



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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September 28, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Sunday of Luke



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 Seven)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Troparion of St. Chariton the Confessor (Tone Eight)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Chariton, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord will give strength to his people!

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10).

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel for the First Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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

9/28: Emad & Issam Haddad & Family

10/05: Jamal & Kholoud Swais & family

10/12: Refqa Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

9/28: Mansoura Khouri & Reem Sweis

10/05: Khaled Salman & Delia Haddad

“Bible Verse of the Week”

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 2:1 NKJV



**2 Year Memorial
Nizar Alnaser
Memory Eternal!**

Fellowship Falafel Sale



!!!Today!!!

After Liturgy

Sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine



OCCHY QUIZ

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Drugs interfere with the brain's communication system.
2. Drug use can lead to long-term changes in the brain.
3. Drugs affect different people in different ways



ALL TRUE

Many teens are in complete denial about the risks involved in drug use. Sometimes even trying drugs once can cause you to do something risky which you wouldn't normally do. Teens are at particular risk because your brains are not finished developing until you are in your early 20's.

Source: www.teens.drugabuse.gov

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

Annunciation Book Store

Open every Sunday after Liturgy and
Monday -Friday

11:00am - 2:00pm

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

Upcoming Events

Sat Sep 27	8:00am	Annual IOCC Walk
	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Sep 28	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30	FSJD Falafel Sale
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Wed Oct 1	All day	Teen SOYO Month
	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Thu Oct 2	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat Oct 4	10:00am	Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 5	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	All day	Fall Harvest Festival / Godparents' Sunday
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Wed Oct 8	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting

KIDS SOYO



Calling all 7-12 years olds

Details Coming Soon!!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Orthodox Church

10th 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. please see any advisors or officers for details, comments or questions.

The Fellowship of St. John cordially invites you to their annual

Fall Harvest Festival

Celebrating Godparent's Sunday

Sunday, October 5th, 2014

Join the fun immediately following the Liturgy

Bags Tournament, Chili Contest,
Pumpkin Painting, Face Painting,
Food, Music, Games, Prizes, Cash Raffles, Petting
Zoo, & more!



Bring your Godparent and/or Godchild
to receive a ticket for a **FREE** lunch at the festival!

Questions??? See Rachel Kari or any of the Officers



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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

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.

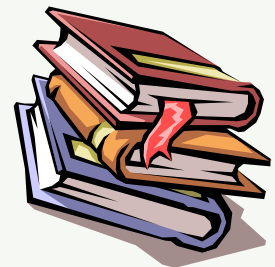
Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

- ◆ **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.

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

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Thank you for your ongoing support!

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.



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

www.iocc.org



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.

Men's Basketball Open Gym Schedule

Sundays at 2:00pm

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

- **Ages 16 and up.**
- **The Men's Basketball League begins Tuesday, October 14th, 2014. Games will be held every Tuesday night.**

**To register, contact: Melad Qodsi
708.692.0561
or any member of Athletics.**

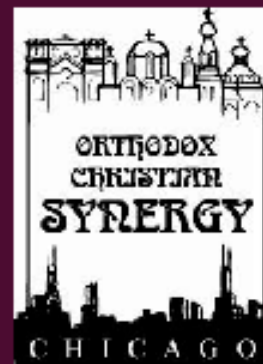


2014 CHICAGO SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

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

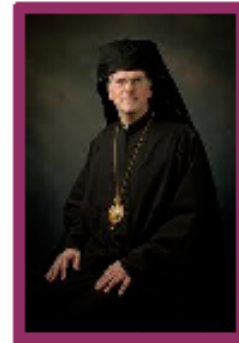
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

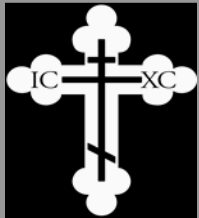
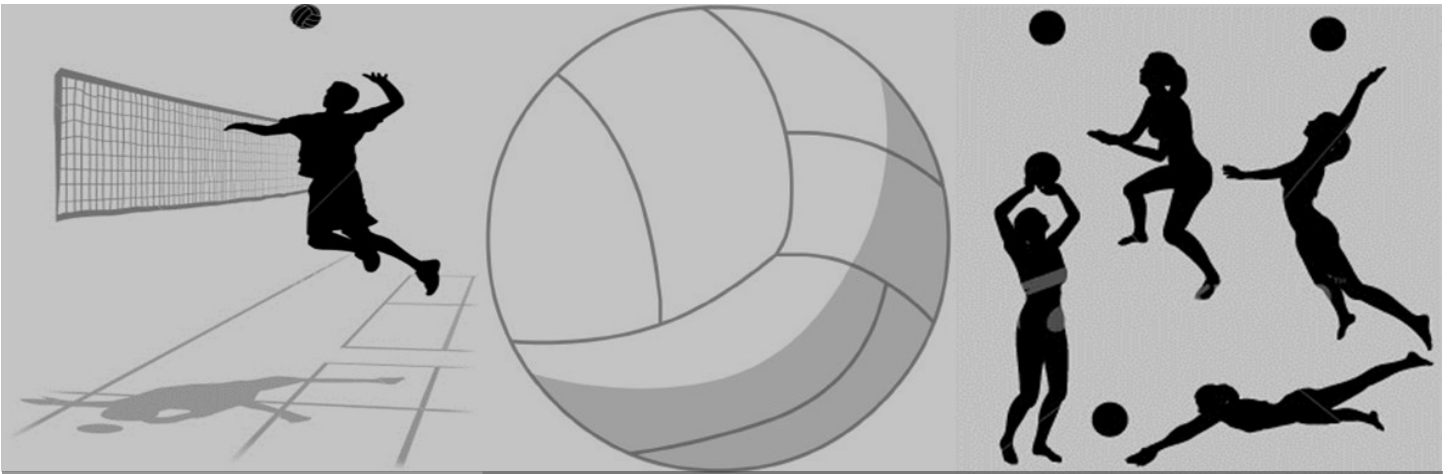
Donation \$65

For tickets or inquiries contact:

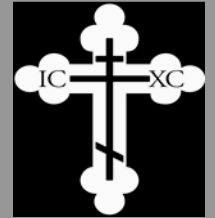
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St. Mary's Co-Ed Volleyball League



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

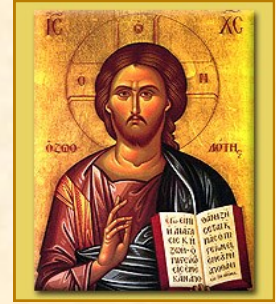
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Location: 6330 W. 127th St, Palos Heights, IL. 60463



Weekly Synaxarion



On September 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Chariton the confessor, abbot of Palestine. When a harsh persecution of Christians broke out under the Emperor Aurelian, Chariton was immediately brought to trial before the governor. The judge ordered him to worship false gods, to which Chariton refused. Then the governor ordered that Chariton be so beaten and tortured that his whole body became covered with wounds until it was like one great wound. After the evil death of Aurelian, Chariton was released from torture and imprisonment. He withdrew to the wilderness of Pharan, where he founded a community and gathered a group of monks together. Chariton founded two more monasteries and died at a great age on September 28, 350. The practice of tonsuring monks is attributed to Chariton. On this day, we also commemorate the Prophet Baruch; Venerable Neophytos and Auxentios of Cyprus; Martyr Heliodoros and companions in Pisidia; and Martyr Wenceslaus, prince of the Czechs. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.