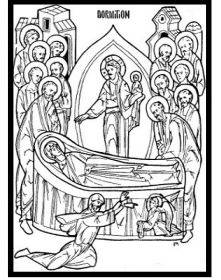




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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 14, 2012

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

أحد الآباء المجتمعين في المجمع السابع

Weekly Schedule of Services

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

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

*Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Matins -- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
(Confessions by Appointment)*

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

Welcome to St. Mary Orthodox Church! We extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings to you and your family. If this is your first time with us, we pray that you feel at home. After all, we are gathered together in our Father's house. Please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet" for more information. May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

أهلاً بكم في كنيسة العذراء مريم الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية! يُسعدنا أن نُقدّم لكم ولعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الأولى لكنيستنا، نرجو أن تشعروا بأنكم في بيتكم الذي هو بيت أبينا جميعاً. ألرجاء أن تسألوا أحد المساعدين في الكنيسة في نهاية الخدمة الالهية عن "رزمة معلومات الترحيب" التي تحتوي على المعلومات المطلوبة. الله يبارككم وينعم عليكم بالصحة لسنين عديدة في خدمة الرب.

Clergy, Parish Council, Committees, and Ministries

Parish Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani
Subdeacon Matthew Sweis
Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

Parish Council:

Presiding Officer
Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad
Chairman
Fadi Abu Manneh
Vice Chairman
Rashid Sweis
Treasurer
Abdullah Tadros
Financial Secretary
Samer Tadros
Secretary
Abeer Khouri
Council Members:
George Barakat
Maher Ibrahim
CJ Kari
Bassam Salman
Faris Samawi
Ramzi Sweis

Committees:

Altar / Liturgies
Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani
Expansion & Maintenance
Luai Sweis
Fundraising & Stewardship
Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman
Financial
Abdullah Tadros
Communication
Abeer Khouri
Constitution
Ramzi Sweis
Humanitarian
Shireen Salman
Ushering
Fadi Abu Manneh
Web Master
Sana Sweis

Office Administrator
Katia Haddad

Organizations and Ministries:

Sunday School Director
Omar Sweis
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 Two)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

عندما انحدرت إلى الموت أيها الحياة الذي لا يموت. حينئذ أمت الجحيم ببرق لاهوتك. وعندما أقمت الأموات من تحت الثرى. صرخ نحوك جميع القوات السماويين. أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة المجد لك.

Troparion of the Fathers (Tone Eight)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا الفائق التسبيح يامن أسس آبائنا القديسين على الأرض كواكب منيرة. وبهم هديتنا إلى الإيمان الحقيقي. أيها الجزيل الرحمة المجدلك.

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 وصننتها 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, an 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 المرودة. 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 دائما في مكرميك.

Epistle for the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

الرسالة لأحد الآباء المجتمعين في المجمع السابع

Blessed are thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers!

For Thou are just in all that Thou hast done to us!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to Titus (3:8-15).

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

مبارك أنت ياربُّ الله أبائنا!

لأنك عدلٌ في كلِّ ما صنَّعتَ بنا!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى تيطس (3:8-15)

يا ولدي تيطس صادقة هي الكلمة وإياها أريدُ أن تُقرَّرَ حتى يَهْتَمَّ الذين آمنوا بالله في القيام بالأعمال الحسنة . فهذه هي الأعمال الحسنة والنافعة * أما المباحثاتُ الهذيانيةُ والأنسابُ والخصوماتُ والمماحكاتُ الناموسيةُ فاجتنبها فإنها غيرُ نافعةٍ وباطلة * ورجلُ البدعةِ بعد الإنذارِ مرَّةً وأخرى اعرض عنه * عالماً أن من هو كذلك قد اعتسَفَ وهو في الخطيئةِ يقضي بنفسه على نفسه * ومتى أرسلتُ إليك أرتماس أو تيخيكوس فبادرُ أن تأتيَنِي إلى نيكوبولس لأني قد عزمْتُ أن أشتي هناك * أما زيناسُ مُعلِّمُ الناموسِ وأبلوسُ فاجتهد في تشييعهما متأهبين لئلا يعوزهُما شيء * وليتعلَّم ذوونا أن يقوموا بالأعمالِ الصالحةِ للحاجاتِ الضروريةِ حتى لا يكونوا غيرَ مُثْمِرين * يُسلِّمُ عليك جميعُ الذين معي * سلِّم على الذين يُحبُّوننا في الإيمان . النعمةُ معكم أجمعين . آمين .

