



# 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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May 18, 2014

## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

# Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!



### 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.

## Changes in the Liturgy

### First Antiphon

Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Sing to His name; give glory to His praises.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

Say to God: "How awesome are thy works." Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

### Second Antiphon

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations. Let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

***O only-begotten Son, etc.***

### Third Antiphon

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from his face.

***Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!***

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

So let the sinners perish before God, but let the righteous rejoice.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

# Changes in the Liturgy

## Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)

In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us O Son of God, Who art Risen from the dead, who sing unto thee: Alleluia!

## Paschal Troparion (Tone Five) 3x

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

## Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Four)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying death hath been spoiled, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy

## Troparion for Mid-Pentecost (Tone Eight)

In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

## 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 Pascha (Tone Eight)

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon Thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

## **Epistle of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

*How great are Thy works, O Lord, in wisdom hast Thou made them all!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30).**

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

# Gospel of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

## **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42).**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him, must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'there are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

### **Megalynarion (Tone One)**

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice. And I say also, Rejoice. For thy son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one; Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

### **Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)**

Receive ye the Body of Christ, and taste ye Him who is the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia.

Instead of “We have seen the true light”, we sing  
“Christ is Risen” (Once)

# **Upcoming Events**

Thu May 15	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Fri May 16		Annual Antiochian Women's Retreat
Sat May 17	11:00am	Arabic School Graduation
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun May 18	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Wed May 21	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Thu May 22	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat May 24	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun May 25	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Knafeh Sale – SOYO
	3:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Wed May 28	7:00pm	Liturgy for the Ascension
Thu May 29	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat May 31	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Jun 1	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball

# 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*

05/18: Jamal and Raeda Khouri & Family

05/25: Kamal and Nawal Sweis & Family

06/01: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

## Epistle Reading

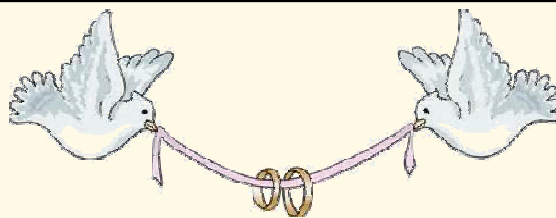
05/18: Nour Swaiss & Angela Haddad

05/25: Lily Sweiss & Scott Abdo

## Arabic School Graduation



Saturday  
May 18th, 2014  
11am



## Wedding

Nader Yousef Tadros

&

Haneen Issa Taamneh

Congratulations!



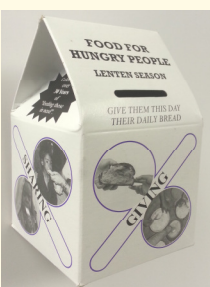
Antiochian Women  
Meeting

Thursday

May 22, 2014 @ 7pm

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139:13-14



# All Boxes are due Thank You!

# Annual Antiochian Women's Retreat

**Friday May 16th & Saturday May 17th**

Retreat at Cedar Lake Ministries, Indiana

Retreat Master: Fr. Danial Doss

Visit to The Shrine of Christ's Passion  
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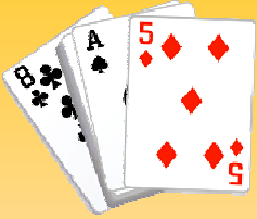
Our Lady of The Millennium

**Cost is \$125 which includes:**

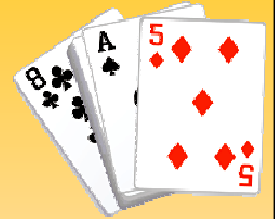
Transportation, stay and food at Cedar Lake Ministries, Indiana

Questions, Please contact Shireen Salman at 708-717-9640





Join us



Sunday, May 25th

for a Hend (Arabic card game) tournament  
after liturgy.

\$10 per person

Lunch and refreshments provided.

14 and older

There will be a prize for the winner!

Please see any fellowship officer to sign up!

# Teen SOYO KUNAFSA SALE

Sunday, May 25th, 2014

JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT YOUR Teens  
BY ENJOYING A SLICE OF KUNAFSA



# Be a voice for the babies...



Behold,  
children are a  
gift  
of the Lord...



