



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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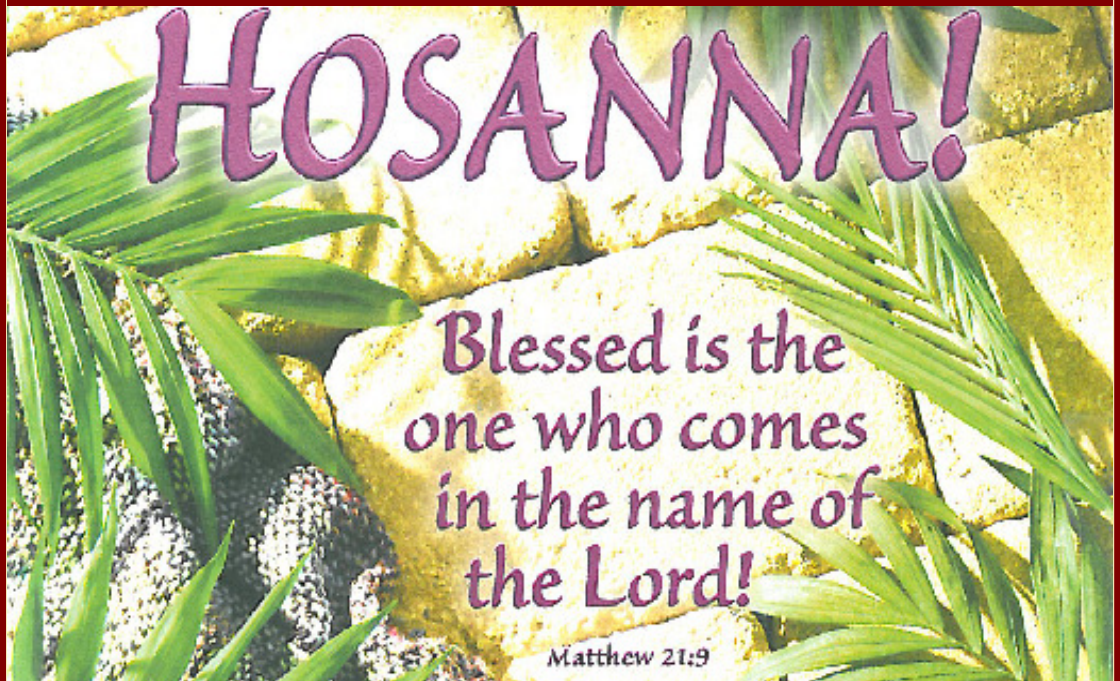
Peter Butera

Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email
our Office Administrator

April 28, 2013

A Blessed Palm Sunday to 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

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): Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing unto thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of Lazarus (Tone One): O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry out unto thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone Four): O Christ God, when we were buried with thee in baptism, we became deserving of thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone Six): Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before thee, Blessed is he that cometh to restore Adam!

Epistle of Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9).

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel of Palm Sunday

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18).

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples [he who was to betray Jesus], said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard he had done this sign.



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Palm Sunday – April 28th, 2013

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

Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we celebrate this feast, we also take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our new patriarch, His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X. This past year has been one of many emotions in that we welcomed our late Patriarch IGNATIUS IV of thrice-blessed memory to our archdiocese last October, only to mourn his passing into eternal life less than two months later. Then, in December we received with great joy the good news of the election by the Holy Synod of Antioch of Patriarch JOHN X who should capably lead our Church of Antioch for many years to come. May God grant him many years!

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude as his spiritual children here in America. His Beatitude faces an enormous challenge as he takes the helm of our Church in the midst of a civil war in Syria, the home of our Patriarchate. With hundreds of thousands of displaced people as a result of the civil war, the needs of and demands on our Patriarchate are great. Churches have been destroyed and vandalized and two priests have been murdered by terrorists. Families have been driven from their homes and are in desperate need of our help. With that in mind, we hope you will be as generous as possible, most especially this year.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Metropolitan Philip.

+ Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

*** There will be a second collection today to support the Patriarchate of Antioch ***



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

04/28: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

05/05: Antiochian Women

05/12: Bishara Sweis & Family



May his memory be eternal!

Newly Departed - Elaim Sweis



Congratulations!

Churching of Madeleine Lillie
Parents: George & Abier Barakat

Newborn Sophia Maha
Parents: Fadi & Natalie Abu Manneh

"Bible Verse of the Week"

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

Kaek and Mamoul Sale

Starting Palm Sunday

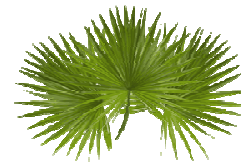
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Our Antiochian Women will begin selling Kaek & Mamoul for Easter.

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

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.

Bulletin Blurb for Sunday, April 28, 2013

OCCHY QUIZ

Synthetic Marijuana was a contributing factor in how many Emergency Room Visits in 2010?