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of St. Luke

إنجيل للأحد الرابع من لوقا

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15).

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (8:5-15)

قال الربُّ هذا المثل. خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ* وفيما هو يزرعُ سَقَطَ بعضٌ على الطريقِ فوطِيَّ وأكلتهُ طيورُ السماءِ* والبعضُ سَقَطَ على الصخرِ فلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبَسَ لأنه لم تَكُنْ لَهُ رطوبةٌ* وبعضُ سَقَطَ بين الشوكِ فنَبَتَ الشوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ* وبعضُ سَقَطَ في الأرضِ الصالحةِ فلَمَّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مائةَ ضِعْفٍ* فسألهُ تلاميذهُ ما عسى أن يكونَ هذا المثلُ* فقالَ لَكُمْ قد أُعْطِيَ أن تعرفُوا أسرارَ ملكوتِ الله. وأمَّا الباقونَ فبأمثالٍ لِكَي لا ينظروا وهم ناظرونَ ولا يفهموا وهم سامعونَ* وهذا هو المثل. الزرعُ هو كلمةُ الله* والذينَ على الطريقِ هم الذينَ يسمعونَ ثم يأتي إبليسُ وينزعُ الكلمةَ من قلوبِهِم لئلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا* والذينَ على الصخرِ هم الذينَ يسمعونَ الكلمةَ ويقبلونها بفرحٍ ولكن ليسَ لَهُم أصلٌ وإنما يؤمنونَ إلى حينٍ وفي وقتِ التجربةِ يرتدونَ* والذي سَقَطَ في الشوكِ هم الذينَ يسمعونَ ثم يذهبونَ فيختنقونَ بهمومِ هذه الحياةِ وغناها وملذاتها فلا يأتونَ بِثَمَرٍ* وأمَّا الذي سَقَطَ في الأرضِ الجيدةِ فهم الذينَ يسمعونَ الكلمةَ فيحفظونها في قلبٍ جيِّدٍ صالحٍ ويثمرونَ بالصبرِ* ولما قالَ هذا نادى من له أُذنانِ للسمعِ فليسمع.



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
10/14: Refqa Sweis & Family	10/14: رفقا صويص والعائلة
10/21: Romel and Nabeela Sweis & Family	10/21: رومل ونبيلة صويص والعائلة
10/28: Elias and Raeda Tadros & Family	10/28: اليس ورائدة تادرس والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Hadeel Sweis , Arabic - Norma Tadros

Next Week: English - Jasmine Sweis , Arabic - Asmahan Fakhouri

“Bible Verse of the Week”

You must follow the LORD your God. Respect him. Obey his commands and do what he tells you. Serve the LORD your God, and never leave him.

Deuteronomy 13:4

اتَّبِعُوا إِلَهَكُمْ وَهَابُوهُ وَاحْفَظُوا وَصَايَاهُ وَأَطِيعُوهُ وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَظَلُّوا أَوْفِيَاءَ لَهُ.

