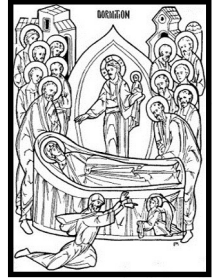




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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)

January 13, 2013

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

الأحد الذي بعد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)

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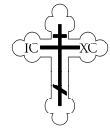
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Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm



His Beatitude **IGNATIUS IV** **Patriarch of Antioch and all of the East**



2012-1920



Today we will have the 40th day memorial service for our Father in Christ, **IGNATIUS IV**, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East. May the Lord give rest to the soul of his servant, Sayidna IGNATIUS, and grant peace and comfort to all Antiochian Orthodox Christians. May his memory be eternal with all the saints!

Biography of His Beatitude IGNATIUS IV

His Beatitude, Ignatius IV (Hazim) was the one hundred and seventieth Patriarch after Saint Peter. He was born in 1921 in the village of Mhardey near Hama in Syria. He is the son of a pious Arab Orthodox family and from an early age was attracted to service within the Church. While studying in Beirut, Lebanon, for a literature degree, he entered the service of the local Orthodox diocese, first by becoming an altar server, then a deacon. In 1945 he went to Paris where he graduated from the St. Sergius Theological Institute. From his time in France onwards he has been moved not only by a desire to pass on the deposit of the Faith, but also to take Orthodoxy out of its unhistorical ghetto by discovering in its Holy Tradition living answers to the problems of modern life. On his return to the Middle East, he founded the Orthodox Theological Seminary in Balamand, Lebanon which he then served for many years as Dean. As Dean he sought to provide the Patriarchate with responsible leaders who had received a good spiritual and intellectual training and who were witnesses to an awakened and deeply personal faith.

He became bishop in 1961 and Metropolitan of Lattaquiey in Syria in 1970. The new Metropolitan was a reserved and friendly man, who manifested a deep and courageous straightforwardness; he was simple, direct and down to earth. His style broke with the former tradition of episcopal grandeur and he inaugurated an authentic practice of frequent Communion. On 2 July 1979, under the name of Ignatius IV, he became the Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch, the third ranking hierarch of the Orthodox Church after the Patriarchs of Constantinople and Alexandria. After his election as Patriarch he said:

“I know that I will be judged if I do not carry the Church and each one of you in my heart. It is not possible for me to address you as if I were different from you. No difference separates us. I am an integral part of you; I am in you and I ask you to be in me. For the Lord comes, and the Spirit descends on the brothers gathered, united in communion, as they manifest a diversity of charisms in the unity of the Spirit.”

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL WITH ALL THE SAINTS!

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

Susan Sweis

Ladies Guild Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

Fellowship President

Khalil Haddad

Fellowship Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

SOYO President

Marram Salman

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Orieb Sweis, Steve Rihani, Shireen Salman

SOYO Spiritual Director

Fr. Malek Rihani

Handmaids of the Lord

Mansoura Khouri & Lina Haddad

Handmaids Spiritual Director

Fr. Malek Rihani

Choir Director

Michael Rascia

Chanters

Khaled Salman & Faris Samawi

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Changes in the Liturgy

تغييرات في القداس

First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a strange people.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

الانديفونا الأولى

في خروج إسرائيل من مصر وبيت يعقوب من شعب بربري.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

أبصره البحر فهرب والأردن رجع إلى الوراء.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

المجد للآب والإبن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

Second Antiphon

I am well pleased for the Lord has heard my voice and my supplication.

Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

The sorrows of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me. I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord.

Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; and our God is Merciful.

Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

O only-begotten son and word of God...

الانديفونا الثانية

أحبيت أن الرب يستمع صوت تضرعي.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

الضيق والمخاض أصاباني فدعوت اسم الرب.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

الرب حنونٌ وصديقٌ، وإلهنا رحيمٌ.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

المجد للآب والإبن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين، آمين.

يا كلمة الله الابن الوحيد...

Third Antiphon

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, by calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlighten the world, glory to Thee!

