



# 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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## Parish Council

Fr. Mousa - Presiding Officer

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## June 2nd, 2013

Today in the Holy Church is:

### Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

# 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 Four):** Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying death hath been spoiled, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Troparion for Mid-Pentecost (Tone Eight):** In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

**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

*How great are Thy works, O Lord, in wisdom hast Thou made them all!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30).**

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## Gospel of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42).**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him, must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'there are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

# PARISH NEWS



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*

**06/02:** Emile and Eideh Haddad & Family

**06/09:** Eid Swais & Family

**06/16:** Kameel & Siham Nino & Family

## Epistle Reading

**Today** - Asmahan Fakhouri & Fabiola Sweis  
**6/9** - Mansoura Khouri & Scott Abdo

## Removal of Crowns



Andres & Lana Tamayo

**Congratulations!**

## Graduation



David Bassam Haddad  
Carl Sandberg High School

**Congratulations!**

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

But the mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them. Psalm 103:17-18

## “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



OCCHY QUIZ FOR TEENS

June 2, 2013

### TRUE ? OR FALSE ?

Smoking Hookah with friends once in a while is just fun & not at all harmful.



### FALSE:

Occasional Hookah smoking may seem however the reality is that 30 minutes of smoking is equal to chain smoking a half-a-pack of cigarettes.

# 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](http://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](mailto:ckari@comcast.net)

## 51<sup>st</sup> Antiochian Archdiocese Convention Hosted by St. George Orthodox Church Houston, Texas (July 21-28th, 2013)



For Registration & Schedule  
<http://www.achouston2013.com/>

# 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](mailto: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 June 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Nikephoros the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; New-martyrs Demetrios of Philadelphia, John of Trebizond, and Constantine of Athos; Hieromartyr Pothinos bishop of Lyons and his companion Martyr Blandina; and Hieromartyr Erasmus of Ochrid. On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus. By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**