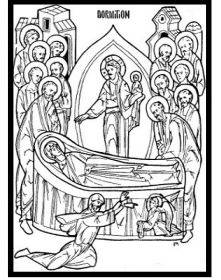




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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)

October 07, 2012

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الأحد الثامن 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

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Altar / Liturgics

Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani

Expansion & Maintenance

Luai Sweiss

Fundraising & Stewardship

Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman

Financial

Abdullah Tadros

Communication

Abeer Khouri

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Web Master

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Office Administrator

Katia Haddad

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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

Marram Salman

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 One)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; for which cause the Heavenly Powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Providence! O Thou who alone art the Lover of Mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِأَجْلِ ذَلِكَ قَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ. الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدَبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحْدَكَ.

Troparion for the Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (Tone Four)

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

شُهِدَانِكَ يَا رَبُّ بِجِهَادِهِمْ نَالُوا مِنْكَ الْإِكْلِيلَ غَيْرَ الْبَالِي يَا إِلَهَنَا. لِأَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَزُوا قُوَّتَكَ فَحَطَمُوا الْمُغْتَصِبِينَ. وَسَحَقُوا بِأَسِّ الشَّيَاطِينِ الَّتِي لَا قُوَّةَ لَهَا. فَبِشَفَاعَتِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ خَلَّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

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.

فِي مِيلَادِكَ حَفِظْتِ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَّتِيهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِيهَا يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهَةِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

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.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْدُودَةِ. لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةُ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ نَحْوِكَ بِإِيمَانٍ. بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلْبَةِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهَةِ، الْمَتَشَفَعَةَ دَائِمًا فِي مُكْرَمِيكَ.

Epistle for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد الثامن عشر بعد العنصرة

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-11).

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

لِتُكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا!

ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالرب!

*فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس (9:6-11) *

يا اخوة إن من يزرع شحيحاً فشحيحاً أيضاً يحصدُ ومن يزرع بالبركات فبالبركات أيضاً يحصدُ * كلُّ واحدٍ كما نوى في قلبه لا عن ابتئاسٍ أو اضطرارٍ. فإنَّ الله يُحبُّ المُعطي المتهللُ * والله قادرٌ أن يزيديكم كلَّ نعمةٍ حتى تكونَ لكم كلُّ كفايةٍ كلَّ حينٍ في كلِّ شيءٍ فتزدادوا في كلِّ عملٍ صالحٍ * كما كتبتُ إنه بددَ أعطى المساكينَ فبرهٌ يدومُ إلى الأبدٍ * والذي يزرعُ الزارعُ زرعاً وخبزاً للقوتِ يرزقكم زرعكم ويكثره ويزيدُ غلالَ برِّكم * فتستغنون في كلِّ شيءٍ لكلِّ سخاءٍ خالصٍ يُنشئُ شُكراً لله.

Gospel for the Third Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد الثالث من لوقا

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (7:11-16).

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر

في ذلك الزمان كان يسوع مُنْطَلِقاً إلى مدينة اسمها نايُنْ وكان كثيرون من تلاميذه وجمعٌ غفيرٌ مُنْطَلِقِينَ معه* فلَمَّا قَرَبَ مِنْ بابِ المدينةِ إذا ميّتٌ محمولٌ وهو ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأمّه وكانت أرملةً وكان معها جمعٌ كثيرٌ من المدينة* فلَمَّا رآها الربُّ تَحَنَّنَ عليها وقال لها لا تبكي* ودنا ولمَسَ النَّعْشَ (فوقفَ الحاملون). فقال أيُّها الشابُّ لك أقول قُمْ* فاستوى الميتُ وبدأ يتكلَّمُ فَسَلَّمَهُ إلى أمّه* فأخذَ الجميعَ خوفٌ ومجدوا اللهَ قائلين لقد قامَ فينا نبيٌّ عظيمٌ وافتقدَ اللهُ شَعْبَهُ.



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
10/07: Jamal and Kholoud Swais & Family	10/07: جمال وخلود صويص والعائلة
10/14: Refqa Sweis & Family	10/14: رفقا صويص والعائلة
10/21: Romel and Nabeela Sweis & Family	10/21: رومل ونبييلة صويص والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Sandra Khouri , Arabic - Nadine Akkawi
Next Week: English - Rana Nino , Arabic - Norma Tadros

“Bible Verse of the Week”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” [John 14:6](#)

فَأَجَابَهُ يَسُوعُ، ” أَنَا هُوَ الطَّرِيقُ وَالْحَقُّ وَالْحَيَاةُ. لَا يَأْتِي أَحَدٌ إِلَى الْآبِ إِلَّا بِي.“

[يوحنا 6:14](#)

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

October 2012

Fri - 10/05-07	Midwest Diocese Fall Gathering
Fri - 10/05/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Sun - 10/07/12	11:30am: St. Mary Annual Fall Harvest Festival
Mon - 10/08/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Fri - 10/12/12	6:00pm: 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: 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
Fri - 10/26/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Sat - 10/27/12	6:30pm: SOYO Fall Ball
Mon - 10/29/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

November 2012

Fri - 11/02/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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
Tue - 11/06/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Fri - 11/09/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Sat - 11/10/12	6:30pm: St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh

Sun - 11/11/12	10:00am: Blood Drive
Sun- 11/11/12	6:30pm: Fellowship NADI Bears Game
Mon - 11/12/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Thu - 11/15/12	Nativity Fast Begins
Fri - 11/16/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Tue - 11/20/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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
Mon - 11/26/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
Fri - 11/30/12	7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting
Fri - 11/30/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Mon - 12/03/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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
Tue - 12/11/12	6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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 !!!

