



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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August 31, 2014

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos



Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:00p.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 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 for the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos (Tone Eight)

Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and
shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a se-
cure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained
without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated.
Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls
the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone One)

In thy birth giving O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve vir-
ginity; 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 for the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

O pure Virgin, the Church joyously celebrates the placing of thy
divine belt and cries out to thee in supplication: Save us all from
powerful enemies, crush the arrogance of unbelievers, and direct
our lives to the doing of the divine will of the Lord.

Epistle for the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior!
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant!*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (9:1-7).

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel of the for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (19:16-26).

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before him and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Jesus, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

8/31: Maher and Sahar Ibrahim & Family

9/7: Bishara Sweis & Family

9/14: Daniel & Shahd Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

8/31: Norma Tadros & Sandra Khouri

9/7: Faris Samawi & Elaine Riadi



OCCHY BLURB

BULLYING STATISTICS:

- 83% of girls, and 79% of boys report being bullied either in school or online.
- 75% of school shootings have been linked to harassment and bullying against the shooter.

QUIZ

How many teens in the U.S. reportedly skip school every day because they are bullied?

A. 13,000 B. 65,000 C. 160,000

Answer: C. 160,000. In addition, 1 in 10 teens drop out of school due to repeated bullying! ~ <http://nobullying.com/bullying-facts-2014>

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

“Bible Verse of the Week”

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. [Isaiah 26:3](#)



Wedding

Billy William James

&

Angela Malek Rihani

Congratulations!



Removal of Crowns

Odeh & Salam Tadros

Congratulations!

Chicken Sandwich Sale

Sponsored by the Antiochian Women

\$5 Per plate



!!!TODAY!!!

August 31, 2014

Annunciation Bookstore

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

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

Upcoming Events

Thu Aug 28	7:00pm	Volleyball Games
Fri Aug 29	7:00pm	SOYO Bible Study - "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at Hand" - Home of Maher and Sahar Ibrahim
Sat Aug 30	11:00am	Arabic School Parent Meeting/Student Orientation
	6:00pm	FSJD Bowling Outing
Sun Aug 31	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Chicken Sandwich Sale – Antiochian Women
	12:30pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Mon Sep 1	12:00pm	St. Mary Annual Labor Day Picnic
Wed Sep 3	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Sat Sep 6	9:30am	Sunday School Staff Workshop
	11:30am	Feed My Starving Children Humanitarian Event
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Fellowship Wine and Cheese Night

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**



Saturday, August 30th 2014

6:00 pm

LUCKY STRIKE LANES

**100 Yorktown Shopping Center
Lombard, IL**

**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.**



St. Mary Orthodox Church

PICNIC



St. Mary's Annual Labor Day Picnic

Monday, September 1st 2014 | 12:00pm

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

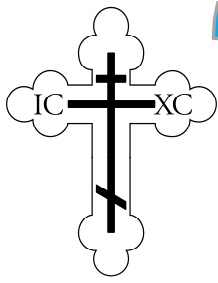
- **Bean Bag Tournament**
- **Face Painting**
- **Balloons**
- **Bouncy House**
- **Live Entertainment**



6330 W. 127th St., Palos Heights

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**

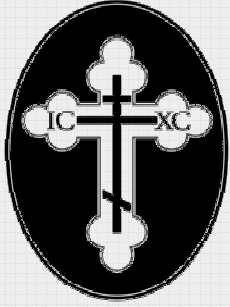
IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.



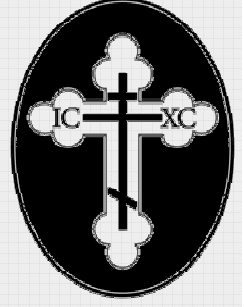
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Net proceeds from this event will
benefit IOCC's humanitarian relief fund

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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

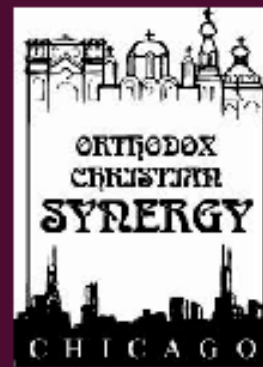
Text or call 708.692.0561
athletics@stmaryoc.org

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

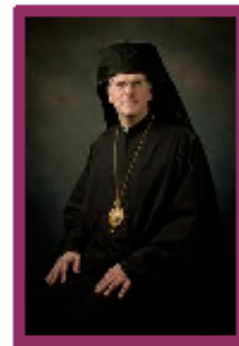
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral

5701 N. Redwood Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY

**Bishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of
Toledo and the Midwest**



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 Pan-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 Hierarchs

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Invites you to join us for a

Benefit and Gathering of Eastern Churches Uniting:

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
St. John the Baptist Melkite Catholic Church
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
St. John the Baptist Syriac Orthodox Church
St. Afrem Syriac Orthodox Church
St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
St. Michael the Archangel Melkite Catholic Church
Assyrian Church of the East

Featuring a guest speaker delivering a keynote address
on the state of Christians in the Middle East
followed by entertainment by Miss Doris Farhat

DIPLOMAT WEST BANQUETS

681 W North Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

7:00 pm cocktail hour 8:00 pm dinner

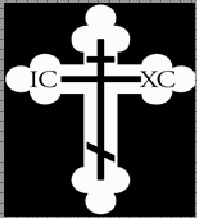
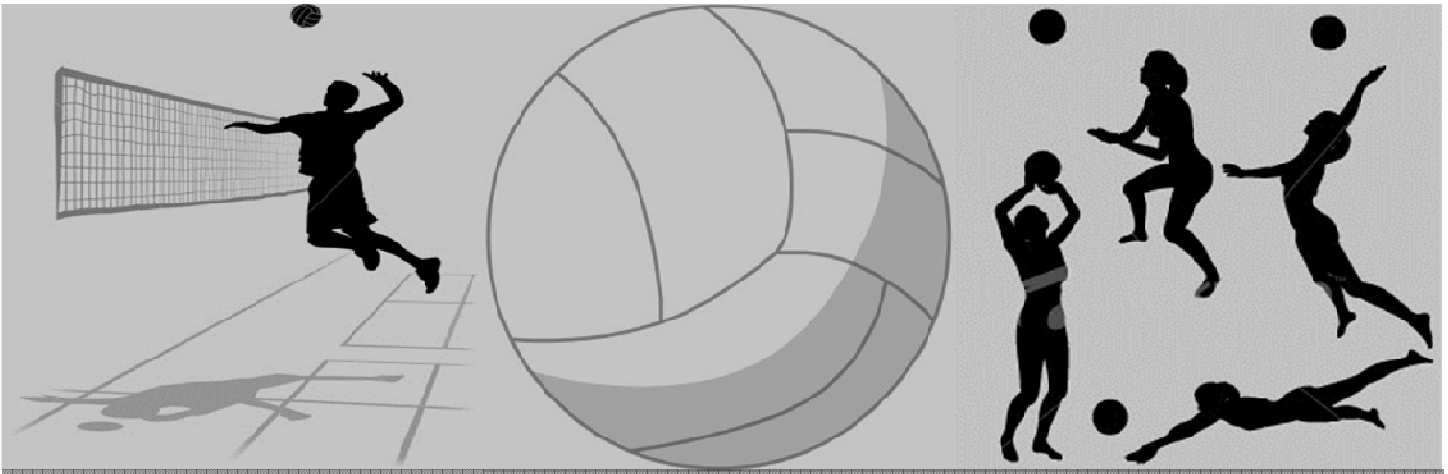
Donation \$65

For tickets or inquiries contact:

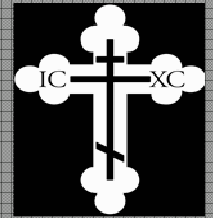
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St. Mary's Co-Ed Volleyball League



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

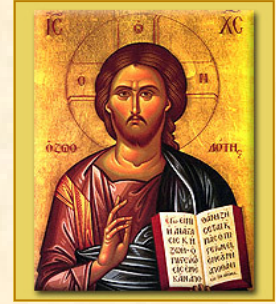
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Location: 6330 W. 127th St, Palos Heights, IL. 60463



Weekly Synaxarion



On August 31 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Placing of the Sash of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Constantinople's Halkoprataia district during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. At her Dormition, the Most Holy Mother of God left her Sash to the Apostle Thomas. This Sash was later taken to Constantinople and kept there in a sealed casket in the church of the Mother of God at Blachernae. This casket was never opened until the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise (886-912). Leo's wife, the Empress Zoë, was taken sick in soul and, as the result of a mysterious vision, desired that the Sash of the holy Theotokos be placed upon her. The Emperor asked the Patriarch, who opened the casket and found the Sash completely whole and undamaged by time. The Sash was taken out and placed upon the sick Empress, who immediately recovered. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, and then returned the venerable Sash back into the casket and resealed it. On this day, we also commemorate our fathers among the saints Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage; John, Metropolitan of Kiev; and Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.