## Baby Bottle Drive 2014

### May 11 - June 15

to benefit the

## Martha and Mary Maternity House

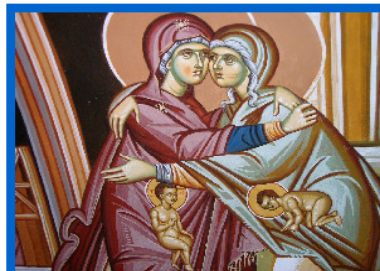
### Your spare change makes a big difference!



Giving is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Pick up baby bottles after Divine Liturgy on [your parish's bottle distribution dates.](#)
2. Take the bottles home and drop in your spare change.
3. Return filled bottles at the drop-off location designated by your parish by the specified end date of your parish's baby bottle drive.

...the fruit of the womb  
is His reward.  
*Psalm 127:3*



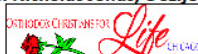
"[Mary] entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."  
Luke 1:40-44

"With the loving guidance and leadership of His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, along with the enthusiastic support of fellow Orthodox Bishops across several jurisdictions of the Midwest, Orthodox Christians for Life-Chicago is drawing closer to realizing their long-time dream of opening the first Orthodox Christian maternity home for pregnant women in crisis to be located in the Midwest. The maternity home will be called the Martha and Mary Maternity House and will be modeled after the Martha and Mary House that was located in Escondido, CA.

At the Martha and Mary Maternity House, we plan to offer practical, emotional and spiritual support during that crucial period of the mother's life, while providing residential housing, with privacy and confidentiality. As a Martha and Mary Maternity House 'Daughter' she will experience Orthodox family-style living with resident House Mothers or House Parents, and a daily schedule that includes work, study and morning and evening prayer.

We will welcome pregnant women in crisis of all ethnic, cultural, religious and social backgrounds. While at Martha and Mary Maternity House, we plan for them to pursue a program of study or vocational training, be actively seeking employment or be employed. They will share responsibility for housekeeping duties, live by the House Rules and participate in Martha and Mary Maternity House programs which include Bible study and Church attendance, pre-natal and birthing classes, and career and open adoption counseling.

OCLife-Chicago has obtained a 501c3 status as a "Pan-Orthodox Ministry" under the "Omoforion" of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, is our guiding shepherd in this ministry. For more information contact Fr. Nicholas Jonas, OCLife-Chicago Spiritual Director at [frnwj@aol.com](mailto:frnwj@aol.com) or Mr. Nicholas Cavaligos, OCLife-Chicago president at [cavaligos@comcast.net](mailto:cavaligos@comcast.net)



# Move Forward Dinner (Ela Alamam)

(In Honor of Father Frans Van Der Lugt)

At Our Lady Of Lebanon Church  
950 N. Grace St ♦ Lombard, IL 60148  
May 24th at 8:00 PM

Donation: \$50/ Person

\* Checks payable to St. Sharbel Moronite Church  
For those who can not attend and would like to help, please mail  
donations to the care of Rinati Abboud at  
10765 Clocktower Dr #504, La Grange Highland, IL, 60525

*Father van der Lugt had lived in Syria since 1966, after a brief period spent in Lebanon. He was also a psychotherapist and very involved in interreligious dialogue. He established the AL-Ard Center aimed to foster dialog between people of different faiths. After the siege of the city of Homs, Father Frans Van Der Lugt cared for the sick and the hungry. He refused to leave, despite the dangerous situation. He was assassinated around 9:30 AM on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the age of 75, by an unknown gunman.  
He is a true martyr for Christ and humanity!*

RSVP by May 21st.  
Rinati Abboud (773) 895-9202  
Pierre Azar (224) 402-2000  
Kinda Azar (224) 402-1000

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\* All expenses are donated and all proceeds will be sent to help the desperate people in Homs, Syria

# TOWN HALL MEETING

*For Orthodox Parents & Teens*

## UNDERAGE ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE PREVENTION

**Thursday, May 22, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

**St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church**

**7373 CALDWELL - NILES, IL**

### SPEAKERS

**TED PENESIS**, Education Manager - Illinois Liquor Control Commission

**LISA RAZZANO**, Phd, CPRP - Associate Professor Psychiatry; Director, Mental Health Services Research - UIC

**CHRISTINA JONES**, LCSW - Psychotherapy & Adolescent Alcoholism Counselor

**CMDR BRIAN BAKER & OFCR FRANK CZAJKA** - Skokie Police Department



Hosted by OCCHY - ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COALITION FOR HEALTH YOUTH

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**For further information:**

