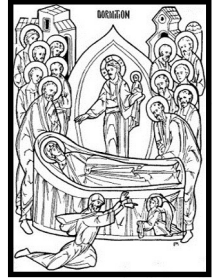




St. Mary Orthodox Church

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 10, 2013

**Sunday of the Last Judgment
(Meatfare Sunday)**

أحد الدينونة الأخيرة (أحد مرفع اللحم)

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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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

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Fadi Abu Manneh

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Sana Sweis

Athletics

Melad Qodsi

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

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Orieb Sweis, Steve Rihani, Shireen Salman

SOYO Spiritual Director

Fr. Malek Rihani

Handmaids of the Lord

Mansoura Khouri & Lina Haddad

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Fr. Malek Rihani

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Michael Rascia

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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

هللويا!

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 بِصَلِيْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفَرْدَوْسَ. وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فَرِحٍ. وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ

أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا مُنْذِرِينَ، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ. مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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 الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَّتْهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهَ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ

إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion for the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Tone One)

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

إِذْ أَتَيْتَ يَا اللَّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ بِمَجْدٍ، فَتَرْتَعِدُ مِنْكَ الْبَرَايَا بِأَسْرِهَا. وَنَهْرُ النَّارِ يَجْرِي أَمَامَ عَرْشِكَ،

وَالصُّحُفُ تُفْتَحُ، وَالْحَقَايَا تُشْهَرُ. فَنجِّنِي حِينَئِذٍ مِنَ النَّارِ الَّتِي لَا تُطْفَأُ، وَأَهْلِنِي لِلْوَقُوفِ عَنِ يَمِينِكَ أَيُّهَا

الذَّيَّانُ الْعَادِلُ.

Epistle for the Sunday of the Final Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

الرسالة لأحد الدينونة الأخيرة (أحد مرفع اللحم)

The Lord is my strength and my praise!

The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death!

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (8:8-13; 9:1-2).

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

قَوْتِي وَتَسْبِحَتِي الرَّبُّ!

أَدَبًا أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ، وَإِلَى الْمَوْتِ لَمْ يَسْلَمْنِي!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس (8:8-13; 9:1-2)

يا إخوة إنَّ الطعامَ لا يُقَرِّبُنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِأَنَّا إِنِ أَكَلْنَا لَا نَزِيدُ وَإِنِ لَمْ نَأْكُلْ لَا نَنْقُصُ * وَلَكِنْ انظُرُوا أَنْ لَا يَكُونَ سُلْطَانُكُمْ هَذَا مَعْتَرَةً لِلضَّعْفَاءِ * لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ رَأَى أَحَدٌ يَأْمَنُ لَهُ الْعِلْمُ مُتَّكِنًا فِي بَيْتِ الْأَوْثَانِ أَفَلَا يَتَّقَوِي ضَمِيرَهُ وَهُوَ ضَعِيفٌ عَلَى أَكْلِ ذَبَائِحِ الْأَوْثَانِ * فَيَهْلِكُ بِسَبَبِ عِلْمِكَ الْأَخِ الضَّعِيفِ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ لِأَجْلِهِ * وَهَكَذَا إِذْ تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ وَتَجْرَحُونَ ضَمَائِرَهُمْ وَهِيَ ضَعِيفَةٌ إِنَّمَا تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ * فَالذِّكِّ إِنْ كَانَ الطَّعَامُ يُشَكِّكُ أَخِي فَلَا آكُلْ لِحَمَاءٍ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ لئَلَّا أَشَكِّكَ أَخِي * أَلَسْتُ أَنَا رَسُولًا. أَلَسْتُ أَنَا حُرًّا. أَمَا رَأَيْتُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ رَبَّنَا. أَلَسْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ عَمَلِي فِي الرَّبِّ * وَإِنِ لَمْ أَكُنْ رَسُولًا إِلَى آخَرِينَ فَإِنِّي رَسُولٌ إِلَيْكُمْ. لِأَنَّ خَاتَمَ رِسَالَتِي هُوَ أَنْتُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ.

Gospel for the Sunday of the Final Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

الإنجيل لأحد الدينونة الأخيرة (أحد مرفع اللحم)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46).

