



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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July 7, 2013 Second Sunday after Pentecost



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 One)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding
Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour,
granting life to the world; for which cause the Heavenly Powers cried
aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Providence! O Thou who alone
art the Lover of Mankind.

Troparion for St. Kyriaki (Tone Four)

Thy ewe-lamb, Kyriaki, O Jesus, doth cry unto Thee with a loud voice:
My Bridegroom, I do long for Thee and in struggles seek Thee. I am
crucified and buried with Thee in Thy Baptism, and for Thee I do suf-
fer until I reign with Thee. I die for Thee that I may live in Thee. Then
as a sacrifice without blemish, receive her who for Thy sake was slain.
Through her intercessions, therefore, since Thou art merciful, save our
souls.

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 inter-
cessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto
the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those
who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid,
who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to
make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that
honor thee.

Epistle for St. Kyriaki

God is wondrous in His saints!

Bless ye God in the congregations!

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5).

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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

07/07: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

07/14: Nancy Cannon & Family

07/21: Emile & Eideh Haddad & Family

Epistle Reading

Today - Asmahan Fakhouri & Sandra Khouri
07/14 - Norma Tadros & Lana Sweis



Baptism

Dalia

Parents: Sami & Reem Sweis

Congratulations!

“Bible Verse of the Week”

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14:34



OCCHY Bulletin Blurb
Sunday July 7, 2013

According to *thetruth.com*, 1 in 3 youth smokers will eventually die from a tobacco-related disease. Here is a list of reasons why teens start smoking in the first place.

- One or both parents smoke
- Teens find acceptance by peers if they smoke too
- Advertising on smoking works on teens and adults
- Teens feel they can stop at any time. So why not try it?

www.eschooltoday.com

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

Wednesday, July 3, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
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
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Friday, July 12, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Bible Study
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 8:00am	Blood Drive
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 11:30pm	Shawerma Sale
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 7:00pm	Fellowship LAR (Life After the Retreat)
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Wednesday, July 17, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Friday, July 19, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 20, 2013 - 10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers Men Monthly Breakfast
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, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League



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
<http://fpdec.com/downloads/maps/pdf/R7.pdf>
(#120 on the map)

On the corner of Calumet Sag Rd and Kean Rd

Food is included

Bring your own Drinks and Chairs



Teen SOYO

Car Wash Sunday

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 !!!

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**

**Fellowship of St.
John the Divine**

07/14/13

After Liturgy

JOIN US IN THE
CHURCH HALL FOR
A HOMEMADE
SHAWARMA LUNCH

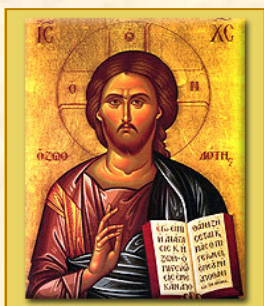
TODAY!

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SHAWARAMA SALE



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Weekly Synaxarion



On July 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Kyriaki of Nicomedia. Kyriaki means “the Lord’s day” in Greek. Her devoutly Christian parents, Doretheus and Eusebia, gave their only child this name because she was born on a Sunday. From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God, restraining from everything that unruly children do. When she matured, beautiful in body and soul, many suitors came to ask for her hand in marriage. Kyriaki refused them all, saying that she betrothed herself to Christ the Lord and desired to die as a virgin. One of the rejected suitors denounced Kyriaki and her parents to Emperor Diocletian as being Christians. The emperor ordered that her parents be tortured and banished to the town of Melitene where they died for Christ. Kyriaki endured trial and similar tortures. When Kyriaki lay in her prison cell, completely covered with wounds, Christ the Lord appeared to her, healed her and said: “Kyriaki, do not be afraid of torture. My grace is with you.” When she was taken from there for beheading, Kyriaki—bearing in mind all of the glorious martyrs before her—offered one last prayer that God would have mercy and save all those who would celebrate her memory, and to give rest to her soul together with the souls of her parents. Kyriaki rendered her soul to God just before the sword was lowered on her head. Many pagans believed in Christ through her, and also received martyrdom. Kyriaki was received into eternal joy in 289 in Nicomedia. On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Thomas of Mount Maleon; Hieromartyr Evangelos, bishop of Tomi (Constanta) in Romania; New-martyr Polycarp; and Eudokia, princess of Moscow. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.