الانديفونا الثالثة

اعترفوا للرب فإنه صالح وإن إلى الأبد رحمته، ليقل بيت إسرائيل إنه صالح وإن إلى الأبد رحمته، ليقل كل أتقياء الرب إنه صالح وإن إلى الأبد رحمته.

باعتقادك يا رب في نهر الأردن، ظهرت السجدة للتألوث، لأن صوت الآب تقدم لك بالشهادة، مسمياً إياك ابناً محبوباً، والروح

بهيئة حمامة يؤيد حقيقة الكلمة، فيا من ظهرت وأثرت العالم أيتها المسيح الإله المجد لك!

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 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 بِصَلِيبِكَ الموتَ وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الفردوسَ. وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فرحٍ. وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا مُنذِرِينَ، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإله. مَانِحاً العَالَمَ الرَّحمةَ العَظْمَى.

Troparion of the Theophany (Tone One)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, by calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

بِاعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبِّ فِي نَهْرِ الأَزْدُنْ، ظَهَرْتَ السَّجْدَةَ لِلثَّالُوثِ، لِأَنَّ صَوْتَ الآبِ تَقَدَّمَ لَكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابناً مَحْبُوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرْتَ وَأَنْزَرْتَ العَالَمَ أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإله المَجْدُ لَكَ!

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 حَفِظْتَ البَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَّتْهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ العَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الإله. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ أُمُّ الحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ المَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Theophany of our Lord (Tone Four)

Today thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

اليومَ ظَهَرْتَ لِلْمَسْكُونَةِ يَا رَبِّ، وَنَوْرُكَ قَدْ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ نُسَبِّحُكَ بِمَعْرِفَةٍ قَائِلِينَ: لَقَدْ أَتَيْتَ وَظَهَرْتَ، أَيُّهَا النُّورُ الَّذِي لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

Epistle for the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

الرسالة للأحد الذي بعد عيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us!

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:7-13).

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

لنتكن يا ربُّ رحمتك علينا!

ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالرب!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس (4:7-13)

يا اخوة لكل واحدٍ منا أُعطيَت النعمة على مقدارٍ موهبة المسيح * فلذلك يقول لَمَّا صعدَ إلى العلى سبى سبياً وأعطى الناس عطايا * فكونه صعدَ هل هو إلاَّ إنه نزلَ أولاً إلى أسافل الأرض * فذاك الذي نزلَ هو الذي صعدَ أيضاً فوق السماوات كلها ليملاً كلَّ شيءٍ * وهو قد أعطى أن يكونَ البعضُ رؤساءً والبعضُ أنبياءً والبعضُ مُبشِّرينَ والبعضُ رعاةً ومعلمينَ * لأجلِ تكميلِ القديسينَ ولِعَمَلِ الخدمةِ وبُنْيَانِ جسدِ المسيح * إلى أن ننتهي جميعاً إلى وحدة الإيمان ومعرفة ابن الله إلى إنسانٍ كاملٍ إلى مقدارِ قامَةِ ملءِ المسيح.

Gospel for the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

الإنجيل للأحد الذي بعد عيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:12-17).

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر
(4:12-17)***

في ذلك الزمان لما سمع يسوع أن يوحنا قد أُسْلِمَ انصَرَفَ إلى الجليل * وتَرَكَ
الناصرَةَ وجاءَ فَسَكَنَ في كَفَرْنَاهُومَ التي على شاطئِ البحرِ في تخومِ زبولونَ
ونفتاليمَ * لِيَتِمَّ ما قيلَ باشعيا النبيِّ القائلِ: أرضُ زبولونَ وأرضُ نفتاليمَ
طريقُ البحرِ عَبْرَ الأردنِّ جليلُ الأُمَمِ * الشعبُ الجالسُ في الظلمةِ أبصرَ
نوراً عظيماً والجالسونَ في بُقعةِ الموتِ وظلالهِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِمُ نُورٌ * ومنذئذِ
ابتدأَ يسوعُ يكرِّرُ ويقولُ: توبوا، فقدِ اقترَبَ ملكوتُ السماواتِ.