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليّ البشيرِ، التلميذِ الطاهرِ (25:31-46)

قالَ الرَّبُّ متى جاءَ ابنُ البَشَرِ في مَجَدِهِ وجميعِ الملائكةِ القديسينَ مَعَهُ فَحِينِذٍ يَجْلِسُ على عَرشِ مَجَدِهِ * وتُجْمَعُ إليه كُلُّ الأُمَّمِ فَيَمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمُ من بَعْضٍ كما يُمَيِّزُ الراعي الخِرَافَ مِنَ الجِداءِ * وَيُقِيمُ الخِرَافَ عن يَمِينِهِ والجِداءَ عن يسارِهِ * حينِذٍ يقولُ المَلِكُ للذِينَ عن يَمِينِهِ تَعَالَوْا يا مُبارَكِي أباي رِثُوا المُلْكَ المُعَدَّ لَكُمْ منذَ إنشَاءِ العالَمِ * لأنِّي جُعتُ فأطعمتُموني وعطِشتُ فسَقَيْتُموني وكنْتُ غريباً فأوَيْتُموني * وعُريانا فكَسَوْتُموني ومريضاً فَعُدْتُموني ومحبوساً فَأَتَيْتُمُ إليَّ * حينِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الصّديقونَ قائلينَ يا ربُّ متى رأيناكَ جائعاً فأطعمناكَ أو عطشانَ فسقيناكَ ومتى رأيناكَ غريباً فأويناكَ أو عُريانا فكَسوناكَ * ومتى رأيناكَ مريضاً أو محبوساً فَأَتينا إِلَيْكَ فَيُجِيبُ المَلِكُ ويقولُ لهم: الحَقُّ أقولُ لكم بما أنْكُمْ فَعَلْتُمْ ذَلِكَ بأحدِ إخوتي هؤلاءِ الصغارِ فَبِي فَعَلْتُمُوهُ * حينِذٍ يقولُ أيضاً للذِينَ عن يسارِهِ اذهبوا عني يا ملاعِينُ إلى النارِ الأبديةِ المُعدَّةِ لإبليسَ وملائكتهِ * لأنِّي جُعتُ فلم تُطعموني وعطِشتُ فلم تُسقوني * وكنْتُ غريباً فلم تُؤوونِي وعُريانا فلم تُكسونِي ومريضاً ومحبوساً فلم تُزوروني * حينِذٍ يُجيبونَهُ هم أيضاً قائلينَ يا ربُّ متى رأيناكَ جائعاً أو عطشانَ أو غريباً أو عُريانا أو مريضاً أو محبوساً ولم نَخدمْكَ * حينِذٍ يُجيبُهُم قائلانِ الحَقُّ أقولُ لكم بما أنْكُمْ لم تَفْعَلُوا ذلكَ بأحدِ هؤلاءِ الصغارِ فَبِي لم تَفْعَلُوهُ * فيذهبُ هؤلاءِ إلى العذابِ الأبدِيِّ والصّديقونَ إلى الحياةِ الأبديةِ.



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
03/10: Jamal and Raeda Khouri & Family	03/10: جمال ورائدة خوري والعائلة
03/17: Wajih and Suhad Haddad & Family	03/17: وجيه وسهاد حداد والعائلة
03/24: Emile and Eideh Haddad & Family	03/24: اميل وعيدة حداد والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Khaled Salman

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

“Bible Verse of the Week”

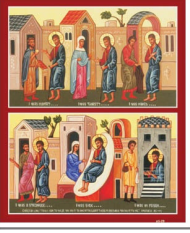
O Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Isaiah 25:1

يَا رَبُّ أَنْتَ إِلَهِي، أُعْظِّمُكَ وَأَحْمَدُ اسْمَكَ لِأَنَّكَ صَنَعْتَ عَجَائِبَ كُنْتُ قَدْ قَضَيْتَ بِهَا مِنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ،

وَهِيَ حَقٌّ وَصِدْقٌ. **أشعيا 25:1**

Parish News



Today in the Church is Meatfare Sunday, the last day in which you can eat Meat. The Church begins fasting from all Meats tomorrow March 11th until Easter on May 5th. God bless!