Parish News

May his memory be eternal!

Nizar Odeh Alnaser



ليكن ذكره مؤبداً!

نزار عودة الناصر

Congratulations!

Removal of Crown

Majed and Hala Haddad

Engagement

Khaldoun Emad Haddad

&

Sherien Jamal Alfarah



مبروك!

تنزيل الاكاليل

ماجد وهالة حداد

خطوبة

خلدون عماد حداد وشيرين جمال الفرح

Living a Life of Faith Audition Workshop

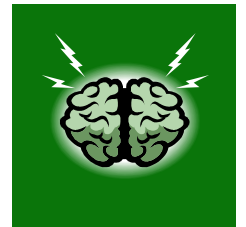
Oct. 13 6:15pm - 9pm

Anyone who is interested to audition must attend. Please bring your audition form if you have one. If you are auditioning to dance in the show bring clothes suitable for dancing.

October 7, 2012

OCCHY QUIZ

DOES SMOKING MARIJUANA AFFECT
MORE THAN JUST YOUR BRAIN ?



YES. In addition to the possible effects on your brain, smoking marijuana may also be hazardous to your develop-ing lungs. Marijuana smoke contains 50% to 70% more carcinogenic hydrocarbons than tobacco smoke.

-National Institute on Drug Abuse
Marijuana: An Update

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/tib/marijuana.html>

The Fellowship cordially invites you to their annual...

Fall Harvest Festival

Today, 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.

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



St. Mary's

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

(Hosted by Our Ladies Guild)

Saturday, November 10th, 2012

SS. Constantine & Helen Church

11025 S. Roberts Road

Palos Hills, IL 60466

Doors Open at 6:30p.m.

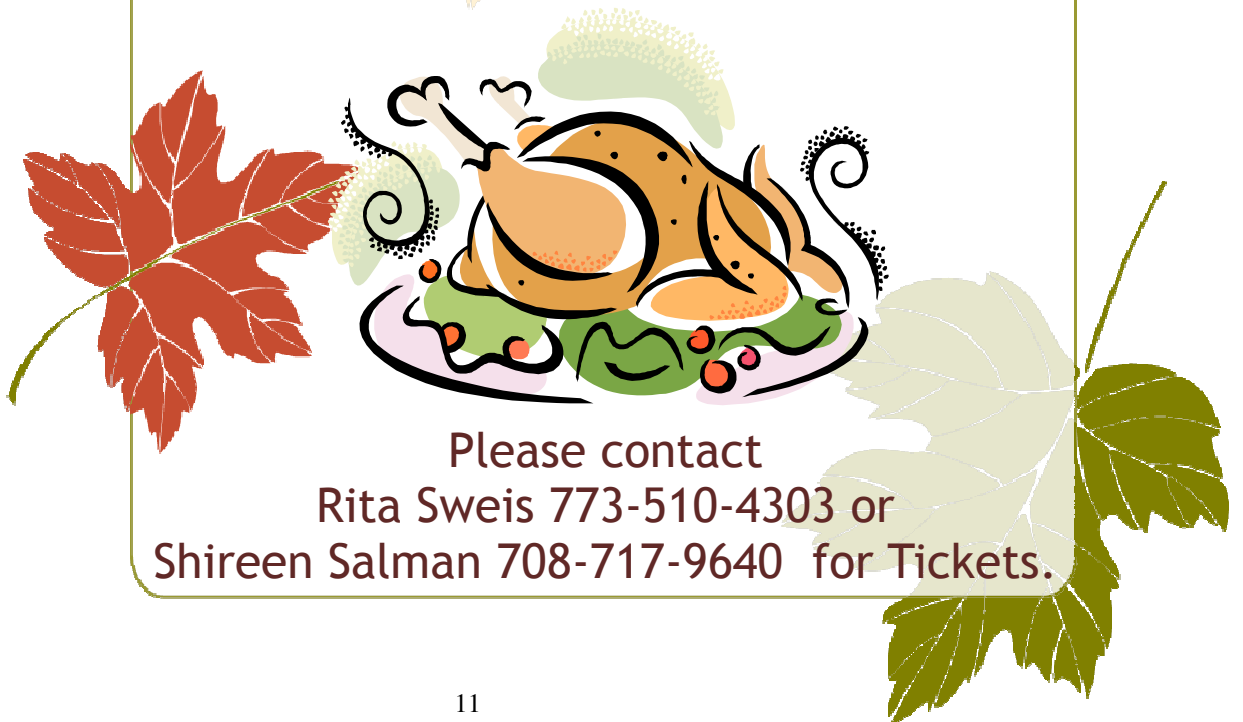
Live Entertainment (singer TBA)

Tickets

Adults: \$30

Children: \$15

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.”



