



# 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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Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

## St. Mary Parish Clergy

*Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor*

*Very Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani*

*Subdeacon Matthew Sweis*

*Subdeacon Ameer Tadros*

## Parish Council

*Fr. Mousa - Presiding Officer*

*Fadi Abu Manneh - Chairman*

*Feras Sweis - Vice Chairman*

*Abdullah Tadros - Treasurer*

*Constantin Kari - Financial Sec.*

*Abeer Khouri - Secretary*

*Nidal Al-Farah*

*George Barakat*

*Bassam Salman*

*Feras Salman*

*Faris Samawi*

*Samer Tadros*

## Parish Ministries

*Sunday School - Hanada Sweis*

*SOYO - Marram Salman*

*Fellowship - Khalil Haddad*

*Antiochian Women - Susan Sweis*

*Handmaids - Mansoura Khouri and*

*Lina Haddad*

*Humanitarian - Shireen Salman*

*OCLife - Nancy Cannon*

*Fishers of Men - John Eannace*

*Athletics - Melad Qodsi*

*Choir - Michael Rascia*

*Chanters - Khaled Salman and*

*Faris Samawi*

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## Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our Office Administrator

# August 18, 2013

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

# Our Future Altar



**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 Seven)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst  
open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sad-  
ness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and  
didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that  
Thou hast risen, O Christ, 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 in-  
tercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### **Kontakion of the Dormition (Tone Two)**

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in inter-  
cessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor  
death could control. But being the Mother of Life,  
He who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate  
her to life.

## **Epistle of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Lord will give strength to His people!*

*Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Corinthians (1:10-17).**

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

## **Gospel of the Eighth Sunday of Matthew**

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22).**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "they need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And Jesus said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



*St. Mary Fishers of Men*  
*Proudly Present:*



# A Family Retreat with our Bishop!

September 14th & 15th - Celebrating the Elevation of the Holy Cross

## His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest



### *Saturday, September 14th*

- 10:00 am -Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross  
With Sunday School Procession of the Holy Cross
- 11:30 am -Fasting Pot Luck Lunch hosted by our Antiochian Women
- 12:30 pm -Bishop ANTHONY will give a Presentation to our Adults entitled:  
**“The Role of the Husband/Father in a Christian Home.”**  
(During the adult workshop, children will play sports in the gym or watch a movie in the Nadi. Chaperones will be available.)
- 2:30 pm -Bishop ANTHONY will give a Presentation to our Sunday School  
-Adult Backgammon and Chess tournament (in the Nadi with Arabic Coffee)
- 5:00 pm -Great Vespers

### *Sunday, September 15th*

- 8:45 am -Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop ANTHONY  
With the swearing-in of new Fishers of Men members
- 12:00 pm -Fellowship hour after the Liturgy

Following Fellowship Hour members of the Fishers of Men are hosting a luncheon for Bishop ANTHONY at Franchesca's  
*(Luncheon open only to members of the Fishers of Men)*

# 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*

**08/18:** Ziad and May Sweis & Family

**08/25:** Bishara Sweis & Family

**09/01:** Nader and Angela Haddad & Family

## Epistle Reading

08/18 - Lily Sweiss & Lana Sweis  
08/25 - Mansoura Kouri & Rana Nino

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



There will not be ‘**Gospel in an Hour**’ Bible Study sessions for both English and Arabic classes this coming **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**.



## Baptism

**Peter**

**Parents: Issa & Mickey Tadros**

**Congratulations!**

## Churching

**Gabriella**

**Parents: Beau & Lamese Grunstad**



**Emile**

**Parents: Nader & Angela Haddad**

**Congratulations!**

## DePaul Cultural Day

DePaul University is hosting a free Cultural Day. This is an invitation for all adults interested in the Arabic language and literature.

**Saturday, August 31, 2013**

**11:00 a.m.**

Please See Mariana Sweis to register!

# Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 18, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Friday, August 23, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Sunday, August 25, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, August 27, 2013 - 6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, August 30, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Sunday, September 1, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Monday, September 2, 2013 - 12:00pm	St. Mary Annual Labor Day Picnic
Tuesday, September 3, 2013 - 6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Saturday, September 7, 2013 - 10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers Men Monthly Breakfast
Saturday, September 7, 2013 - 11:00am	Arabic School Orientation
Saturday, September 7, 2013 - 1:30am	Youth Sports League
Sunday, September 8, 2013 - 10:00am	Sunday School
Tuesday, September 10, 2013 - 6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - 10am	Morning Prayers & Parish Bible Study
Saturday, September 14-15, 2013	Family Retreat with Bishop Anthony
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 - 6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 - 10am	Morning Prayers & Parish Bible Study
Saturday, September 21, 2013 - 11:00am	Arabic School
Saturday, September 21, 2013 - 1:30am	Youth Sports League
Saturday, September 21, 2013 - 6:30am	Teen SOYO Formal

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



- ◆ Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- ◆ Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- ◆ Set your kids on the right path to success!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 8th

Please see Hanada Sweis or any Sunday School Staff in the Fellowship Hall to register your children today!

