



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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Please note our new website address: www.stmaryoc.org

November 03, 2013

Nineteenth 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 Two)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Persian Martyrs (Tone Four)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, by their struggle have received from thee, our God, the imperishable crown; because, acquiring thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

For the Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine (Tone Four)

As deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31-33; 12:1-9).

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of St. Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31)

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

11/03: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

11/10: Shamel and Souna Alhourani & Family

11/17: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

11/03: Lily Sweiss & Delia Haddad

11/10: Norma Tadros & Scott Abdo



**Saturday,
November 2, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

**St. Mary's Fishers of Men
Monthly Breakfast**



“Bible Verse of the Week”

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Sign up for PADS Homeless Shelter Volunteering



We need 2 volunteers for each of the following days: December 9th, December 23rd, January 13th, and January 27th. Please see a fellowship officer to sign up.

Upcoming Events

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
Sun Nov 3	All day	Daylight Saving Time Ends
	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 Nov 5	6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour"
Wed Nov 6	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
	7:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Fri Nov 8	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Nov 9	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
	7:00pm	St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh



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!



The Fishers of Men Proudly Host

Breakfast With St. Nicholas

With a Fishers of Men Adult Retreat



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013

10:00AM – 3:00PM

St. Mary's Gymnasium - Complimentary



- 10am - 11am: Breakfast for children and adults
- 11am - 12pm: Arrival of St. Nicholas
- 12pm - 3pm: Christmas Themed Game Fair
- 12pm - 3pm: Adult Retreat in the Fellowship Hall
with guest speaker V. Rev. Fr. James Ellison

Questions: Please see Dena Tadros or Rachel Kari

St. Mary Orthodox Church

9th Annual Christmas High School Retreat

December 27 - December 29

This annual retreat is an opportunity for you to build upon your Orthodox Christian faith and learn how to apply the teachings of Jesus Christ to your own life.

**\$175 per teen; payment plans available.
Please see Orieb Sweis to register or make
your deposit. God bless!**



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

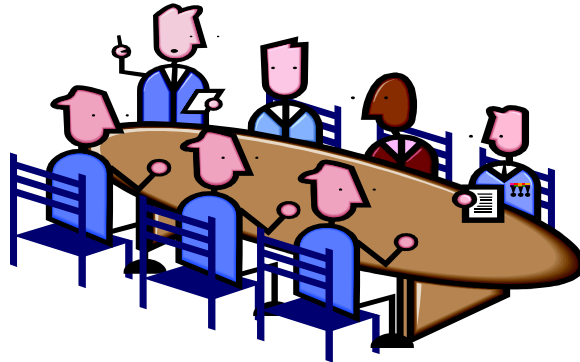
It is that time of the year again to begin preparing for our Annual Christmas Drive. We have 60 wish lists for 60 children given to us by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. For most of these children, these will be the only Christmas gifts they receive. Most of these children are 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

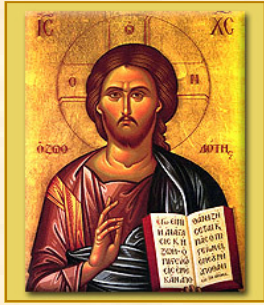


If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let Fr. Mousa or Fadi Abu Manneh know by Sunday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

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 November 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aeithalas the deacon of Persia. A child prophesied that 80-year-old Bishop Akepsimas would suffer for Christ. He told a member of his household that he would not return home, but instead go to his “home on high.” King Sapor raised a bitter persecution of Christians throughout Persia, and Akepsimas was apprehended and thrown into prison. The following day Joseph, a 70-year-old priest, and Aeithalas, a deacon, were also imprisoned. After three years of imprisonment and many tortures, Akepsimas was beheaded. Joseph and Aeithalas were buried up to their waists in the ground and stoned to death. That night, by God’s providence, Joseph’s body disappeared, and a myrtle tree grew over Aeithalas’ body that healed all diseases and pain. This tree stood for five years before the wicked pagans cut it down. These soldiers of Christ suffered in Persia in the fourth century. On this day, we also commemorate the Consecration of the Temple of the holy Great-Martyr George in Lydda in Palestine, as well as the deposition of his holy body therein. George’s relics came from Nicomedia, where he suffered at the time of Emperor Diocletian. Anticipating his martyrdom, George begged his servant to take his relics to Palestine, where his mother had been born, and where he had distributed his large estate to the poor. The servant did so. During the reign of Emperor Constantine, pious Christians built the beautiful church to house the miracle-working relics of the Great Martyr. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr George of Neapolis; and Venerable Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.