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
01/13: Shamel and Souna Al-Hourani & Family	01/13: شامل وسونا الحوراني والعائلة
01/20: Samih and Maysoun Sweis & Family	1/20: سميح وميسون صويص والعائلة
01/27: Maher and Sara Ibrahim & Family	01/27: ماهر وسارة ابراهيم والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Matthew Sweis , Arabic - Khaled Salman

Next Week: English - Sandra Khouri , Arabic - Lily Sweiss

“Bible Verse of the Week”

“For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.” [Titus 2:11-12](#)

فَقَدْ ظَهَرَتْ نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُخْلِصَةَ، لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، مُعَلِّمَةً إِيَّانَا أَنْ نُنْكِرَ الْفُجُورَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ الْعَالَمِيَّةَ، وَنَعِيشَ بِالتَّعْقَلِ وَالْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى فِي الْعَالَمِ الْحَاضِرِ. [تيطس 2:11-12](#)

Parish News

May their Memory be Eternal!

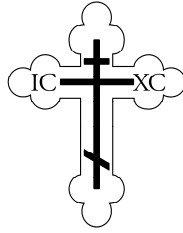
40 Day Memorial - Patriarch Ignatius IV

40 Day Memorial - Labib Samawi

6 Month Memorial - Ghanem Sweis

Newly Departed Khalil Tadros

Newly Departed Mina Faraj



ليكن ذكركم مؤبداً!

الأربعين - البطريرك اغناطيوس الرابع

الأربعين - لبيب سماوي

نصف السنة - غانم صويس

المرحوم خليل تادرس

المرحوم مينا فرج

Engagement

Shadi Mazen Qaqish & Angela Rajaei Haddad

Churching

Daniel Hazem Tadros

Andrew Jalil Faisal Salman



خطوبة

شادي مازن قاقيش وأنجيلا رجائي حداد

أول زيارة

دانيال حازم تادرس

أندرو جليل فيصل سلمان

St. Mary's Monthly Men's Breakfast Club

The first Saturday of every Month at 10:00am

Location: Royalberry Restaurant
6417 W. 127th St. in Palos Heights

Join the clergy of St. Mary as we discuss current and relevant issues affecting our families and communities, and how we, as fathers, brothers, and role models, can make a difference.

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 - 3:30pm, Arabic School
5:30pm, Great Vespers

January 2013

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| Sun - 01/13 | Annual General Assembly |
| Sat - 01/19 | Youth League 1st day of Season Winter '13 |
| Sat - 01/19 | SOYO Ice Skating |
| Sun - 01/20 | 11:30: SOYO Kunafa Sale |
| Fri - 01/25 | 6:30pm: An Evening of Elegance |
| Sun - 01/27 | 6:00pm: St. Mary Appreciation Dinner |

February 2013

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| Sat - 02/02 | 10:00am: St. Mary's Men's Breakfast Club |
| Sun - 02/03 | 5:30pm: Fellowship Super Bowl Party |
| Sat - 02/09 | 7:00pm: St. Valentine's Day Hafle |
| Tue - 02/12 | 6:00am: PADS Homeless Shelter Volunteering |
| Sat - 02/16 | 4:00pm: SOYO LAR/Bible Study |
| Sun - 02/17 | 11:30am: Blood Drive |

St. Mary Orthodox Church
Palos Heights, IL

You are cordially invited to an

APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, January 27th, 2013 at 6:00pm
St. Mary's Gymnasium

A CELEBRATION
OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY !

This event is Free of Charge

Due to limited seating, please
Please RSVP with total number attending
to the Church office no later than Friday, January 18th
Phone: 708-239-0004 or Email: katiahaddad@virginmaryoc.org

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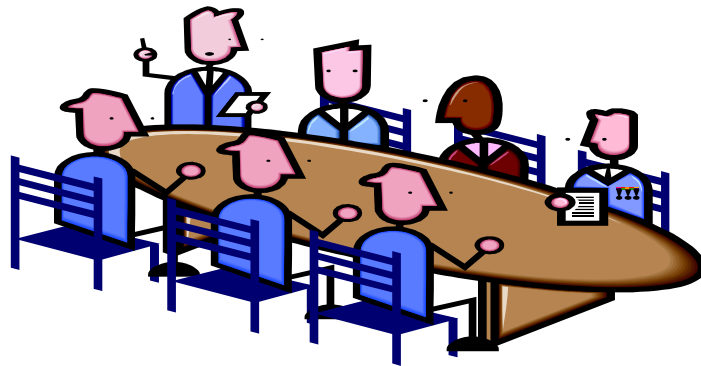
HOUSE BLESSINGS

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord's Theophany on January 6th, we bless water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time. Please contact Fr. Mousa at 708-979-3222 or Fr. Malek at 708-516-6417 if you would like your home blessed this year.



جرت العادة أن يقوم الكاهن في تقديس بيوت المؤمنين في عيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس) في اليوم السادس من كانون الثاني من كل عام. تقديس البيوت برش الماء المقدس، يُطهّر البيوت من الارواح الشريرة ويُجدد إنتمائنا إلى الله تعالى. فكما تجددنا في معموديتنا بالمسيح، كذلك بيوتنا وحياتنا كلها تُجدد إنتمائها الى السيد المسيح إلهنا في مثل هذا الوقت من كل عام. يُرجى ممن يرغب في تقديس بيته أن يتصل بالأب موسى على هاتف 708-979-3222 او بالأب مالك على هاتف 708-516-6417.

General Assembly Meeting Today



Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will be TODAY Sunday, January 13th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please make sure to attend and participate. Thanks and God bless!

Kunafeh Sale

!!!Sunday 01/20/2012!!!



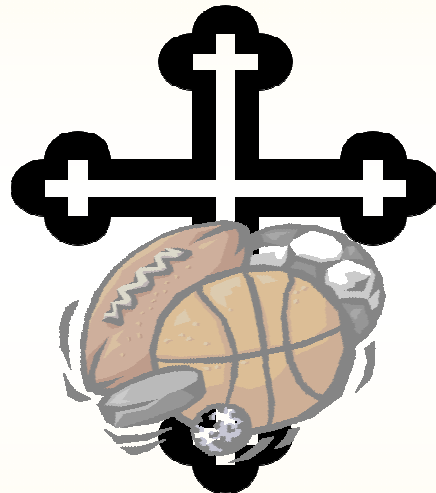
**JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT
YOUR SOYO BY ENJOYING SOME
KUNAFEA!**

Yahya Al-Asaker

YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE

Youth League is back for the Winter Season!

- League will be every Saturday from Jan. 19th to March 9th
- Ages 5-12
- Cost: \$25 (ages 5-7) \$40 (ages 8-12)



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.

**Any questions contact Fabiola Sweis at
fabiolasweis@gmail.com**

All games and open gyms will be held at St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

REGISTER TODAY!!!

St. Mary Antiochian Women present:

*“An Evening of Elegance”
Wine & Cheese*

*Come share a toast for the New Year
with the ladies of the community*



*Friday, January 25th, 2013 at 6:30pm
St. Mary's Fellowship Hall*

(This Event is Free of Charge)

Question??? Please see any members of the Antiochian Women

Teen SOYO Ice Skating

Saturday, January 19, 2013

Artic Arena

10700 160th Street Orland Park, IL 60467

2:30pm

Lunch @ CiCi's pizza

9218 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462

7h Annual

SOYO Christmas Retreat 2012

L.A.R.

Life After the Retreat

Saturday, February 16, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m.

All retreat participants and parents are invited!

*The Fellowship of St. John the Divine
cordially invites you to their Annual...*

St. Valentine's Day Hasteh

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 6:30 pm

SS Constantine and Helen Church

11025 S. Roberts Rd.

Palos Hills, IL 60465

Tickets: Adults - \$30

Children under 12 - \$15



Please see Asimt Sweis or any Fellowship Officer for tickets.

The Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago
Presents

The 5th Annual Pan-Orthodox
Sanctity of Life
Sunday

Prayer Service and Presentation

Come join in prayer that the Lord will guide us all to keep all life sacred.
The Prayer Service will be followed by a presentation by Dr Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos



Sunday, January 27, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Saint Michaels Orthodox
Carpatho Russian Church
7313 N. Waukegan Rd,
Niles, Illinois 60714

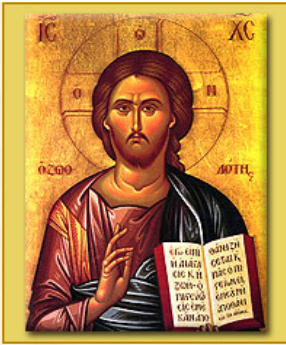
Speaker: Dr Helen Theodoropoulos

*“Praising God in the Vespers of Life: Journeying with the aged, the severely
debilitated, and the dying”*

For more information, please contact the OCCA Committee at frradovan@gmail.com

Where to Turn in the Psalms...

- When you are tempted to compromise: **Psalm 1:1-7**
- When you are unjustly criticized: **Psalm 3:1-4**
- When you are lacking in joy: **Psalm 5:11,12**
- When you are being tested: **Psalm 10:5-7**
- When you need encouragement : **Psalm 17:6-8**
- If you doubt the Scriptures: **Psalm 19:7-11**
- When you are lonely: **Psalm 23:1-6**
- When you mourn: **Psalm 30:10-12**
- When you need God's forgiveness: **Psalm 32:1-5**
- When you are tempted to miss church: **Psalm 34:1-10**
- When you are worried: **Psalm 37:1-8**
- When you are sad: **Psalm 43:35**
- Before you go to confession: **Psalm 51:1-19**
- When you are depressed: **Psalm 57:6-11**
- When you need God's protection: **Psalm 61:1-8**
- When you need strength: **Psalm 62:5-8**
- When enemies come against you: **Psalm 70:1-5**
- When there is a shortage of money: **Psalm 72:12-19**
- When you are deeply troubled: **Psalm 77:1-15**
- When you feel insignificant: **Psalm 84:5-12**
- When you wonder about life's meaning: **Psalm 90:10-17**
- In times of anxiety: **Psalm 94:16-19**
- If you are tempted to disobey God: **Psalm 95:6-11**
- When you need God's mercy: **Psalm 103:1-14**
- When you are discouraged: **Psalm 109:21-31**
- When you have opportunity to serve God: **Psalm 112:1-10**
- When a loved one dies: **Psalm 116:1-19**
- When you need God's guidance: **Psalm 119:9-16**
- Before leaving on a journey: **Psalm 121:1-18**
- When you contemplate marriage: **Psalm 127:1-5**
- To find a litany of prayer: **Psalm 136:1-26**
- If God seems far away: **Psalm 139:1-18**
- Before retiring for the night: **Psalm 141:1-10**
- If you want to complain to God: **Psalm 142:1-7**
- When you want to give praise to God: **Psalm 150:1-6**



Weekly Synaxarion



On January 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyrs Hermylos and Stratonikos of Belgrade. The Emperor Licinius started a persecution against Christians, and so Hermylos was captured and led to court. When Hermylos was informed that he was being led away to be tortured, he greatly rejoiced. The emperor threatened him in vain. Hermylos responded, “The Lord is with me; I fear not. What can man do against me?” (Psalm 118:6). Following excruciating tortures, Hermylos was thrown into the dungeon. The guard Stratonikos, secretly a Christian, sympathized with the suffering of Hermylos. When it was reported to the emperor that Stratonikos was also a Christian, the emperor ordered that both of them be drowned in the Danube River. Three days later, their bodies washed ashore. Christians discovered their bodies and buried them about eighteen miles from Belgrade. These martyrs suffered for Christ and were glorified in 315. On this day we also commemorate the Martyrs Pachomios and Papyrinos of Greece; Venerable Maximos Kafsokalyvitis of Athos; Venerable Eleazar of Anzersk Island; and Hilarion, bishop of Poitiers. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.