



# 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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Call the church office or email our  
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Please note our new website address: [www.stmaryoc.org](http://www.stmaryoc.org)

# November 10, 2013

## Twentieth 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 Three)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

## **Troparion of the Apostles (Tone Three)**

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

## **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 Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone Four)**

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the Divine Spirit, whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

## **Epistle for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises!*

*Clap your hands, all you nations!*

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (1:11-19).**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## **Gospel for the Eighth Sunday of St. Luke**

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:25-37).**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "what is written in the law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

# 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*

11/10: Shamel and Souna Alhourani & Family

11/17: Bishara Sweis & Family

11/24: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

## Epistle Reading

11/10: Norma Tadros & Scott Abdo  
11/17: Khaled Salman & Lana Sweis



Bulletin Blurb for Sunday

November 10, 2013

**Q. How can I say no to alcohol?** I'm afraid I won't fit in with the other kids.

**A. It's easier to refuse than you think.** Just say: "No thanks," "I don't drink," or "I'm not interested."

Remember that the majority of teens *don't* drink alcohol. You're in good company when you're one of them.

SAMHSA National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information  
<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/promos/backtoschool/>

### did you know?



All the above contain the same amount of absolute alcohol!

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

## Sign up for PADS Homeless Shelter Volunteering

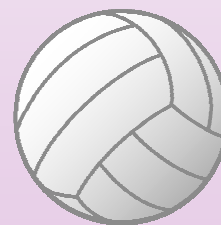


We need 2 volunteers for each of the following days: December 9th, December 23rd, January 13th, and January 27th. Please see a fellowship officer to sign up.

## Co-Ed Volleyball League Games

### Sundays at 3:00pm

Come out and Show your Support!!



# Upcoming Events

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 Dinner
Sun Nov 10	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Sunday School
	12:00pm	St. Mary's Dabkeh Troupe Practice
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games
Mon Nov 11	6:00pm	PADS Shelter Volunteering St. Luke Orthodox Church
Tue Nov 12	6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour"
Wed Nov 13	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Fri Nov 15		Nativity Fast Begins
	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Nov 16	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!



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!**



# **"Liturgy after the Liturgy"**

*Taking our faith outside the church walls*

## ***St. Philothea Project***

**This Christmas we will send 50 packages to Romanian orphans.**

### **Items needed:**

- ◆ **Hats**
- ◆ **Gloves/Mittens**
- ◆ **Scarves**



**A cart will be located by the Sunday school entrance. We will be collecting items until Christmas.**

**Questions: Please see Kh. Delia or email her at [kh.delia@gmail.com](mailto:kh.delia@gmail.com)**

***God bless you for your generosity!***

# 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**



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## **Annual Christmas Toy Drive**

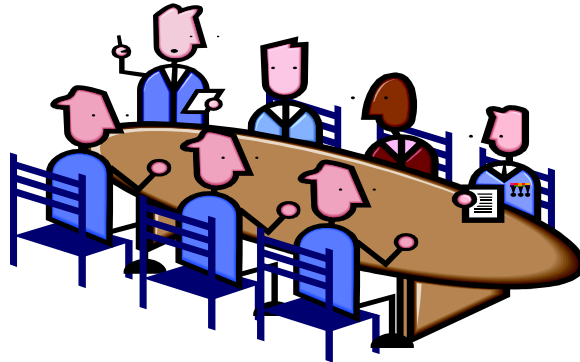
It is that time of the year again to begin preparing for our Annual Christmas Drive. We have 60 wish lists for 60 children given to us by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. For most of these children, these will be the only Christmas gifts they receive. Most of these children are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

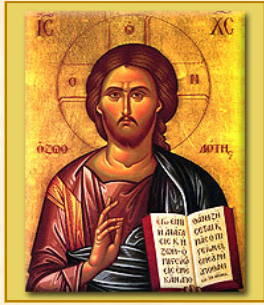


If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let Fr. Mousa or Fadi Abu Manneh know by Sunday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

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 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy. Olympas and Herodion were followers of the Apostle Peter and when Peter suffered, they were beheaded by the command of Emperor Nero. Erastus had been the steward of the church in Jerusalem, and later became Bishop of Paneas in Palestine. Quartos was the first Bishop of the Apostolic See of Beirut. He suffered greatly, but converted many to the Christian Faith. Sosipater was the bishop in Iconium and Tertios was the second bishop in that city. They waged spiritual warfare and, as victors, received heavenly wreaths of glory. On his day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Orestes of Tyana in Cappadocia. He was a Christian from birth and a physician by profession. He was harshly tortured by a certain wicked eparch Maximus during the reign of Diocletian. When Maximus advised him to deny Christ and worship idols, Orestes replied: "If you knew the power of the Crucified One, you would reject idolatrous falsehoods and worship the true God. I am prepared to endure every pain, having the sign of my Lord Jesus Christ inscribed on my heart." A man bright as the sun appeared, gathered Orestes' relics, and honorably buried them on a hill near Tyana. This wonderful saint appeared to St. Dimitri of Rostov and showed him all the wounds on his body. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theostiriktos of Symbola and Nonnus, bishop of Heliopolis. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.