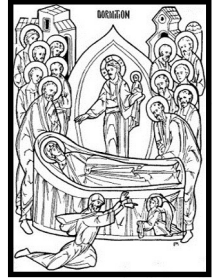




# St. Mary Orthodox Church

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)*

**March 3, 2013**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**أحد الإبن الشاطر**

*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 الحارّة. 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**

*Feras Sweis*

#### **Treasurer**

*Abdullah Tadros*

#### **Financial Secretary**

*CJ Kari*

#### **Secretary**

*Abeer Khouri*

#### **Council Members:**

*Nidal Al-Farah*

*George Barakat*

*Bassam Salman*

*Feras Salman*

*Faris Samawi*

*Samer Tadros*

### Committees:

#### **Altar / Liturgics**

*Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani*

#### **Expansion**

*Feras Sweis*

#### **Beautification & Maintenance**

*Feras Salman*

#### **Fundraising**

*Abdullah Tadros*

#### **Stewardship**

*Rashid Sweis*

#### **Financial**

*Abdullah Tadros*

#### **Communication**

*Abeer Khouri*

#### **Constitution**

*Omar Sweiss*

#### **Humanitarian**

*Shireen Salman*

#### **Ushering**

*Fadi Abu Manneh*

#### **Web Master**

*Sana Sweis*

### Organizations and Ministries:

#### **Sunday School Director**

*Omar Sweiss*

#### **Sunday School Spiritual Director**

*Fr. Mousa Haddad*

#### **Antiochian Women President**

*Susan Sweis*

#### **Antiochian Women 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, 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

#### 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

هللوا!

#### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر . والحراس صاروا كالأموات . ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر . فسبيت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادفت البتول يا مانحاً الحياة . فيامن قمت من بين الأموات يارب 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 وصنتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركته يا والدة الإله . لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة . فبشفاعتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا .

#### Kontakion of the Prodigal Son (Tone Three)

When I disobeyed in ignorance thy Fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying: I have sinned before thee, O compassionate Father, receive me repentant, and make me as one of thy hired servants.

لما عصيتُ مجدك الأبوي بجهلٍ وغباوةٍ، بددتُ في المعاصي الغنى الذي أعطيتني . فلذلك أصرخُ إليك بصوت الابن الشاطر هاتفاً: خطئْتُ أمامك أيها الأب الرؤوفُ، فاقبلني تائباً واجعلني كأحد أجرائك .

## Epistle for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### الرسالة لأحد الإبن الشاطر

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us!*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!*

**The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20).**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

لَتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا!

ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالرب!

\*فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس (6:12-20)\*

يا إخوة كلُّ شيءٍ مُباحٌ لي ولكن ليس كلُّ شيءٍ يُوافق \* كلُّ شيءٍ مُباحٌ لي ولكن لا يتسلطُّ عليَّ شيءٌ \* إنَّ الأطعمَةَ للجوفِ والجوفَ للأطعمَةِ وسيبيدُ اللهُ هذا وتلكَ. أمَّا الجسدُ فليس للزنى بل للربِّ والربُّ للجسدِ \* واللهُ قد أقامَ الربَّ وسيقيمنا نحنُ أيضاً بقُوَّتِهِ \* أمَّا تعلمونَ أنَّ أجسادكم هي أعضاء المسيح. فأخذُ أعضاء المسيح وأجعلها أعضاء زانية. حاشى \* أمَّا تعلمونَ أنَّ من اقترنَ بزانية يصيرُ معها جسداً واحداً. لأنَّهُ قد قيلَ يصيرانِ كلاهما جسداً واحداً \* أمَّا الذي يقترنُ بالربِّ فيكونُ معه روحاً واحداً \* أهربوا من الزنى فإنَّ كلَّ خطيئةٍ يفعلها الإنسانُ هي في خارجِ الجسدِ. أمَّا الزاني فإنه يُخطئُ إلى جسده \* أمَّ أستم تعلمونَ أنَّ أجسادكم هي هيكلُ الروحِ القدسِ الذي فيكم الذي نلتُموه من الله وأنكم لستم لأنفسكم \* لأنكم قد اشتريتم بثمنٍ فمجدوا الله في أجسادكم وفي أرواحكم التي هي لله \*

## Gospel for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### الإنجيل لأحد الإبن الشاطر

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11-32).**

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found.’”

