



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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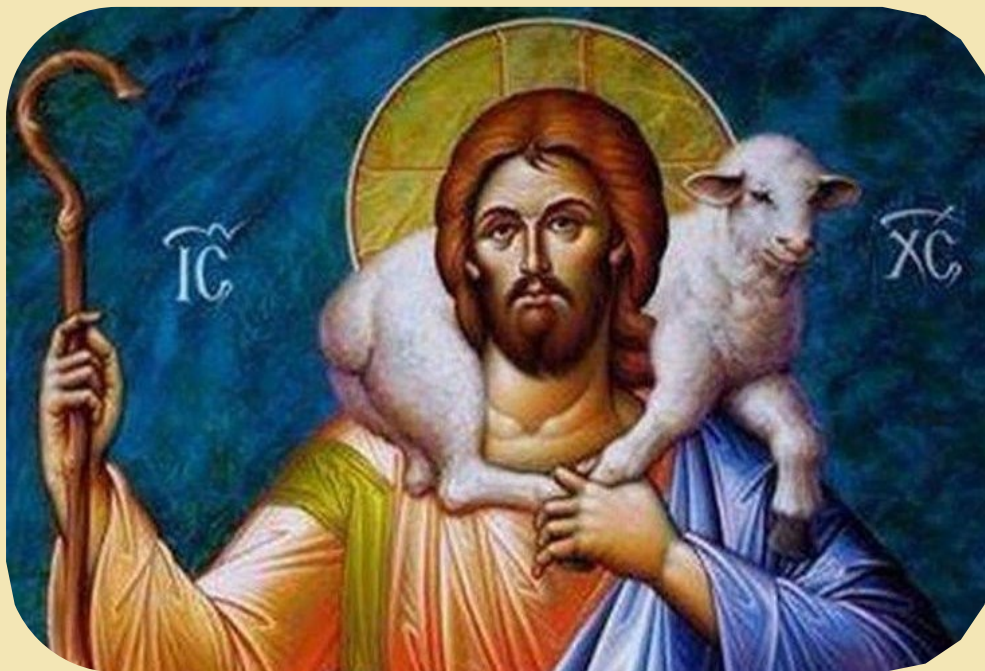
Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our
Office Administrator

November 2nd, 2014

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Fifth 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 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 of the Persian Martyrs (Tone Two)

Blessed is the earth that drank your blood, O prizewinners of the Lord, and holy are the tabernacles that received your spirits; for in the stadium ye triumphed over the enemy, and ye proclaimed Christ with boldness. Beseech Him, we pray, since He is good, 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 for the Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works!

In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20).

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of St. Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31).

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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 com-

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour

11/02: Sultan and Rua Khouri & Family

11/09: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

11/16: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

11/02: Norma Tadros & Rana Nino

11/09: Faris Samawi & Lana Sweis

"Bible Verse of the Week"

Living Sacrifices to God] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **Romans 12:1**

Knafeh Sale



Sunday

11/9/2014

Sponsored by Our Teen SOYO



Ahed Fahed Namat
Memory Eternal!



**Newborn
Daniel**

Parents: Kefah & Mayrab Makhamreh
Congratulations!

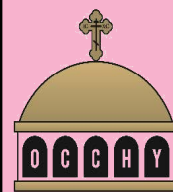
St. Mary's Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast



November 1st, 2014

10:00am

St. Mary Fellowship Hall



Orthodox Christian Coalition
Healthy for Youth

OCCHY QUIZ

Many teens think prescription drugs are safe because they were prescribed by a doctor. But taking them for nonmedical use to get high or "self-medicate" can be just as dangerous and addictive as taking illegal street drugs.

TRUE or FALSE?

Prescription drugs are safe to take even if they were prescribed to someone else.



FALSE! Prescription drugs are only safe for the individuals who actually have doctors' prescriptions for themselves and no one else. People can have different reactions to drugs due to the differences in each person's body chemistry.

Source: <http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/prescription-drugs.html>

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Daniel Alnemri
David Alnemri
Kristina Alnemri
Kyse Dahdal
Anthony Haddad
Jordan Haddad
Leah Haddad

Perfect
Attendance
September — October

Philip Haddad
Jonal Janinah
Mariana Qudsi
Maggie Qudsi
Jaisingh Riske
Virarani Riske

"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls



Annual Christmas Toy Drive

It is that time of the year again to begin preparing for our Annual Christmas Drive. We have 40 wish lists for 40 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.