- A. 4,100
- B. 72,030
- C. 11,406
- D. 7,000



- C. In 2010, an estimated 11,406 Emergency Room visits involved a synthetic cannabinoid product, sometimes referred to as "synthetic marijuana" and commonly known by street names such as "Spice" or "K2". 75% of these ER visits involved patients aged 12 to 29 of which 78 % were male. The majority (76 %) of these ER visits did not receive follow-up care upon discharge.

www.samhsa.gov/data/2k12/.../SR105-synthetic-marijuana

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/>

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

Weekly Synaxarion

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel. By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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 invited to our Annual Teen SOYO Holy Friday Vigil

Friday May 3, 2013 @ 10:00pm

Everyone is invited

**Age: 13 and older with parents signed permission slips
(Children under the age of 13 parents must stay with them.)**

We will be watching the passion of the Christ Movie

Hope to see you all there!

***This is a potluck event so please remember only
Lenten food***

Be a voice for the babies...



Behold,
children are a
gift
of the Lord...



Baby Bottle Drive 2013

May 12 - June 16

to benefit the

Martha and Mary House

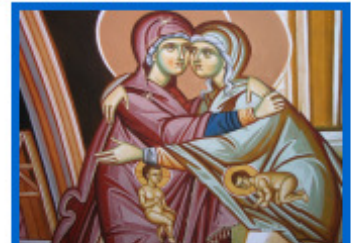
Your spare change makes a big difference!



Giving is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Pick up baby bottles after Divine Liturgy on [your parish's bottle distribution dates.](#)
2. Take the bottles home and drop in your spare change.
3. Return filled bottles at the drop-off location designated by your parish by the specified end date of your parish's baby bottle drive.

*...the fruit of the womb
is His reward.
Psalm 127:3*



"[Mary] entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy!"
Luke 1:40-44

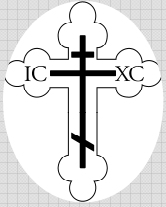
"With the loving guidance and leadership of His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, along with the enthusiastic support of fellow Orthodox Bishops across several jurisdictions of the Midwest, Orthodox Christians for Life-Chicago is drawing closer to realizing their long-time dream of opening the first Orthodox Christian maternity home for pregnant women in crisis to be located in the Midwest. The maternity home will be called the Martha and Mary House and will be modeled after the Martha and Mary House location in Escondido, CA.

At the Martha and Mary House, we plan to offer practical, emotional and spiritual support during that crucial period of the mother's life, while providing residential housing, with privacy and confidentiality. As a Martha and Mary House 'Daughter' she will experience Orthodox family-style living with resident House Mothers or House Parents, and a daily schedule that includes work, study and morning and evening prayer.

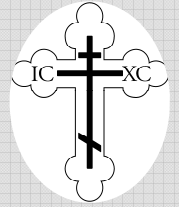
We will welcome pregnant women in crisis of all ethnic, cultural, religious and social backgrounds. While at Martha and Mary House, we plan for them to pursue a program of study or vocational training, be actively seeking employment or be employed. They will share responsibility for housekeeping duties, live by the House Rules and participate in Martha and Mary House programs which include Bible study and Church attendance, pre-natal and birthing classes, and career and open adoption counseling.

OCLife-Chicago has obtained a 501c3 status as a "Pan-Orthodox Ministry" under the "Omofoion" of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, is our guiding shepherd in this ministry. For more information contact Fr. Nicholas Jonas, OCLife-Chicago Spiritual Director at frnwj@aol.com or Mr. Nicholas Cavligos, OCLife-Chicago president at cavligos@comcast.net





St. Mary Men's Basketball League



Season begins May 12, 2013

The time has finally come for family, friends, and lots of fun! We are pleased to present the 2nd Annual Men's Basketball League. The games will be held in the gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church. This league will be open to members of the community and to our sister churches. The timing of this league couldn't be better as we try to come together as a community to enjoy companionship and some friendly competition. Please spread the word as much as possible, as we get things started to have another successful season! Sign-ups will be held during coffee hour and open gyms.

Forms, Fees, and Teams due on May 10, 2013

Requirements:

- Signed waiver
- Team registration sheet
- Fees
- \$100- No Purchase of Jersey
- \$125- With Purchase of Jersey

Information:

- Ages 16 and up
- Make your own team
- Min members per team - 6
- Max members per team - 8

Contact: Melad Qodsi @ 708-692-0561 or stmarysports@virginmaryoc.org

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

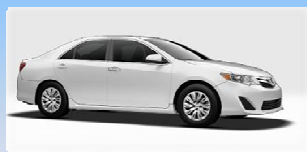
Followed by Groundbreaking Ceremony
and a Luncheon at St. Mary's Gymnasium



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**