## Gospel for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### الإنجيل لأحد الإبن الشاطر

\*فصل شريف من بشاره القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (15:11-32)\*

قال الرب هذا المثل. إنسان كان له ابنان \* فقال أصغرهما لأبيه يا أبت اعطني النصيب الذي يخصني من المال. فقسّم بينهما معيشته \* وبعد أيام غير كثيرة جمع الابن الأصغر كل شيء له وسافر إلى بلد بعيد وبذر ماله هناك عائشاً في الخلاعة \* فلما أنفق كل شيء له حدثت في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة فأخذ في العوز \* فذهب وانضوى إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد فأرسله إلى حقوله يرعى خنازير \* وكان يشتهي أن يملأ بطنه من الخرنوب الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله فلم يعطه أحد \* فرجع إلى نفسه وقال كم لأبي من أجراء يفضل عنهم الخبز وأنا أهلك جوعاً \* أقوم وأمضي إلى أبي وأقول له يا أبت قد أخطأت إلى السماء وأمامك. ولست مستحقاً بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً فاجعني كأحد أجراءك \* فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما هو بعد غير بعيد رآه أبوه فتحنن عليه وأسرع وألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله \* فقال له الابن يا أبت قد أخطأت إلى السماء وأمامك ولست مستحقاً بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً \* فقال الأب لعبيده هاتوا الحلة الأولى والبسوه واجعلوا خاتماً في يده وخذوا في رجليه \* وأتوا بالعجل المسمن واذبحوه فأنكروا ونفروا \* لأن ابني هذا كان ميتاً فعاش وكان ضالاً فوجد. فطفقوا يفرحون \* وكان ابنه الأكبر في الحقل. فلما أتى وقرب من البيت سمع أصوات الغناء والرقص \* فدعا أحد الغلمان وسأله ما هذا \* فقال له قد قدم أخوك فذبح أبوك العجل المسمن لأنه لقيه سالماً \* فغضب ولم يريد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه وطفق يتوسل إليه \* فأجاب وقال لأبيه كم لي من السنين أخدمك ولم أتعد لك وصية قط وأنت لم تعطني قط جدياً لأفرح مع أصدقائي \* ولما جاء ابنك هذا الذي أكل معيشتك مع الزواني ذبحت له العجل المسمن \* فقال له يا ابني أنت معي في كل حين وكل ما هو لي فهو لك \* ولكن كان ينبغي أن نفرح ونسر لأن أخاك هذا كان ميتاً فعاش وكان ضالاً فوجد.



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>	<b>القداس والقهوة</b>
<b>03/03:</b> Ziad and Majeda Abudayyeh & Family	<b>03/03:</b> زياد وماجدة أبوديه والعائلة
<b>03/10:</b> Jamal and Raeda Khouri & Family	<b>03/10:</b> جمال ورائدة خوري والعائلة
<b>03/17:</b> Wajih and Suhad Haddad & Family	<b>03/17:</b> وجيه وسهاد حداد والعائلة

### Epistle Readers:

*Today: English - Abeer Khouri, Arabic - Mazen Ammari*  
*Next Week: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Khaled Salman*

### “Bible Verse of the Week”

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

**1 John 3:18**

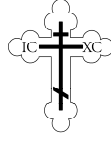
أبنائي الأعزّاء، دَعُونَا لَا نُحِبُّ بِالْكَلامِ أَوْ بِاللِّسانِ، بَلْ بِالْمُمارِسةِ وَالصِّدقِ.

**يوحنا الاول 3:18**

# Parish News

**May his memory be eternal!**

**Newly Departed:** Khalil Zanayed



**ليكن ذكره مؤبداً!**

المرحوم خليل زنايد

## Wedding

Brian Mark Fletcher & Tala Kamel Fakhouri

Odeh Fikry Zedan & Joy Jamal Swais

## زواج

بريان مارك فليتشر وتالا كامل فاخوري

عودة فكري زيدان وجوي جمال صويص

## Churching

Jeffery Louis Vinke

Parents: Jeffery & Rhonna Vinke



## أول زيارة

جيفري لويس فينك

الوالدان: جيفري ورننا فينك

## New Born

Dalia Sweis

Parents: Sam & Reem Sweis

## مولود جديد

داليا صويص

الوالدان: سامي وريم صويص

**Congratulations!**

**مبروك!**

## Bulletin Blurb for **Sunday, March 3 2013** OCCHY QUIZ

How does MARIJUANA affect driving?