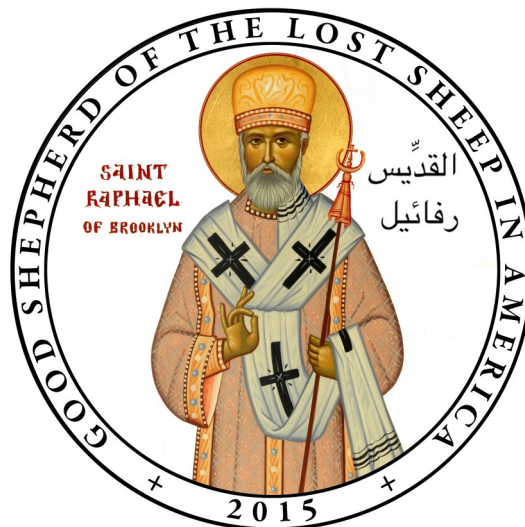
**** Gifts are due by Sunday, November 16th ****

Upcoming Events

Thu Oct 30	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat Nov 1	10:00am	Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
	4:00pm	FAA and St. Mary Halloween Party
Sun Nov 2	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	12:30pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Tue Nov 4	6:30pm	English Bible Study
	7:00pm	St. Mary's Men's Basketball League Games
Wed Nov 5	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
Thu Nov 6	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat Nov 8	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
Sun Nov 9	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	SOYO Knafeh Sale
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball

The 2015 St Mary Creative Arts Festival February 16-March 8

- For Ages 2 - 18
- Artwork
- Short Stories
- Poetry
- Photography



TOPIC:
Bringing God's
lost sheep back

100TH ANNIVERSARY of the
FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL

All entries must be received by February 15th, 2015 with completed entry forms. Rules posted in Sunday School Wing. Entries by 1st thru 12th grade students will be entered in the 2015 Midwest PLC Creative Arts Festival.

Sunday School students **ONLY** may join us
12:15PM to 1PM for workshops on the following dates:

- November 30 - Photography Setup* & Creative Arts Project 1
- December 14 - Creative Arts Project 2
- January 11 - Poetry & Creative Writing
- January 25 - Photography Mounting come with developed photos

*Please do not bring cameras to church, this is just a talk on how to participate; developed photos should be brought on 1/25 so they can be mounted according to rules.

See Grace Preyma Riske for details (630) 532-8640

Announcing Sunday School Christmas Pageant Details:

November 16th 12:15PM to 1PM 1st Rehearsal

December 14th Rehearsal during Sunday School

December 21st Performance at the end of Liturgy

See Grace Preyma Riske for details (630) 532-8640

SAINT MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES:



The Enthronement of our
Newly Elected Father and Chief-Shepherd
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



By the Hands of His Beatitude
Patriarch JOHN X
Patriarch of the Great City of God, Antioch, and all the East

December 5-7, 2014
St. Nicholas Cathedral - Brooklyn, NY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- ◆ Friday, December 5th:
 - 6:30pm : Great Vespers with Artoklasia for the Feast of St. Nicholas
- ◆ Saturday, December 6th:
 - 9:00am: Orthros
 - 10:00am: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
 - 4:30pm: Great Vespers and Enthronement of Metropolitan JOSEPH
 - 7:00pm: Reception at the Brooklyn Marriott
 - 8:00pm: Gala Banquet at the Brooklyn Marriott
- ◆ Sunday, December 7th:
 - 9:15am: Orthros
 - 10:30am: Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with Patriarch JOHN X

Banquet tickets are \$200 per guest and can be obtained by mailing a check made out to "St. Nicholas Cathedral" to the following address:

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
Attn: Banquet Committee
355 State Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Please clearly print the names of those attending as well as a phone number and email address if possible so they can acknowledge your reservation. You may also purchase banquet tickets with a Visa or MasterCard on the Cathedral website. Be sure to note in the memo section the same information above.

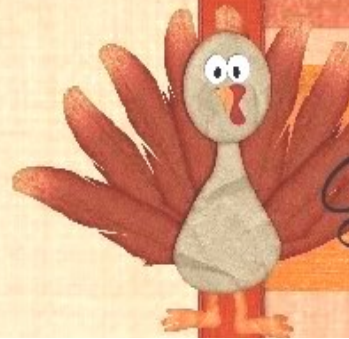
Deadline for Banquet Reservations - November 21st

St. Mary's
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Hosted by Our Antiochian Women

Friday
November 14th, 2014

St. Constantine and Helen
11025 S Roberts Road
Palos Hills, IL 60465



Give Thanks



Carved Pumpkin Contest!!!