التثنية 13:4

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
Calendar of Events

Every Week (unless otherwise noted)

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

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

Sat - 1:30pm, Youth Sports League (Ages 5-12)

3:30pm, Arabic School

5:30pm, Great Vespers

October 2012

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

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

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
Tue - 11/20/12
Wed - 11/21/12

Thu - 11/22/12
Sat - 11/24/12
Sat - 11/24/12
Mon - 11/26/12
Fri - 11/30/12
Fri - 11/30/12

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12
Mon - 12/03/12
Wed - 12/05/12
Fri - 12/07/12
Sun - 12/09/12
Tue - 12/11/12
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

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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
6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting
6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
7:00pm: SOYO Bible Study
1:00pm: Visit to Hope Children's Hospital
6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym
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 !!!

Parish News

Congratulations!

Wedding

Jamil Tayel Sweis
&
Diala Naser Halaseh

Baptism

Rita Sweis
Parents: Emad & Heba Sweis

Ryan

Parents: Ibrahim & Easter Almachnee



مبروك!

زواج

جميل طايل صويص وديالا ناصر هلسة

عماد

ريتا صويص

الوالدين: عماد وهبة صويص

ريان المشني

الوالدين: إبراهيم ايستر المشني

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.

Sunday – October 14, 2012

OCCHY QUIZ FOR TEENS

TRUE OR FALSE ? HOOKAH SMOKING IS SAFER THAN CIGARETTES

False!

Hookah smokers are at risk for the same kinds of diseases as are caused by cigarette smoking, including oral cancer, lung cancer, stomach cancer, cancer of the esophagus, reduced lung function, and decreased fertility.

Nuwayhid, I, Yamout, B., Ghassan, and Kambria, M.

Narghile (Hubble-Bubble) Smoking, Low Birth Weight and Other Pregnancy Outcomes
American Journal of Epidemiology 1998;148:375-83 [accessed 2011 Feb 15]

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

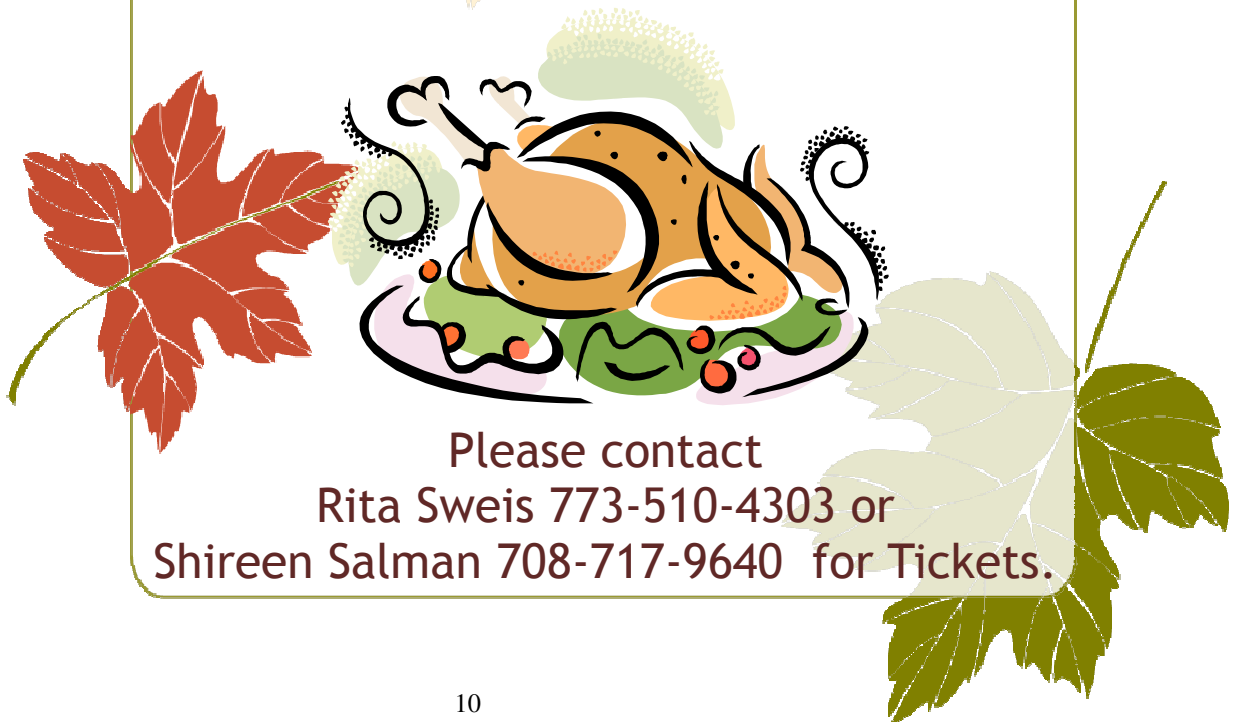
Doors Open at 6:30p.m.
Live Entertainment (singer TBA)

