



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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Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

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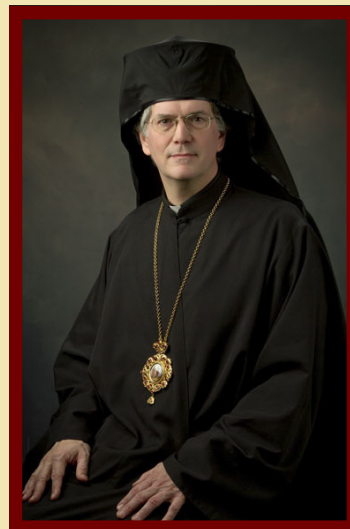
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Call the church office or email our
Office Administrator

August 24, 2014

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Welcome His Grace



Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest

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

Entrance Hymn

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 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 Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, the barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life.

Epistle for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord is my strength and my song!

The Lord has chastened me sorely!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (9:2-12).

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35).

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay me what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

8/24: Joseph and Muna Makri & Family

8/31: Maher and Sahar Ibrahim & Family

9/7: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

8/24: Awwan Sweis & Salena Ibrahim

8/31: Norma Tadros & Sandra Khouri



St. Mary's Athletics Ministry invites you to our

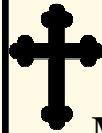
Volleyball League Games

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m

“Bible Verse of the Week”

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:12



6 Month Memorial

Raya Sweiss

May her memory be eternal!



Wedding

Odeh Sameer Tadros

&

Salam Sameeh Dababneh

Congratulations!

Baptism

Isabella Grace

Parents: Sam and Olivia Zureikat

Congratulations!

Baptism

Nabil

Parents: Gerese and Razan Tadros

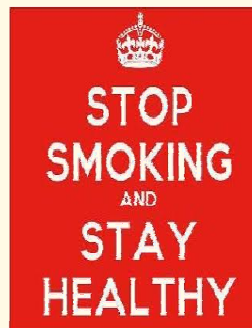
Congratulations!



OCCHY QUIZ

How many people in Illinois died from tobacco use between 2002 & 2004?

A. 10,000 B. 32,500 C. 83,000



Answer C. 83,000.
Tobacco use is the #1 cause of preventable deaths in Illinois!

~ <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/statesystem/HighlightReport>

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OCCHYChicago>

Upcoming Events

Thu Aug 21	7:00pm	Volleyball Games
Sat Aug 23	8:00am	St. Mary's Annual Humanitarian Walk
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 24	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	6:00pm	Annual Founders' Day Banquet
Tue Aug 26	7:00pm	Open Gym - Volleyball
Wed Aug 27	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Thu Aug 28	7:00pm	Volleyball Games
Fri Aug 29	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
	7:00pm	SOYO Bible Study - "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at Hand"
Sat Aug 30	All day	FSJD Bowling Outing
	11:00am	Arabic School Parent Meeting/Student Orientation
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 31	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Chicken Sandwich Sale – Antiochian Women
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Mon Sep 1	All day	Labor Day
	12:00pm	St. Mary Annual Labor Day Picnic

Bookstore is open

Every Sunday after Liturgy and
Monday - Friday from 11:00am - 2:00pm

Please email Nader Haddad at naderemile3@yahoo.com with any special requests.

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights invites you to our

Annual Founders' Day Weekend

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest



Saturday, August 23rd

8:00 am - St. Mary's Humanitarian Walk

Where: Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
7402 Lake Katherine Dr.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Registration: Adults - \$20 | Children(10yrs. & under) - \$10

Sunday, August 24th

6:00 pm - Annual Founders' Day Banquet

Where: SS. Constantine & Helen Church
11025 South Roberts Road
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Tickets: \$45 per person | \$20 per child under 12

Live Entertainment



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
1st Annual
Humanitarian Walk

Saturday, August 23rd 2014

8:30am - 11:30am

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens

7402 Lake Katherine Dr.

Palos Heights, IL 60463

ALL AGES EVENT

Contact

Shireen Salman

708-717-9640

Registration

Adults: \$20

Youth: \$10 (10 & under)

Benefiting

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
Humanitarian Fund

Sponsors

If you are interested in
sponsoring this event
please contact
Shireen Salman.

Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.

Love unconditionally. Live fully.

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

Teen SOYO

"Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at Hand."

When:

Friday, August 29th, 2014
at 7:00p.m.

Location:

At the home of Maher and Sahar Ibrahim



Contact any SOYO officer with questions.

The Fellowship is feeling lucky! Join us at the
FELLOWSHIP of ST. JOHN the DIVINE'S
BOWLING OUTING
- LUCKY STRIKE LANES -



Saturday, August 30th 2014

6:00 pm

Location – TBA

**Please see Rachel Kari or any Fellowship Officer
with questions.**

**This event is hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine.
It is for ages 19 years old and over.**

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PICNIC

The word 'PICNIC' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Inside each letter, there are black silhouettes of people engaged in various picnic activities: a person holding a plate, a person sitting at a table, a person standing, a person grilling, a person playing a game, and a person with a child.

**St. Mary's Annual
Labor Day Picnic**

Monday, September 1st 2014 | 12:00pm

**Featuring the Championship Game for
St. Mary's Volleyball League!**

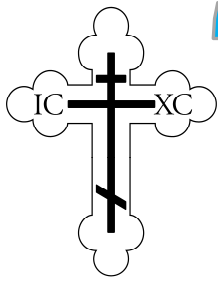
- **Bean Bag Tournament**
- **Face Painting**
- **Balloons**
- **Bouncy House**
- **Live Entertainment**



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Please park at Moraine Valley Church's parking lot

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



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls



Date:

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Time:

11:30am - 1:30pm

Location:

Feed My Starving Children,
555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL

Purpose: Pack meals for starving children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization. We have 90 spots reserved for this event.

Children (Kindergarten and older), teens, and adults are all welcome to attend. Volunteer hours will be granted upon request.

You need to register in order to attend. All volunteers are encouraged to donate at least \$5 (which will feed a child for an entire month!)

To register, please contact Kh. Delia Haddad.

On behalf of God's children, thank you in advance for your commitment.

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

YOUTH LEAGUE



Youth League

is back for the

2014-2015 Season!

- League will be every Saturday starting September 13th
- 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Ages 5-12
- \$80 for your first child, \$70 for the second child, and \$60 for the third child.
- All games and open gyms will be held at St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights.

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Youth League will be held from 1:00pm-3:00pm. During this time your young athletes will be learning the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, and respect. Throughout the season there will be days designated for free play. Please make sure your athletes come dressed appropriately in gym shoes and comfortable clothes. If anyone is interested in making a donation or volunteering on Saturday afternoons please contact Fr. Mousa or Fabiola Sweis.

Contact

Fabiola Sweis

fabiolasweis@gmail.com

with any questions.

St. Mary

Orthodox Church

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Thank you for your ongoing support!

St. Mary Arabic School

Join us for a new and improved Arabic school year!

- ◆ Arabic School Director: Elia Sweiss
- ◆ Improved Curriculum
- ◆ Monthly Professional Development Workshops for all teachers lead by Professor Maha Sweis-Dababneh, PhD.
- ◆ Information Desk / Hall Monitor present during school hours.
- ◆ Students will not be allowed to leave the school premises.
- ◆ Adult class available again this year.

Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

- ◆ **First Day** - September 13th, 2014
- ◆ **Last Day** - May 16th, 2015

The following fees include all textbooks:



◆ 1st Student	\$250
◆ 2nd Student	\$200
◆ 3rd Student	\$150
◆ 4th Student	Free



Register in the Fellowship Hall

For more information, please contact Arabic School Director,
Elia Sweis at arabic@stmaryoc.org or (708) 707-1395.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 14th

Please see Philip Riske to register your children!