اليوم الاحد يصادف احد مرفع اللحم والذي فيه يكون اخر يوم يُؤكل فيه اللحم قبل الصيام الذي يبدأ غداً 03/11/2013 وحتى 05/05/2013. الله يبارككم!

Newly Departed:

Wadee'a Ta'amneh Tuhaimer Sweis

May his memory be eternal!



المرحومه

وديعه طعامنه طحيمر صويص

ليكن ذكره مؤبداً!

Engagement

David Hanania & Rula Malek Sweiss

Baptism

Emily Steve Haddad

Jonathan Ramzi Fakhouri

Congratulations!

خطوبة

ديفيد حنانيا ورولا مالك صويص

عُماذ

إميلي ستيف حداد

جوناثان رمزي فاخوري

مبروك!



Bulletin Blurb March 10, 2013

OCCHY QUIZ

TRUE or FALSE ?

1. Over-the-Counter Drugs are the most popular source of drug abuse among young teens.
2. Excessive energy and alertness are symptoms of over-the-counter drug abuse



1. TRUE OTC drugs can be purchased and taken w/out prescription and are easily accessible.
2. FALSE Dizziness, inability to think clearly, nausea, moodiness and poor work/school performance are all signs of prescription drug use.

خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم 2013 Lent & Holy Week Services

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

Fri - 03/08	6:30pm: Ladies Game Night
Sun - 03/10	3:00pm, Open Gym Basketball
Tue - 03/12	5:30pm: Fundraising Benefit
Fri - 03/15	7:30pm: OCLife Meeting (Orthodox Christians for Life)
Fri - 03/15	6:00pm: Badminton Intramural
Sat - 03/16	5:00pm: Teen SOYO Bible Study
Sun - 03/17	11:30am: Cheese Pizza Sale
Fri - 03/17	6:00pm: Badminton Intramural
Mon - 03/18	Great Lent Begins
Sun - 03/24	11:30am: Falafel Sandwich Sale
Sun - 3/24	3:00pm: Open Gym Basketball
Sat - 03/30	5:00pm: Teen SOYO Movie Night
Sun - 3/31	3:00pm: Open Gym Basketball

April 2013

Sat - 04/06	10:00am: Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
Sun - 04/07	1:00pm: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Sun - 04/14	11:30am: Lenten Lunch Sale
Mon - 04/15	6:00pm: PADS Homeless Shelter Volunteer
Sat - 04/20	Presentation by Dr. Albert Rossi (open to all parishioners)

**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**



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March 3, 2013

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND PUBLISHED IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN

Brother Hierarchs, Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese,

Greetings and blessings on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son which leads us to Great Lent.

This year, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America which I founded in 1973. The Antiochian Women have raised over 3.3 million dollars toward the support and funding of many projects throughout the Archdiocese, including the Balamand Seminary, the Missions and Endowment Fund, the Married Seminarians Fund, Project Orphanages/the Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund, the Retired Clergy Housing Fund, Al-Kafaat, and the Convent of St. Thekla, to name just a few. Through their ministry of serving Christ through serving others, they have continued to find many ways to strengthen the role of women in the Orthodox Church.

The Antiochian Women have always shown a great deal of concern for orphans around the world, having raised over \$1 million for the Project Orphanages/Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund. The first Sunday in March continues to be designated as "Orphans' Sunday." Throughout the month of March, you will see the women more actively involved in the church, including reading the Epistle, ushering, taking collections, and addressing those at the Divine Liturgy about the role of the Antiochian Women in their parish, diocese and Archdiocese.

For 2013, the Antiochian Women have taken on a new project: "*The Antiochian Village Tornado Relief Fund.*" As many of you know, the Antiochian Village was ravaged by a tornado last June. Thanks be to God that no one was injured. Twenty-two buildings were either damaged or totally destroyed and hundreds of trees were felled. The insurance did not cover 100 percent of the damage. The Antiochian Women have stepped forward once again to insure that our Archdiocese's "Holy Mountain" will be there for future generations.