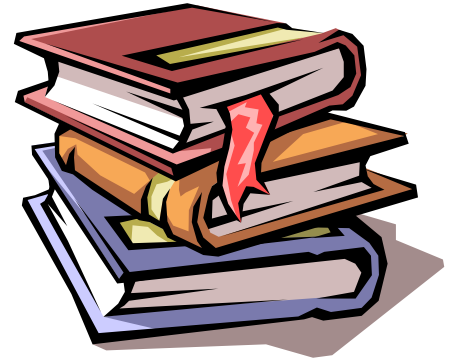
Please contact
Rita Sweis 773-510-4303 or
Shireen Salman 708-717-9640 for Tickets.

Arabic School is Back!

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. Arabic School takes place Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (followed by Great Vespers from 5:30pm-6:15pm).

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.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET?

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED!!!

Please see Omar Sweiss or any Sunday School Staff in the Fellowship Hall to register your children today!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

**Join us today at
Sunday School!**

- 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!

“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



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"
Taking our faith outside the church walls

St. Philothea Project

**How would you feel
if you had no socks???**

Items needed:

SOCKS and UNDERWEAR

For Boys and Girls

Ages 3 – 14 years old

Collection boxes will be available in the Fellowship hall

Please see Kh. Delia with any questions



Come out and show your support!



Watch the games unfold for

St. Mary's Volleyball League!!!

SILVER	PURPLE	GREEN	MAROON	BLUE	BLACK
Kareem	Racan	Tariq	Jason	Nidal	Jawad
Mousa	Rami	Charlie	CJ	Muthana	Khalil
Murad	Tamer	Seif	Ramzi	Melad	Walid
Jessica	Ruba	Mimi	Orieb	Alyssa	Alina
Mando	Abeer	Rachel	Stephanie	Heather	Myrna
Jennifer	Randa	Claudia	Salma	Marram	Katia
Kati	Sally	Sylvia	Lara	Madelina	Danielle
Jasmine	Katherine	Raneem	Christine	Reem	Rula

First game is today, Sunday, October 7 at 3 pm.



Who will be victorious?



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!



Please come
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Fellowship of St. John the Divine

Topic: Defending the Faith

Date and time: October 19, 2012 7 p.m.

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

6330 West 127th Street

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Contact: Klodia 708 208 3039

Snacks and refreshments served

Followed by a BON FIRE!



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.

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**Sunday,
October
21st 2012**

**11:30 to 1:30
in the
Gym**



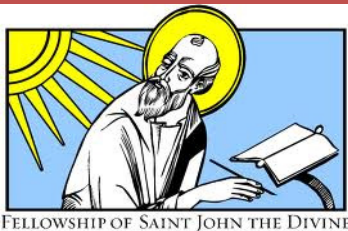
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Contact Abeer Khouri or
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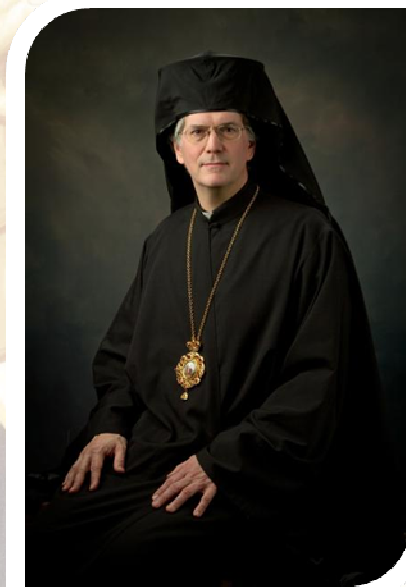
Friday, 10/19/2012- Sunday 10/21/2012

Departing Thursday night from St. George Church (Cicero)

Featuring Guest Speaker:

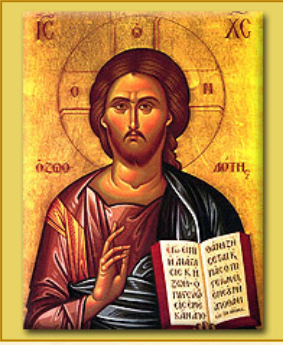
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For further information, contact Rammy Zanayed at rizanayed@sbcglobal.net
or Deacon Saed at srihani6@cs.com



Weekly Synaxarion



On October 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Great Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria. They were noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian whose esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused. Beside himself with rage, Maximian commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus' help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death—all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." The souls of Sergius and Bacchus went to Paradise, where they received crowns of immortal glory from Christ in 303. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; and Venerable Sergius of Nurma. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.