



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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June 16th, 2013 - Happy Father's Day!

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council and Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension

Welcome to our Hierarchs on the occasion of our 10th Year Anniversary and Ground Breaking!!!



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 Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone Four)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone Eight)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 the Ascension (Tone Six)

When thou didst fulfill thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Epistle of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

*Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers!
For you are just in all you have done!*

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18; 28-36).

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13).

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. “I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 15, 2013 - 10:30am	Youth, SOYO, Fellowship Gathering His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP
Saturday, June 15, 2013 - 6:30pm	10 Year Anniversary Banquet & Hafleh
Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 12:00pm	Ground Breaking Ceremony followed by luncheon with Metropolitan PHILIP
Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 4:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, June 18, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Wednesday, June 19 - 23, 2013	Parish Life Conference in KY
Sunday, June 21, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, June 22, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, June 23, 2013 - 2:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, June 28, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy
Sunday, June 30, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, July 2, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 5, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers Men Monthly Breakfast
Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 11:00am	SOYO Car Wash
Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 12, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Bible Study
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 8:00am	Blood Drive
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 7:00pm	Fellowship L.A.R.

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

06/16: Antiochian Women

06/23: Kameel and Siham Nino & Family

06/30: Munther and Shireen Salman & Family

Epistle Reading

Today - Faris Samawi & Delia Haddad
6/23 - Nour Swaiss & Rana Nino



2nd Year Memorial

Victor Mihalca

May his memory be eternal!



“Bible Verse of the Week”

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Luke 11:13

**Baby Bottles Due
This Sunday
Father's Day June 16th**

“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!**

**Men's Basketball League Games
Sunday, June 16, 2013
4:00pm**



Bulletin Blurb

Sunday June 16, 2013 OCCHY Quiz

Summer is any teenagers' favorite time of the year. Unfortunately, that also means a spike in adolescent substance use. A tip to for parents to prevent teens from experimenting with substances during the summer months is to **KEEP YOUR TEEN BUSY!**

According to a national survey, how many teens will try alcohol for the first time on an average day in June and July?

- a). 6,000
- b). 11,000
- c). 7,500
- d). 15,000

Answer: B

The national survey revealed that on an average day in June or July, more than 11,000 teen's aged 12 to 17 try alcohol for the first time.

<http://www.redwoodcliffsrehab.com>

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

\$100 Raffle

Grand Prize:

2013 Toyota Camry LE.

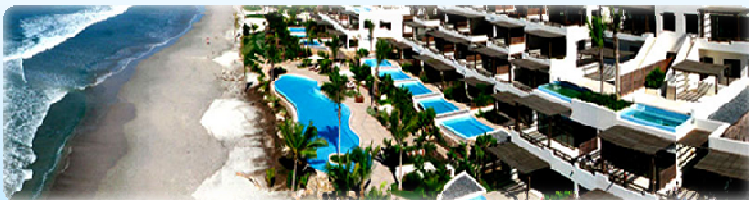
Winner responsible for taxes, title and doc fees.



SECOND PRIZE:

5 Night Stay in a private pent house suite in Puerto Vallarta.

Fronting an expanse of ocean and pristine shoreline, Villa Blanca is a private residence development in Los Veneros, Costa Banderas Mexico (located just northwest of Puerto Vallarta, on Mexico's Pacific Coast) that offers the unforgettable experience of indulging in the luxury of nature, and the company of friends and family. The Pent House Suite is approximately 5,000 square feet and includes three bedrooms, four bathrooms, a gourmet kitchen, separate living room, dining room and a private pool and can sleep eight. Five night stay to be mutually agreed upon by winner and donor. Some restrictions may apply. \$500 credit towards airfare cost. <http://www.villablancaresort.com>



THIRD PRIZE: \$1,000 Cash

FOURTH PRIZE: iPad mini 16 GB



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
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

***Banquet & Hafleh Tickets
are available for purchase***

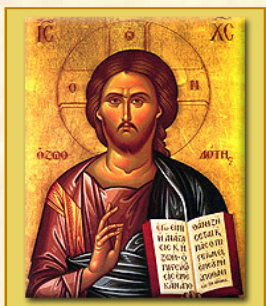
Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 15th

- 10:30am - Youth, SOYO, Fellowship Gathering with His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP
- 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 (St. Mary's Gymnasium)



Weekly Synaxarion



On June 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Tikhon the wonderworker, bishop of Amathos in Cyprus; Venerable Tikhon of Kaluga; and Venerable Tikhon of Lukh. On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia. Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—“The Creed”—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles. By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.