*“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” “ - Matthew 19:14*

*St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights*

# St. Mary Arabic School

*Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school will start September 7th, 2013 ( Orientation) and it will be held on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm.*

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## !!!Register Today!!!

*There will be 2 semesters*

*Cost: \$150 per semester*

*or*

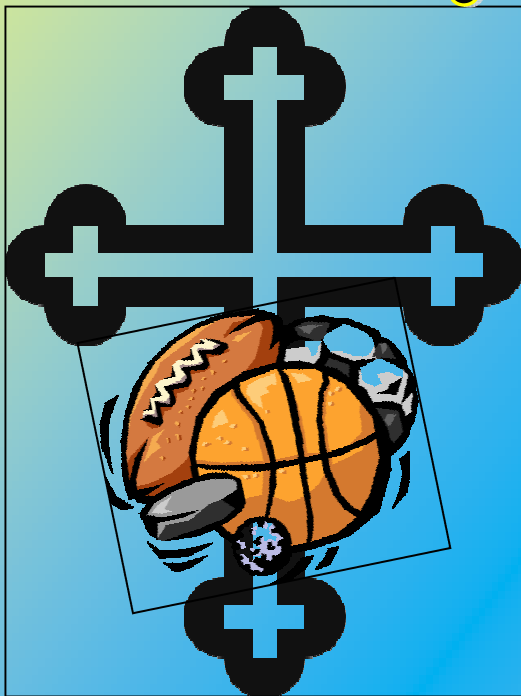
*A one time payment of \$275*

*Adults Class available as well! Taught by Professor  
Maha Sweis Dababneh, PhD.*

*Please See Mariana Sweis to register or if you have any questions.*

# ST. MARY YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE

**LEAGUE Begins SATURDAY, SEP 7th**



- League will be every Saturday Until May 17, 2014
- Ages 5-7 \$60 for the year/ \$40 per half
- Ages 8-12 \$80 for the year/ \$50 per half.
- All games and open gyms will be held at St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

**Registration Starts this  
Sunday!!!**

Saturdays at St. Mary will be filled with lots of activities! The day will begin with the Arabic School at 11:00 a.m. Followed by Youth Sports League at 1:30 p.m. All families are encouraged to participate!

If there is anyone interested in volunteering please see Fr. Mousa or Fabiola Sweis.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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Contact Fabiola Sweis  
fabiolasweis@gmail.com  
with any questions.

**St. Mary Orthodox Church**



**Our Annual  
Labor Day Picnic**

**Monday,  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
12pm**



**Featuring the Championship Game  
St. Mary Men's Basketball League!**



**Kids Fire Truck Tour**



**6330 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St., Palos Heights**

**FOOD \* MUSIC \* GAMES \* SPORTS & MORE!!!**

# **1ST ANNUAL PAN-CHRISTIAN CHURCH PICNIC**

**When: Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**Location: Bemis Woods Groves 6 and 7.**

**Corner of Ogden Ave and Wolf Road  
in Western Springs, IL.**

**Time: 1:00 PM.**

**Grilled food , soft drinks, and appetizers will be served. A DJ with music will also perform  
Please bring your own dessert, small tent,  
lawn chair and other picnic needs.**

**There will be some sporting activities.**

**Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person.**

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES



# WALK THE WALK FOR IOCC

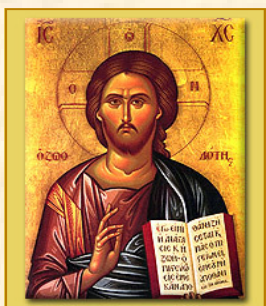
Join us for our annual 5K Walk/Run to support  
IOCC global humanitarian aid programs!

Saturday, September 28, 2013

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration: 8:00 AM • Walk/Run Begins: 9:00 AM • Breakfast: following the race

Adult: \$20 • Children 12 and under: \$10 • Day of Race: \$25



## Weekly Synaxarion



On August 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the feast of the Holy Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; and we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria. Florus and Laurus were brothers and stonecutters. A pagan prince hired them to build a temple to the idols. During their work, a piece of stone flew and struck the eye of the pagan priest's son. Seeing his son blind and bloody, the pagan priest shouted at Floros and Lauros and wanted to beat them. Then, the holy brothers said to him that if he would believe in the true God his son would be healed. The pagan priest promised. Florus and Laurus prayed with tears and traced the sign of the Cross over the child's injured eye, which was healed and made whole. Then the pagan priest Merentius and his son were baptized and, shortly after that, both suffered for Christ by fire. Floros and Lauros placed a cross on the completed temple, summoned all Christians and consecrated it in the name of the Lord Jesus with an all-night vigil. Hearing of this, the Illyrian deputy burned many of those Christians and threw Floros and Lauros alive into a well and then filled it with dirt. Later, their relics were revealed and translated to Constantinople. These two wonderful brothers were glorified by Christ in the second century. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos; Venerable Barnabas, Sophronios and Christopher of Mount Mela; Venerable John and George, patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Arsenios the New of Paros; and Venerable John of Rila. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.