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.

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!





"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls

St. Philothea Project

4th Annual Humanitarian Drive for the Orphans

**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

Teen SOYO Bible Study
Saturday, October 20, 2012



All Teens are welcome to attend
!!!Potluck Event!!!

St. Mary Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, IL

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Presents

The 4th Annual

FELLOWSHIP SPIRITUAL RETREAT

TO THE ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

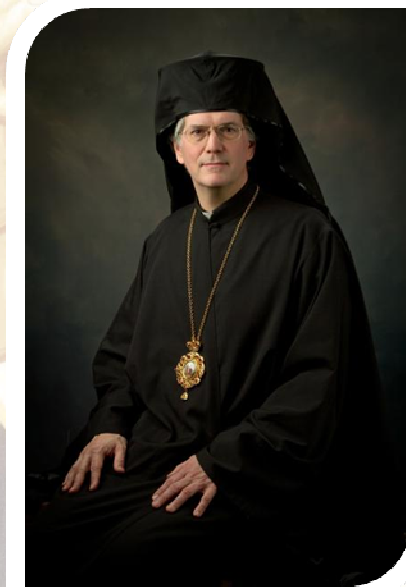
Friday, 10/19/2012- Sunday 10/21/2012

Departing Thursday night from St. George Church (Cicero)

Featuring Guest Speaker:

HIS GRACE

BISHOP ANTHONY MICHAELS



**WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP
BONFIRE**

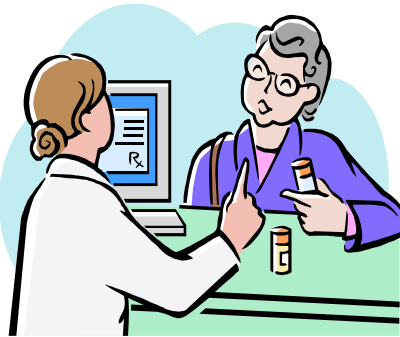
For further information, contact Rammy Zanayed at rizanayed@sbcglobal.net
or Deacon Saed at srihani6@cs.com

**Sunday,
October
21st 2012**

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



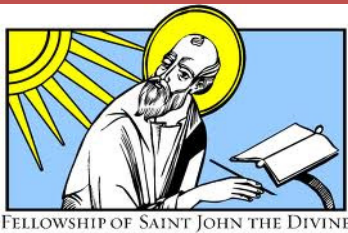
Family Health Fair



**Take charge of
your Health!**

- Diabetes
- Blood Pressure Monitoring Medication Management

And much more!



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6330 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Contact Abeer Khouri or
Jennifer Sweis with any questions.



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

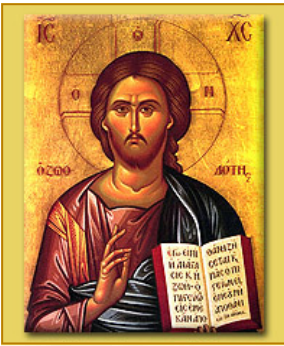
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Weekly Synaxarion



On October 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus of Milan; Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maïuma; and Venerable Paraskeva the New of Thrace. On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons. The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.