“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

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES



WALK THE WALK FOR IOCC

**JOIN US FOR OUR EIGHT ANNUAL
5K WALK/RUN TO SUPPORT IOCC GLOBAL
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PROGRAMS!**

Saturday, September 27, 2014

**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**

**For more information, visit www.iocc.org/chicago
or email iocccchicago5k@gmail.com**

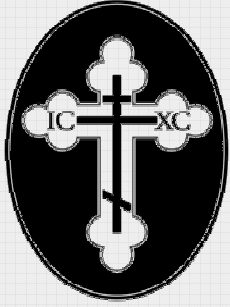
IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.



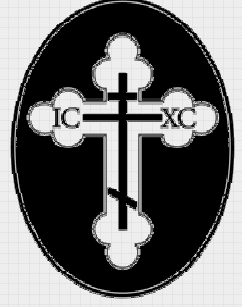
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Net proceeds from this event will
benefit IOCC's humanitarian relief fund

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St. Mary's Men's Basketball League



The time has finally come for family, friends, and lots of fun! I am pleased to present the 3rd Annual Men's Basketball League. The games will be held in the gymnasium of St. Mary's Orthodox Church. This league will be open to members of the community and to our sister churches. The timing of this league couldn't be better as we try to come together as a community to enjoy companionship and some friendly competition. I do ask that you all spread the word as much as possible, as we get things started to have another successful season! There will be sign-ups held during coffee hour and open gyms.

Season begins on September 28th, 2014

Forms, Teams, and Fees due on September 20th, 2014

Requirements:

- Signed Waiver
- Team Registration Sheet
- Fees
- \$75 - No Purchase of Jersey

Information:

- Ages 16 and up
- Make your own team
- Min. members per team: 6
- Max members per team: 9

Contact: Melad Qodsi

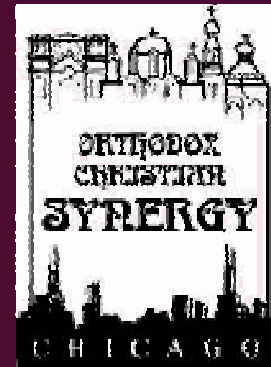
Text or call 708.692.0561
athletics@stmaryoc.org

2014 CHICAGO SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 18, 2014

OPERATION THY KINGDOM COME

*HOW DO WE LIVE OUR FAITH IN A
SECULAR AGE?*



- God's Kingdom has **POWER** to Take Back His People from the Secular World
- God's Kingdom has **GLORY** to Fill the Empty Secular Heart

Saturday, October 18, 2014

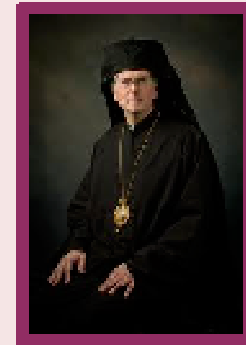
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral

5701 N. Redwood Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY

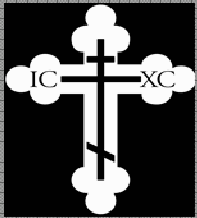
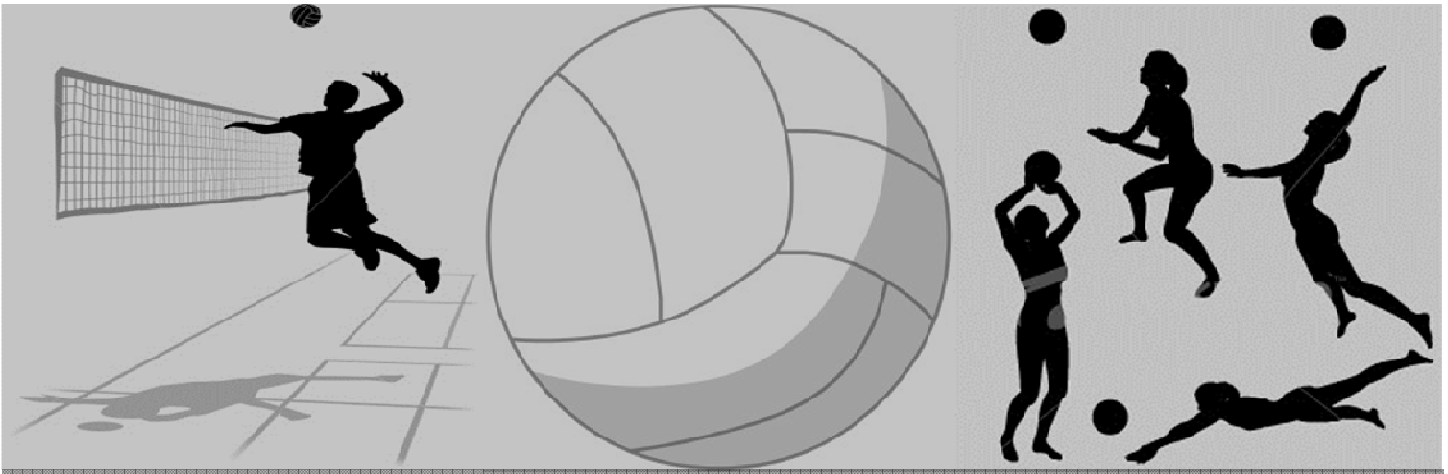
**Bishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of
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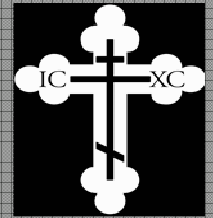
HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY was born and raised in Ironwood, Michigan and attended the University of Michigan, where he received his B.A. in Literature, Science and the Arts, having a double major in History and English literature. He attended St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York. Bishop Anthony grew up in a Par-Orthodox community, was a football star and as a youth worker, toured with a Christian rock group. Today, Bishop Anthony is a popular and effective speaker. www.antiochian.org/BishopAnthony

Registration and payment prior to October 9: \$35. (Husband and wife couples: \$50.) October 10–18: \$40 per person. High School and College Students: \$20.00. Registration includes coffee service and lunch. For more information, Please see Synergy's website chicagosynergy.org/symposium or call (847) 647-8880 or (630) 230-0079.

Orthodox Christian SYNERGY consists of clergy and lay representative of Chicago-area Orthodox Christian parishes who seek to project awareness of Orthodox Christianity to the public at large. SYNERGY works together with its parent organization, the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago, and with the blessings of the Chicago area Orthodox Hierarchy.



St. Mary's Co-Ed Volleyball League



The time has finally come! Our volleyball season is near and the excitement is building. St. Mary's Orthodox Church is proud to present our 3rd annual Co-Ed Volleyball League. What better way to enjoy yourself then with family, friends, and fun! This season will be a great one and you will not want to miss out. So spread the word and come join us!

General Information:

- Start date is January 11, 2015*
- End date is March of 2015*
- Must be 14 years or older
- Deadline: December 14, 2014
- Teams will be Co-ed
- Games will be Sunday afternoons (Times TBD)

* Schedule is subject to change

Kati Khouri- Volleyball Coordinator
Melad Qodsi- Athletic Director

708.257.7579

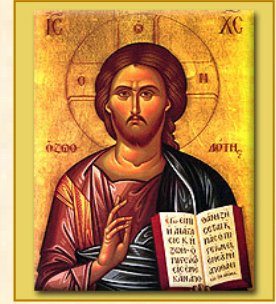
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Location: 6330 W. 127th St, Palos Heights, IL. 60463



Weekly Synaxarion



On August 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Eutyches, disciple of John the Theologian and Paul the Apostle. Though not numbered among the Seventy Apostles, Eutyches is also called an apostle because he was a disciple of the great apostles and he displayed true apostolic zeal in his evangelical service. Consecrated a missionary bishop, Eutyches traveled much, having an angel as his companion. In prison, he received heavenly bread from an angel. When his body was scraped with a serrated iron rod, blood flowed from him with unusual fragrant myrrh. Eutyches was thrown into a fire and before wild beasts and finally beheaded with a sword in Sebastopol, where he had been born. He now resides with the Apostles in the Heavenly Kingdom. On this day, we also commemorate the New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; and the recoveries of the relics of our wonderworking fathers among the saints Dionysios, bishop of Zakynthos; and of Peter, metropolitan of Moscow. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.