



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 30, 2013

First Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday & Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles



Sunday Matins – 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.

(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 Eight)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and
Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver
us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O
Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Apostles (Tone Three)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God to grant our
souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion of All the Saints (Tone Four)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of
Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple.
Through them she lifts her voice, crying, "Turn with Thy com-
passion to Thy people, and grant peace to Thy servants, and to
our souls 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 All Saints (Tone Eight)

To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offers as
first-fruits of nature the God-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by
their imploring, preserve Thy Church in perfect safety, for the
sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Epistle for All Saints Sunday

God is wonderful among His saints!

Bless God in the congregations!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:33-40; 12:1-2).

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel for Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:36-10:8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thad-daeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

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

06/30: Munther and Shireen Salman & Family

07/07: Ghaleb & Rita Sweis & Family

07/14: Nancy Cannon & Family

Epistle Reading

Today - Ameer Tadros & Matthew Sweis

7/7 - Asmahan Fakhouri & Sandra Khouri



Removal of Crowns
Gerese & Razan Tadros
Congratulations!



Newborn
Bassam

Parents: Eddy & Veve Shaheen

Congratulations!

“Bible Verse of the Week”

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. Matthew 16:25



Congratulations to our Teen Bible Bowl Team who won 2nd place at the Parish life Conference: Marlena Sweiss, Elizabeth Khouri and Sandra Khouri. Mabrouk!

51st Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

Hosted by

St. George Orthodox Church Houston,
Texas

July 21-28th, 2013



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

**Baby Bottles
&
Food For Hungry Box
are Due
Thank You!**

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 28, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Sunday, June 30, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, July 2, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Thursday, July 4, 2013 - 11:00am	4th of July Picnic - Hosted by Fuhies American Assoc.
Friday, July 5, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
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 - 10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers Men Monthly Breakfast
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
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 19, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 20, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy
Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 11:30am	Annual Ice Cream Social - Served by Clergy
Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Monday, July 22-28, 2013	Archdiocese Convention - Houston, Texas
Tuesday, July 23, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Wednesday, July 24-28, 2013	Archdiocese Convention - Houston, Texas
Friday, July 26, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 14, 2013

**St. Mary Orthodox Church – Gym
8:00am - 2:00pm**

**Please make sure to eat a proper breakfast before giving blood; Holy Communion will still be allowed.*

Questions? Contact any Fellowship officer.

**GIVE BACK
GIVE BLOOD
GIVE THANKS**

Teen SOYO

Car Wash



7/7/13

11:30am

SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy



Saturday, July 20, 2013

6:30pm - 9:00pm

St. Mary's Gymnasium

Teen SOYO



Saturday, July 13, 2013

Fellowship Hall @ 6:30pm

!!! Potluck Event !!!



4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Food, Music, Games & Family Fun

***Hosted By
Fuheis American Association***

July 4th, 2013

11:00 AM

Palos Park Woods/ SAG Valley/ Groove 1

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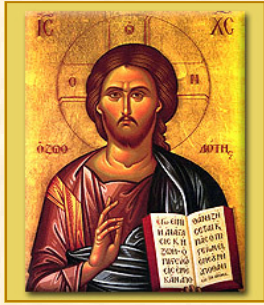
(#120 on the map)

On the corner of Calumet Sag Rd and Kean Rd

Food is included

Bring your own Drinks and Chairs





Weekly Synaxarion



On June 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyr Peter of Sinope; and New-martyr Michael the Gardener of Athens. On this day, we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy, glorious, and all-lauded Twelve Apostles. Even though each one of the Twelve has his own special day of celebration throughout the year, the Church has set aside this day as a festal assembly of all the apostles together and with them, Paul. These are the names and the separate celebration days of the Holy Apostles; and how each one of these most holy and beneficial men in world history ended their earthly life: Peter (June 29, January 16) was crucified upside down. Andrew (November 30) was crucified. James, the son of Zeb- edee (April 30) was beheaded. John the Theologian (September 26) died in a miracu- lous, peaceful manner, the only one of “The Twelve” to do so. Philip (November 14) was crucified. Bartholomew (June 11, August 25) was crucified, scraped and behead- ed. Thomas (October 6) was pierced with five spears. Matthew the Evangelist (November 16) was burned alive. James, the son of Alphaeus (October 9) was cruci- fied. Thaddeus [Jude] (June 19), the Brother of James was crucified. Simon the Zealot (May 10) was crucified. Matthias (August 9) was stoned and then was beheaded after death. Paul (June 29) was beheaded. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we cele- brate the Feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West. David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, “How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God” (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, “Wherefore, seeing we al- so are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God’s commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names es- cape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works. By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from all ages, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.