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**(708) 298-9770**

**2014 Diocese of Toledo Parish Life Conference**  
**Hosted by St. John Chrysostom Orthodox Church**  
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
**June 25 – 29, 2014**



**YOU** shall love the  
**LORD** your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your strength,  
with all your mind; and your  
**NEIGHBOR**  
as yourself.  
— Luke 10:27

Dear Fellow Orthodox Christians,

It is our pleasure to welcome His Grace Bishop ANTHONY and all of you to the 2014 Parish Life Conference, which will be hosted at the newly renovated Fort Wayne Hilton and Grand Wayne Convention Center. Here we will enjoy the fellowship of our fellow Orthodox Christians from around the Midwest and beyond. It is also an opportunity to do the work of the Diocese with meetings of the Antiochian Women, Teen SOYO, Order of St. Ignatius, and the Fellowship of St. John the Divine.

**Additional activities will include:**

- Bible Bowl
- Music and Iconography Workshops
- “Minute to Win It” game night
- Banquet and Hafli
- Young Adult socials, wine tasting
- Bowling, laser tag, bumper cars, mini golf for young adults & teens
- Teen Oratorical
- Kidz Zone
- Workshops by F.O.C.U.S. and IOCC
- “New Years Eve” Gala
- Youth Leadership Workshop

**PLC registration is now OPEN!** To register online or place an ad in our Souvenir Journal, please visit [www.antiochianevents.org/100](http://www.antiochianevents.org/100). Additional information regarding hotel reservations (deadline June 4), Bible Bowl and Oratorical Festival and more are available on our conference website [www.midwestplc2014.com](http://www.midwestplc2014.com).

Follow us on social media at: [www.facebook.com/midwestplc2014](http://www.facebook.com/midwestplc2014) and [www.twitter.com/midwestplc2014](http://www.twitter.com/midwestplc2014) and request to be added to our e-mail list by sending the word “join” to [info@midwestplc2014.com](mailto:info@midwestplc2014.com).

Fort Wayne has much to offer, and many things are within walking distance of the hotel. Some places to visit include:

- Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo ([kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org))
- Science Central ([sciencecentral.org](http://sciencecentral.org))
- River Greenway Trails ([www.fortwaynepark.org](http://www.fortwaynepark.org))
- Vera Bradley Factory ([www.verabradley.com](http://www.verabradley.com))

We look forward to seeing you!

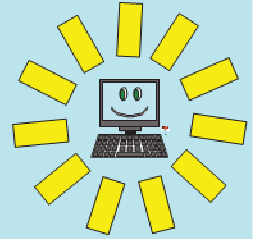
Rev. Fr. Jason Blais, Pastor

Dr. G. David Bojrab, Co-Chair

Kris Howard, Co-Chair



**St. Mary's  
Fishers of Men Ministry  
Introduces the 2014**



# **IT Summer Camp**

**AGE: 13-18 years old**

Come and learn from the best

**July 21- August 1**

Monday through Friday  
9AM- 3PM

Robert Morris University  
Orland Park Campus  
43 Orland Square  
Orland Park, IL 60462

Sign up for:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Week 1: 7/21- 7/25	\$300	\$400
Week 2: 7/28- 8/1	\$300	\$400
2 Weeks: 7/21- 8/1	\$500	\$750

- \*\* A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due at the time of registration.
- \*\* Make Checks Payable to: St. Mary Orthodox Church

Take the IT challenge and make the most out of this summer!

**Seats are limited to 24**  
first come, first serve

# ST. MARY

## FOOD PANTRY

FEEDING THE HUNGRY, HELPING THE HOPELESS



## COMING SOON!!!

If you are interested in being a part of the Food Pantry staff and you are available to volunteer a few hours every week or every month, please send an email to

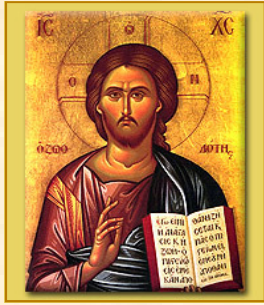
[foodpantry@stmaryoc.org](mailto:foodpantry@stmaryoc.org) or contact:

Kholoud Swais 708-431-0084

Kh.Delia Haddad 914-573-1577

or contact the church office at 708-239-0004

There will be many volunteering positions available, including food pickup, registration, loading and unloading, distribution, packing, sorting, etc.



## Weekly Synaxarion



On May 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and Benedimos; and Stephen the New, patriarch of Constantinople. On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus. By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.