Finally, I would urge all women throughout the Archdiocese to become involved in their local chapters as well as in their dioceses. These women are our sisters in Christ, and they are always looking for new ideas as well as others to assist in their ministry. We should always remember that **every** woman in this Archdiocese is an "Antiochian Woman."

I pray that you have a blessed Lenten journey on the way to the Resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ!

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Metropolitan Philip".

Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



Fishers of Men

Leading our Families in Christian Discipleship

Today, as we introduce this new men's ministry, we ask your prayers and your support for these courageous men, who will pledge their loyalty to Jesus Christ, by pledging their commitment to lead their families in line with His teachings.

After the sermon today, the first group of men will make this commitment before God and the Congregation.

As you follow along with the pledge, please encourage others to join.

The Fishers of Men PLEDGE

Whereas...

...Jesus chose 12 men (disciples) to lead His Church; and He commanded them to go into the world to preach the message of salvation.

...He has likewise empowered me to carry on His teachings with all my heart, mind and soul.

... *I hereby pledge...*

To joyfully and humbly accept this calling as I recognize the tremendous impact it has on my life, on my family and my community.

To strengthen my own relationship with Jesus Christ as a pre-requisite to effectively minister to others. I will not be ashamed of my love for God. *"Real men are spiritual men"*

To begin this ministry at home. Recognizing my God-appointed role as the leader of the household, I will insist on leading a loving family, and a Christ-centered relationship with my wife and children, leading always by example.

To exercise purity in my thoughts, words, and deeds, and to always view the female gender as an equal partner and an image of God to be treated with the utmost dignity.

To rely on fellow members of the Fishers of Men ministry to hold me accountable in my moment of weakness, and that I will do likewise to support my fellow members.

To always be thankful and joyful. And to be a source of inspiration to all whom God puts in my life.

March 8, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm

Join St. Mary's Antiochian Women for their

Ladies Game Night

Popcorn and coffee will
be provided.

Please bring your own
Appetizers and drinks.

Contact person:
Suhair Sweis or Suzan Sweis

Join us for a fun
night full of
games!

Bring any extra games you would like to play!

Ladies Guild Annual Cheesefare

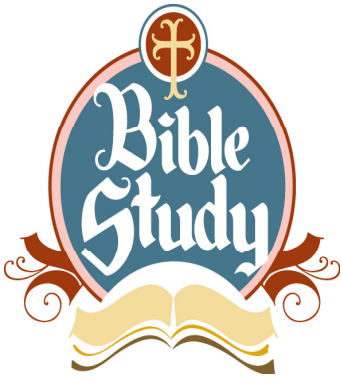
CHEESE PIZZA SALE

March 17th, 2013



JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT YOUR LADIES GUILD
BY ENJOYING A SLICE OF CHEESE PIZZA

Teen SOYO



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

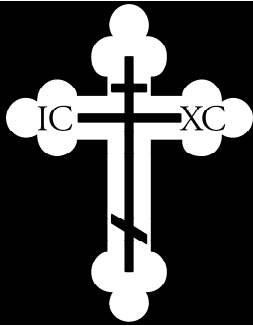
Please contact Marram Salman (708) 307-7473 or any teen advisor with any questions you may have!

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!



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
 - 3 males, 3 female

For questions contact:

Melad Qodsi
708-692-0561
stmarysports@virginmaryoc.org

Kati Khouri
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All forms and fees due by:
March 31, 2013

CJ Kari
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Fundraising Benefit

To benefit the new
Martha & Mary Maternity Home for Crisis Pregnancies

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 or 317-709-0168

Triumph Of Orthodoxy

PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago

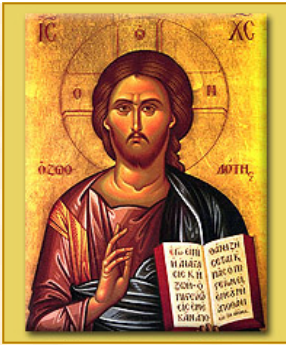
Saturday, March 23, 2013 - at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
5701 North Redwood Drive - Chicago, IL 60631
www.serbiancathedral.org

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 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy martyrs Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria; and New-martyr Michael of Thessalonika. Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today’s Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God’s ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal. By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us. Amen.