- A. Alertness
- B. Coordination
- C. Reaction Time
- D. Judging Distance

A.B.C.&D. ALL ANSWERS CORRECT. Marijuana affects all these skills required for safe driving. Data has shown that while smoking marijuana, people have the same lack of coordination as on standard 'drunk driver' tests. A Study in Memphis, TN found that out of 150 reckless drivers who were tested for drugs, 33% tested positive for marijuana and 12% tested positive for marijuana AND cocaine. <http://www.drugabuse.gov> , [www.teens.drugabuse.gov](http://www.teens.drugabuse.gov)



## Lent & Holy Week Services 2013 خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم

March 20 آذار	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القديس السابق تقديسه	7:00pm مساء
March 22 آذار	Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
March 25 آذار	Monday: Annunciation Liturgy الإثنين: خدمة القديس لعيد البشارة	10:00am صباحا
March 27 آذار	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القديس السابق تقديسه	7:00pm مساء
March 29 آذار	Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
April 3 نيسان	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القديس السابق تقديسه	7:00pm مساء
April 5 نيسان	Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
April 10 نيسان	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القديس السابق تقديسه	7:00pm مساء
April 12 نيسان	Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
April 17 نيسان	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القديس السابق تقديسه	7:00pm مساء
April 19 نيسان	Friday: Akathist w/ Potluck Dinner الجمعة: خدمة مديح والدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
April 27 نيسان	Saturday: Lazarus Saturday Liturgy السبت: القديس لسبت اليعازر	10:00am صباحا
April 28 نيسان	Sunday: Palm Sunday Liturgy الأحد: خدمة القديس لعيد الشعانين Sunday: 1st Bridegroom Service الأحد: الختن الأولى	10:00am صباحا 7:00pm مساء
April 29 نيسان	Monday: 2nd Bridegroom Service الإثنين: الختن الثانية	7:00pm مساء
April 30 نيسان	Tuesday: 3rd Bridegroom Service الثلاثاء: الختن الثالثة	7:00pm مساء
May 1 أيار	Wednesday: Holy Unction Service الأربعاء: صلاة الزيت المقدس	7:00pm مساء
May 2 أيار	Thursday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil الخميس: قداس باسيليوس العظيم Thursday: 12 Passion Gospels الخميس: خدمة 12 انجيل والصلب	10:00am صباحا 7:00pm مساء
May 3 أيار	Friday: Royal Hours الجمعة: خدمة الساعات Friday: Taking Down From the Cross الجمعة: خدمة انزال المصلوب Friday: Lamentations الجمعة: جناز المسيح (GOOD FRIDAY All-Night VIGIL to follow سهرانية العيد)	10:00am صباحا 3:00pm مساء 7:00pm مساء
May 4 أيار	Saturday: Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil السبت: قداس سبت النور Saturday: Rush Procession & Matins followed by Paschal Liturgy السبت: سحرية العيد، الهجمة وقداس القيامة	10:00am صباحا 10:00pm مساء
May 5 أيار	Sunday: AGAPE VESPERS الأحد: صلاة الباعوث	1:00pm ظهرا

# **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 - 1:30, Youth Sports League  
3:30pm, Arabic School  
5:30pm, Great Vespers

### **March 2013**

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| <b>Fri - 03/08</b> | <b>6:30pm: Ladies Game Night</b>                             |
| <b>Fri - 03/15</b> | <b>7:30pm: OCLife Meeting (Orthodox Christians for Life)</b> |
| <b>Sat - 03/16</b> | <b>5:00pm: Teen SOYO Bible Study</b>                         |
| <b>Sun - 03/17</b> | <b>11:30am: Cheese Pizza Sale</b>                            |
| <b>Mon - 03/18</b> | <b>Great Lent Begins</b>                                     |
| <b>Sun - 03/24</b> | <b>11:30am: Falafel Sandwich Sale</b>                        |
| <b>Sat - 03/30</b> | <b>5:00pm: Teen SOYO Movie Night</b>                         |

### **April 2013**

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| <b>Sun - 04/14</b> | <b>11:30am: Lenten Lunch Sale</b>                                  |
| <b>Mon - 04/15</b> | <b>6:00pm: PADS Homeless Shelter Volunteer</b>                     |
| <b>Sat - 04/20</b> | <b>Presentation by Dr. Albert Rossi (open to all parishioners)</b> |

**St. Mary's is pleased to announce  
the March meeting for OCLife  
will be held at St. Mary's  
Friday, March 15 at 7:30pm**

## 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 بالاب موسى على هاتف 708-979-3222 او بالاب مالك على هاتف 708-516-6417.

