



# 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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Feras Sweis - Vice Chairman

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Faris Samawi

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## Parish Ministries

Sunday School - Omar Sweis

SOYO - Marram Salman

Fellowship - Khalil Haddad

Antiochian Women - Susan Sweis

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Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

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Call the church office or email our

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Please note our new website address: [www.stmaryoc.org](http://www.stmaryoc.org)

# October 27, 2013

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## 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 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 of Demetrios (Tone Three)

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great succor in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and the battle-field didst hearten Nestor. Beseech, O Saint Demetrios, Christ God to grant us 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 the Theotokos (Tone Two)

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 the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us!*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-11).**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of St. Luke

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41-56).**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

# 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*

**10/27:** Elias Tadros & Family

**11/03:** Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

**11/10:** Shamel & Souna Alhourani



## Memory Eternal

Fr. Athanasios Emmert

Salwa Khouri

**May their memory be Eternal!**



## Engagement

Nader Yousef Tadros

&

Haneen Issa Taamneh

**Congratulations!**

## Epistle Reading

10/27: Simon Tadros & Rachel Tadros

11/03: Lily Sweiss & Delia Haddad



## Baptism

Jonathan

Parents: Abdullah & Dena Tadros

**Congratulations!**



**Bulletin Blurb for  
Sunday October 27, 2013**

**OCTOBER is NATIONAL  
SUBSTANCE PREVENTION MONTH**

“It is **essential** that our parents **understand** that they’re the **child’s** most important **teacher**, and that the **message** of our parents must be unequivocally: **don’t use drugs.**” -President George W. Bush

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING**

**RED RIBBON WEEK**

OCTOBER 23-31

[www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org)



## Chrismation

Mary Eannace

**Congratulations!**

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

*Swearing-in of our newly elected Fellowship Officers:*

*President: Rachel Kari*

*Vice-President: Jawad Salman*

*Treasurer: Chuck Samawi*

*Secretary: Nada Tadros*

*Public Relations: Fabiola Sweis*

**Congratulations!**

**St. Mary's Teen SOYO**

**Bake Sale**



**Date: 10/27/2013**

# Upcoming Events

Fri Oct 25	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Oct 26	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 27	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Sunday School
	12:00pm	St. Mary's Dabkeh Troupe Practice
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games
Tue Oct 29	6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour"
Wed Oct 30	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Fri Nov 1	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Nov 2	10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers



*St. Mary's*  
*Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*

*(Hosted by Our Antiochian Women)*

*Saturday*  
*November 9th, 2013*

*Saints Constantine and Helen Church*

*11025 S Roberts Road*  
*Palos Hills, IL 60465*

*Ticket: Adults - \$30*  
*Children (6-12yrs) - \$15*  
*Doors open at 6:00pm*

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."*

*Please contact Rita Sweis 773-510-4303 or*  
*Yasmin Sweis 708-712-9502 for Tickets.*



Sale Going on NOW!!! **Teen SOYO**

# Cold Stone Ice-Cream PIE Sale

Please see any of the **Teen SOYO** members to put in you order for your **Holiday PIE!!!**

**\$15 each**

S'more Some More Pie  
There's Chocolate on my Peanut  
Butter Pie  
Cookie Dough Pie  
Caramel Turtle Treat  
Mintastic Chip Pie  
Caramel Apple Pie



## \$10 PIZZA Coupon

Includes 16 buy one get one free coupons.

In total you will get 16 free pizzas.

You can use it at any of the Domino's locations.

Please see any of the **Teen SOYO** members to purchase your coupon!



**Domino's**



# Winter Food Drive

Sunday School is hosting a Food Drive!  
Each class will compete to raise  
the most food.

**Winning class will have a Pizza Party!!!**

October - December

## Food Drive Grocery List:

Beans, Chili, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly,  
Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Soup,  
Tuna, Stew, Canned Vegetables Canned  
Fruit, Mac & Cheese.

Sunday School Student should drop their  
food items in the cart in their classroom.

Any questions please see Hanada Sweis.



**FOOD DRIVE**



# "Liturgy after the Liturgy"

*Taking our faith outside the church walls*

## **Annual Christmas Toy Drive**

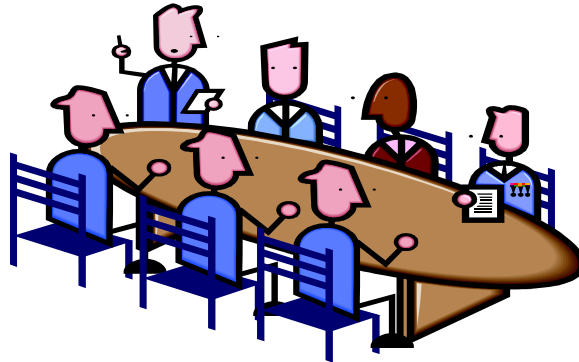
It is that time of the year again to begin preparing for our Annual Christmas Drive. We have 60 wish lists for 60 children given to us by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. For most of these children, these will be the only Christmas gifts they receive. Most of these children are young children, from newborns to teenagers. Please, if you find it in your heart to do so, take one of these wish lists and buy Christmas gifts for a child. This way, you are bringing God into someone's life and strengthening your own Christian faith. Thanks for your support!

**Please see Rachel Kari to get a list.  
Gifts are due by Wednesday, November 20th.**



*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)*

# **Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations**

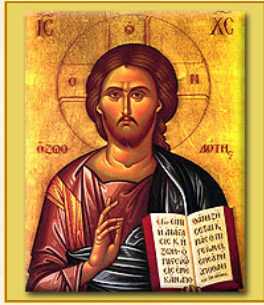


If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let Fr. Mousa or Fadi Abu Manneh know by Sunday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, January 12th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your 2013 pledge is paid in full by Sunday, December 29th, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

**Thanks and God bless!**



## Weekly Synaxarion



On October 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer and his companion the Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica. Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrios himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrios run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306. On this day, we also commemorate Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate; Kyriakos, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.