join the fun!

Bags Tournament, Chili Contest,
Pumpkin Painting, Face Painting,
Food, Music, Games, Prizes, Cash Raffles,
Petting Zoo, & more!

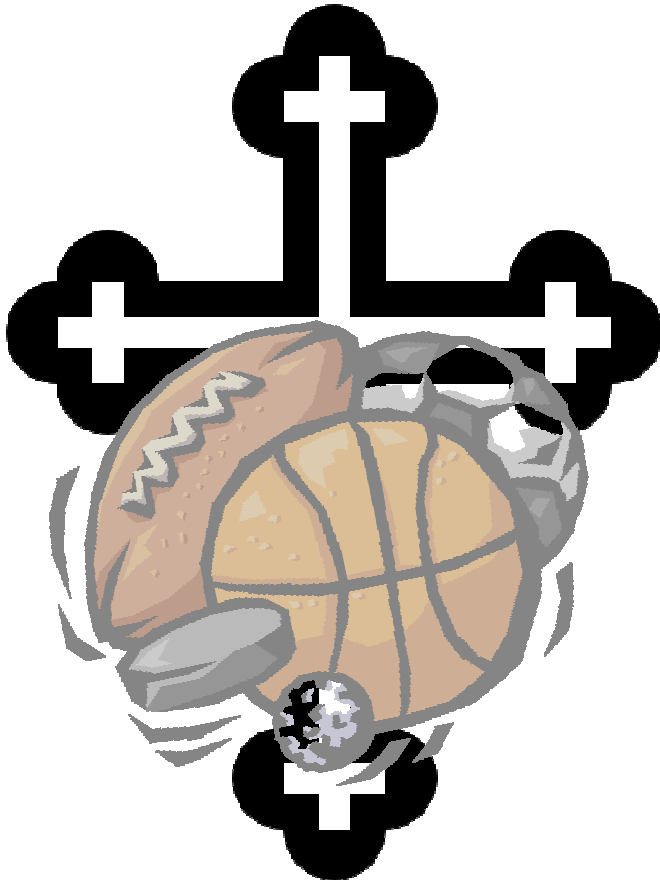
If anyone has any questions or is interested in donating
to this event please contact
Jennifer Sweis or Fabiola Sweis.

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

YOUTH LEAGUE



**League already started
but it's not too late to
sign up!!!**

- 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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Palos Heights, IL 60463*

Ladies Guild Spiritual Retreat

Pilgrimage to
St. John Chrysostom Monastery
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Saturday, October 13th

(Leaving Saturday morning, returning Saturday Evening)

Limited space available.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 30.

Cost of Transportation - To Be Determined

To register, please contact Kholoud Swais (708-431-0084) or
Shireen Salman (708-717-9640). God bless!





Orthodox Christian SYNERGY's
Eighteenth Annual SYMPOSIUM:

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY: FANTASY, BURDEN OR OPPORTUNITY?

- Fantasy? Orthodox Christians can live their faith in today's society.
- Burden? Faith and traditions—preservation vs change.
- Opportunity? Spiritual life, moral life, victories and defeat.

**Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1220 S. 60th Court, Cicero, IL 60804**

Speaker:

THE REV. DR. ALKIVIADIS CALIVAS

Professor Emeritus of Liturgics,

Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

Fr. Alkiviadis Calivas is an eminent Orthodox priest and theologian. He has served as Dean of Holy Cross and President of Hellenic College, and represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate on several national and international commissions and consultations, including several on the World Council of Churches.

He has published many articles and essays, and is the author of six books.

Registration and Payment prior to October 12, 2012: \$35. October 13 –20, 2012: \$40.
Early Registration and Payment (prior to October 12 only) for husband and wife couples: \$50.
High School and College Students: \$20.00.
Registration includes coffee service and lunch.

For more information, Please see Synergy's website chicagosynergy.org/symposium
or call (847) 647-8880 or (630) 230-0079.

Orthodox Christian SYNERGY consists of clergy and lay representative of Chicago-area Orthodox Christian parishes who seek to project awareness of Orthodox Christianity to the public at large. SYNERGY works together with its parent organization, the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago, and with the blessings of the Chicago area Orthodox Hierarchs.

**Sunday,
October
21st, 2012**

**After
Liturgy
in the Gym**



Family Health Fair

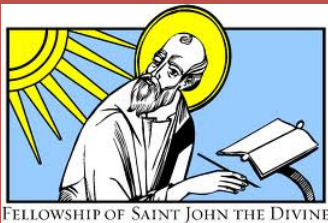
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St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St.
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Contact Asimt Sweis or Jennifer Sweis with any questions.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Presents

The 4th Annual

FELLOWSHIP SPIRITUAL RETREAT

TO THE ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

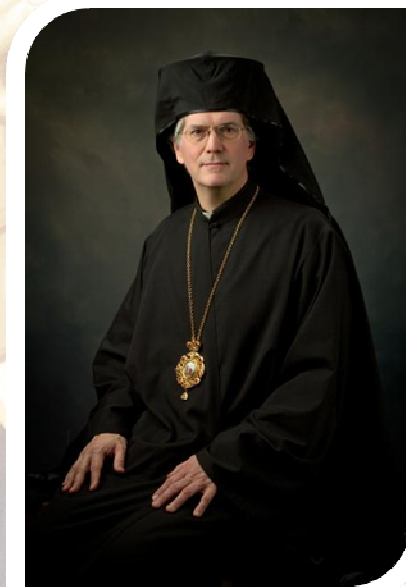
Friday, 10/19/2012- Sunday 10/21/2012

Departing Thursday night from St. George Church (Cicero)

Featuring Guest Speaker:

HIS GRACE

BISHOP ANTHONY MICHAELS



**WORSHIP
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BONFIRE**

For further information, contact Rammy Zanayed at rizanayed@sbcglobal.net
or Deacon Saed at srihani6@cs.com

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SATURDAY: MATINS, WORKSHOP, HAFLI
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- SOYO
- ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN
- FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN

SUNDAY: MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
KATRINA BITAR
DIRECTOR OF YES
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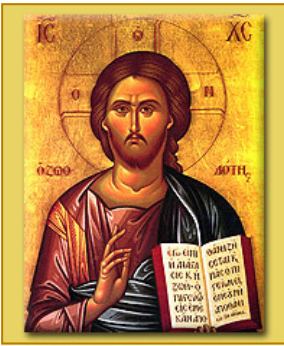
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GROUP RATE - \$80 PER NIGHT
CUT OFF DATE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: steliasofsylvania.org



Weekly Synaxarion



On September 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Conception of the holy and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Today, the mercy, miracles and wisdom of God are celebrated: His mercy toward the devout and righteous parents of St. John, the aged Zacharias and Elizabeth, who all their lives had prayed for and begged for a child from God; His miracle, that of John's conception in the aged womb of Elizabeth; and His wisdom, in the dispensation of man's salvation. God had an especially great intention for John: namely, that he be the Prophet and Forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Savior of the world. Through His angels, God announced the births of Isaac to the childless Sarah, Samson to the childless wife of Manoah, and John the Forerunner to the childless Zacharias and Elizabeth. God had special intentions for all of these holy ones. On this day, we also commemorate the Virgin-martyr Rhais of Egypt; venerable sisters Xanthippe and Polyxenia of Spain; New-martyr Nicholas "the Grocer"; and New-martyr John in Brachorion. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.