# Attention Students!

**2013-2014 Antiochian Scholarship Forms are Available**



In time for the 2013-2014 academic year, the Scholarships page on [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org) has been updated to include all archdiocesan forms and deadlines, as well as information from other institutions offering scholarships to Antiochian students at both the college or graduate school level. You can browse through various options, including a scholarship from Antiochian Women, several scholarships from the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, scholarships available from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and scholarships for former Scouts.

March 8, 2013

6:30pm-9:00pm

Join St. Mary's Antiochian Women for their

# Ladies Game Night

Popcorn and coffee will  
be provided.

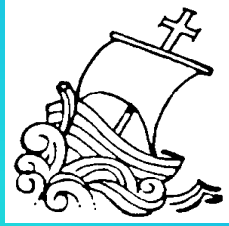
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tasli and drink.

Contact person: Suzan Sweis  
or Suhair Swies

Join us for a fun  
night full of  
games!

Bring any extra games you would like to play!

The Clergy and Parish Council of St. Mary proudly introduce our latest ministry as we continue our strategy of strengthening the Family;



# Fishers of Men

*Leading our Families in Christian Discipleship*

This ministry is open to all men over 21, who recognize the importance of their role as men, and are willing to take a pledge to lead their family on a path that is pleasing to God.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- **Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> (ministry officially introduced)**

The first group of men will take their pledge in front of God and their Parish Family

- **Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Albert Rossi a renowned Family Counselor will give a presentation on the role of men in family and society (open to all parishioners)

- **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)**

The men will serve breakfast in appreciation and honor of all of our beloved mothers

We encourage all the men of our parish to join the Fishers of Men. We meet the first Saturday of the month for breakfast, we discuss issues relevant to men, and most importantly we enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere.

We likewise ask all of the women to support this ministry by encouraging their husbands to join and to be active in this Godly ministry.

# Teen SOYO



Saturday, March 16, 2013  
Fellowship Hall @ 5:00pm  
**!!! Lenten Potluck Event !!!**

Please contact Marram Salman (708) 307-7473 or any teen advisor with any questions you may have!

# Teen SOYO



Saturday, March 30, 2013  
Fellowship Hall @ 5:00pm  
**!!! Lenten Snacks !!!**

Please contact Marram Salman (708) 307-7473, Christine Sweis (708) 336-0702, with any questions you may have!



# Fundraising Benefit

The benefit is 'Have a Heart to Make a House a Home'

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church  
2350 E. Dempster St. Des Plaines, IL.**

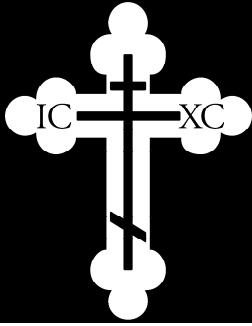
**5:30 Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction**

**6:30 Dinner \$25 per person**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND ASKED TO ATTEND**

**RSVP by March 5 to:**

**[lindakarras@yahoo.com](mailto:lindakarras@yahoo.com) or 317-709-0168**



# St. Mary's March Madness

6330 West 127th St. Palos Heights, IL

## 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

St. Mary's is hosting their first annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Get your starting line-ups ready for a day full of family, friends and FUN!!! Come support your community and enjoy a little friendly competition.

**Sunday, April 7th from 1pm-7pm.**



### **Requirements:**

- Completed Registration/Waiver Form
- Registration Fee \$25/person
- Ages 14+
- 3 players/team
  - 2 males, 1 female

All forms and fees due by:  
**March 31, 2013**

For questions contact:

Melad Qodsi  
708-692-0561  
[stmarysports@virginmaryoc.org](mailto:stmarysports@virginmaryoc.org)

Kati Khouri  
708-257-7579  
[kkhouri@yahoo.com](mailto:kkhouri@yahoo.com)

CJ Kari  
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# Triumph Of Orthodoxy

## PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago

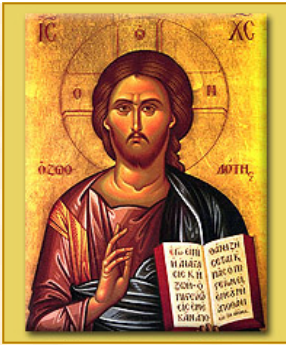
Saturday, March 23, 2013 - at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral  
5701 North Redwood Drive - Chicago, IL 60631  
[www.serbiancathedral.org](http://www.serbiancathedral.org)

Homilist:  
**His Eminence Archbishop NICOLAE**  
Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas



Responses  
chanted by  
The Pan-Orthodox Choir  
of Greater Chicago  
Gordana Trbuhovich, Director



## Weekly Synaxarion



On March 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; and the Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch. On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated in the Triodion. In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds. Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.