



SAINT MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26)

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April 21st, 2013

Today in the Holy Church is:

The Fifth Sunday of Lent and the Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt



Handmaids of the Lord Sunday

Today at St. Mary's we recognize and celebrate our Handmaids of the Lord ministry. Our Handmaids will help with the ushering, collections, and Epistle Readings. May God bless them all.

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)

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. For more information, please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet." May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Entrance Hymn (Tone Two): 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!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Five): Let us believers praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone Eight): Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone Four): O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Megalynarion for the Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone Eight): In thee all creation rejoices, O Full of Grace; the assembly of angels and the race of Man; O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise; the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child; our God before the ages, He made thy body into throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee all creation rejoices; O Full of Grace, glory to thee.

Epistle for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Make your vows to the Lord our God,
and perform them!*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is
great in Israel!*

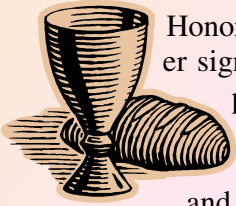
The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14).

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45).

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."



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.

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour

04/21: Emile and Wajih Haddad & Families

04/28: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

05/05: Fr. Mousa & Delia Haddad & Family

✝ May their memory be eternal! ✝

6 Month Memorial - Said Sousan
Newly Departed - Hanieh Swais



Today following Liturgy there will be an Antiochian Women Meeting in the conference room.



OCCHY BULLETIN BLURB
APRIL 21, 2013

WHO IS YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROVIDER? YOU ARE. IT'S IN YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

6th National PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY
Saturday, April 27, 2013 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

JOIN IN the battle against prescription drug abuse! The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled APRIL 27TH as NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY to safely **dispose of accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs and medications.**

Find DROP-OFF SITE LOCATIONS NEAREST YOU
http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

"Bible Verse of the Week"

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. Romans 10:9-10

Palm Sunday Candles

Beginning this Sunday, Palm Sunday Candles will be for sale after Liturgy!



To purchase your candle or if you have any questions please see Norma Tadros.

Kaek and Mamoul Sale

Starting Palm Sunday

April 28, 2013

Our Antiochian Women will begin selling Kaek & Mamoul for Easter.

1. \$40 Big Tray (Mixed: dates, pistachios & walnuts)
2. \$25 Small Tray (Mixed: dates, pistachios & walnuts)
3. \$20 Small Tray (Only Dates)

Easter Baskets



The Handmaids of the Lord will be selling Easter Baskets this Sunday and Next Sunday!

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Knowing God's will and living it one day at a time.

May 17th-19th 2013

Marantha Bible and Mission: Muskegon, MI

Retreat Master- Dn. Saed Rihani

Sign up today with any Fellowship Officer!

See Asimt Sweis or Fr. Mousa with any questions

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
Romans 12:2*

2013 Parish Life Conference

Hosted by

St. Michael Orthodox Church

Louisville, Kentucky

(June 19 – 23, 2013)

For Registration & Schedule

www.stmichaelorthodoxchurch.org/plc

51st Antiochian

Archdiocese Convention

Hosted by

St. George Orthodox Church

Houston, Texas

(July 21-28th, 2013)

For Registration & Schedule

<http://www.achouston2013.com/>

Pan-Orthodox Akathist Hymn

Tuesday, April 23rd @ 7pm



Southside service will be hosted by Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 8410 West 131St., Palos Park, IL.

Agape Service

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 5th (Easter Day) at 1pm we will have the Agape Vespers service at St. Mary Orthodox Church. This is the service in which the Gospel is read in as many languages as possible. If you can read the Gospel in another language, please let one of our clergy know.

خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم 2013 Lent & Holy Week Services

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

Weekly Synaxarion

On April 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Januaros, bishop of Benevento and his companions; Martyr Alexandra the Queen and her companions who believed in Christ through Saint George; Venerable Maximian, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Anastasios of Sinai. On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt. Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness beyond the Jordan. Suddenly, he caught sight of a human being with a withered and naked body whose hair was as white as snow. Zosimus then tossed his outer garment to her which she wrapped around herself and then showed herself to him. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her and prevented her from entering. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness and uncleanness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. When she encountered Zosimus, Mary told him of her life story. She bade him to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. Through her intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

Fishers of Men

A ministry of St. Mary Orthodox Church
invite you to their very first interactive workshop:
**“The Roles and Responsibilities of
a Christian Man”**



Presented by Dr. Albert Rossi
Professor of Pastoral Theology

Saturday April 20, 2013

11:00am - 2:00pm

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Please RSVP to stmaryfom@virginmaryoc.org.
There is no cost. It's open to everyone, and Lunch
will be served. We especially encourage the men to
participate and to learn what it is that God expects
of them.

“Prayer and Purity”

Teen SOYO Retreat

By Dr. Albert Rossi
Professor of Pastoral Theology

Saturday

April 20, 2013

3:00pm - 6:00pm

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

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights presents

“The Gospel in an Hour”

an adult Bible class ministry

CALLING ALL ADULTS!

We invite adults to strengthen their knowledge of the Holy Bible through regular weekly sessions.
Classes will start on May 7th and will be held every Tuesday at 6:00pm.

To ensure you are able to attend:

- ◆ **Bring the entire family!**
- ◆ We will provide complimentary dinner at 6pm sharp.
- ◆ As adults go to their class at 6:30pm, children will go to study hall or babysitting.
- ◆ Study hall is available for students kindergarten through 12th grade; baby sitting for children ages 3-5. A certified teacher will be available for tutoring as well.
- ◆ Two separate 1-hour classes will be taught simultaneously, one in Arabic (taught by Fr. Danial Doss) and one in English (taught by Fr. Malek and Fr. Mousa).
- ◆ There is no cost for this ministry, but donations and sponsorships are appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer as a tutor or babysitter or for more information please email
Hanada Sweis at hzedan1@yahoo.com.

You Are Cordially Invited To Celebrate
St. Mary's 10th Year Anniversary
Weekend Celebration

June 15-16, 2013

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 15th

6:30pm - Banquet & Hafleh

St. Mary's Gymnasium

Tickets - \$40/person

Children ages 5 & younger free

Sunday, June 16th

8:45am - Matins

10:00am - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with
His Eminence METROPOLITAN PHILIP

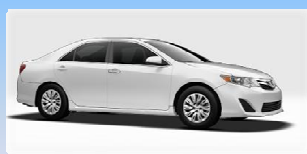
Followed by Groundbreaking Ceremony
and a Luncheon at St. Mary's Gymnasium



With His Eminence
METROPOLITAN PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of All North America

**St. Mary Orthodox Church
\$100 Raffle**

Grand Prize:



2013 Toyota Camry LE.

**Second Prize: 5 Night Stay in a
private pent house suite in Puerto
Vallarta.**



Third Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Fourth Prize: iPad Mini



**Drawing will take place at St. Mary's
10th Year Anniversary Celebration on
Saturday June 15th, 2013**

**St. Mary's Antiochian Women Annual
Mother's Day Luncheon**



Saturday, May 11, 2013

12:00pm - 5:00pm

St. Mary Fellowship Hall

**Celebrating our mothers with an
Arabic Folklore Fashion Show**

Tickets: Adults - \$25

Children ages 12 & younger - \$10

The drawing of the \$10 Raffle will also take place.

**For tickets contact:
Saeda Sweis or Shireen Salman**