



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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May 26th, 2013

Today in the Holy Church is:

Sunday of the Paralytic

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!



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): In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, Who art Risen from the dead, who sing unto thee: Alleluia!

Paschal Troparion (Tone Five): Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Three): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm, He hath trampled down death by death and became the first-born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

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 Pascha (Tone Eight): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

Epistle for the Sunday of the Paralytic

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises!
Clap your hands, all you nations!*

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (9:32-42).

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel for the Sunday of the Paralytic

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (5:1-15).

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticos. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.



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

5/26: Elia and Lily Sweiss & Family

06/02: Emile and Eideh Haddad & Family

06/09: Eid Swais & Family

Epistle Reading

Today - Norma Tadros & Rachel Tadros
6/2- Asmahan Fakhouri & Fabiola Sweis



Graduation

Renne Ghandi Sweis

BS in Communication and Sociology

Congratulations!

"Bible Verse of the Week"

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [Romans 15:5-6](#)



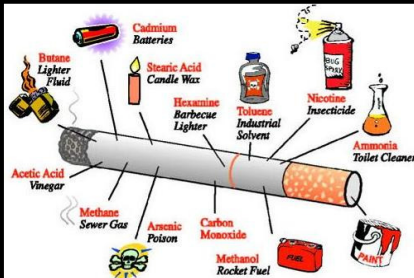
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"Gospel in an Hour"

an adult Bible class ministry

We invite adults to strengthen their knowledge of the Holy Bible through regular weekly sessions. Classes held every Tuesday evening. Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm, class from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Bring the whole family: baby-sitting, tutoring, and study hall available.



"Food For Hungry" boxes are Due. Thank You!

Baby Bottles Due Father's Day June 16th

51st Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

Hosted by St. George Orthodox Church
Houston, Texas (July 21-28th, 2013)

For Registration & Schedule

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



Antiochian Women Meeting
Friday, May 24th, 2013
7pm in the Fellowship Hall



**Fishers of Men
Monthly Breakfast
June 1st, 2013**



St. Mary's Fellowship Hall

SOYO "Ask Abouna" Pizza Party



**Friday, May 31st, 2013
at 6:00pm
St. Mary's Fellowship Hall**

Join the SOYO for an opportunity to have an open discussion with Fr. Mousa on any topic. Questions will be collected anonymously at the beginning of the evening. Be prepared to have an engaging discussion over pizza!

SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy



**Saturday, June 29th, 2013
6:30pm - 9:30pm
St. Mary's Gymnasium**



2013 Parish Life Conference Hosted by St. Michael Orthodox Church Louisville, Kentucky (June 19 – 23, 2013)

For Registration & Schedule
www.stmichaelorthodoxchurch.org/plc



Bus will be leaving from church on Thursday, June 20th at 7:00am sharp and coming back Sunday after Liturgy

To RSVP a spot please contact CJ Kari at
ckari@comcast.net

St. Mary's

Men Basketball League Schedule

Game Date	Game Time	Home Team (White Jersey)	Visitor Team (Black Jersey)
May 26, 2013	3:00 PM	St. John B	St. Mary E
	4:00 PM	St. Mary D	St. Mary A
	5:00 PM	St. Mary B	St. Mary C
June 2, 2013	3:00 PM	St. Mary A	St. John A
	4:00 PM	St. Mary E	St. Mary B
	5:00 PM	St. Mary C	St. Mary D
June 16, 2013	4:00 PM	St. Mary B	St. John B
	5:00 PM	St. John A	St. Mary C
	6:00 PM	St. Mary D	St. Mary E
June 30, 2013	3:00 PM	St. Mary C	St. Mary A
	4:00 PM	St. John B	St. Mary D
	5:00 PM	St. Mary E	St. John A
July 7, 2013	3:00 PM	St. Mary D	St. Mary B
	4:00 PM	St. Mary A	St. Mary E
	5:00 PM	St. John A	St. John B
July 14, 2013	3:00 PM	St. John B	St. Mary A
	4:00 PM	St. Mary B	St. John A
	5:00 PM	St. Mary E	St. Mary C
July 21, 2013	3:00 PM	St. John A	St. Mary D
	4:00 PM	St. Mary C	St. John B
	5:00 PM	St. Mary A	St. Mary B
July 28, 2013	3:00 PM	St. Mary E	St. John B
	4:00 PM	St. Mary A	St. Mary D
	5:00 PM	St. Mary C	St. Mary B
August 4, 2013	3:00 PM	St. John A	St. Mary A
	4:00 PM	St. Mary B	St. Mary E
	5:00 PM	St. Mary D	St. Mary C
August 11, 2013	3:00 PM	St. John B	St. Mary B
	4:00 PM	St. Mary C	St. John A
	5:00 PM	St. Mary E	St. Mary D
August 18, 2013	3:00 PM	St. Mary A	St. John B
	4:00 PM	St. John A	St. Mary E

Schedule Information

*Schedule is subject to change.

*If there are any questions or concerns, contact Melad Qodsi at athletics@stmaryoc.org

Playoffs

*Playoff schedule TBA.

*Top 6 teams will make the playoffs. Top 2 teams have first round BYE. Single elimination.

WEEKLY SYNAXARION

On May 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Karpos and Alphaios of the Seventy; Sinesios, bishop of Carpasia in Cyprus; New-martyr Alexander of Thessalonica; and Augustine of Canterbury, evangelizer of England. On this, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we make commemoration of the Paralytic and, as is meet, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him. Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed. By Thy boundless mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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**

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



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

Tickets are now available for purchase

June 15-16, 2013

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 15th

6:30pm - Banquet & Hafle

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**