Come prepared with a carved pumpkin to enter the contest!

For Tickets:
please contact Nawal Sweis
Or
Magida Abudayyeh

Doors Open at
6:00pm.
Adults \$30.00
Children \$15.00

The Fellowship of St. John The Divine's Annual

**Midwest Young
Adult Retreat
Dec 5-7, 2014**



Retreat Speaker:
Archdeacon Saed Rihani
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Genacle Retreat and Conference Center
513 Fullerton Parkway
Chicago, IL 60614

Contact us at midwestfellowship@gmail.com for More Info



Make Checks Payable to the Midwest Fellowship

Registration: \$200.00

Mail Check to Amal Michael

4637 Market Ave

North Canton, OH 44714

Registration Includes: All Meals, Lodging and Activities

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Orthodox Church

9th Annual Christmas High School Retreat **December 27 - December 29**

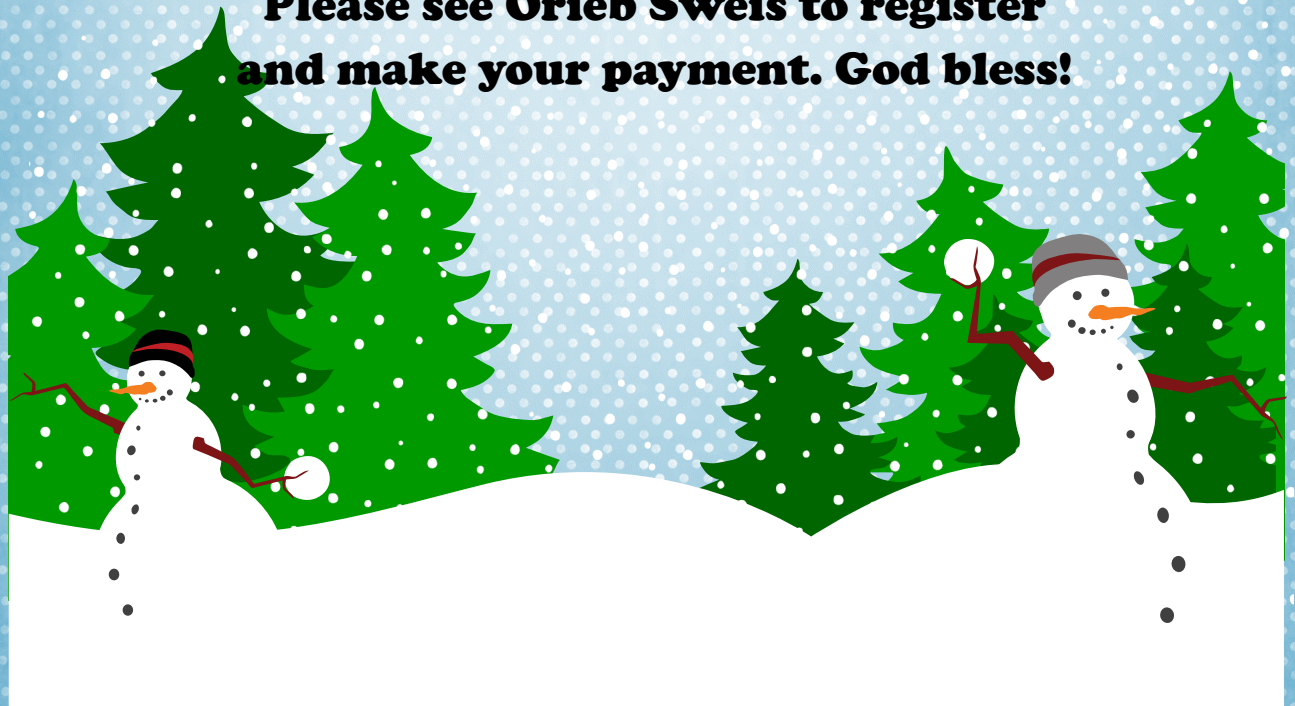
This annual retreat is an opportunity for you to build upon your Orthodox Christian faith and learn how to apply the teachings of Jesus Christ to your own life.

Retreat Master Archdeacon Saed Rihani

\$100 per High School Student

Cedar Lake Ministries Retreat Center – Indiana

**Please see Orieb Sweis to register
and make your payment. God bless!**



Winter Food Drive 2014

October 12th - December 28th



1 out of 6 families are struggling with hunger

Remember...42 lbs of food will feed a family of 4 for 3 days!

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.

There will be 4 baskets outside of the Sunday School doors (in the large hall way) for drop off.

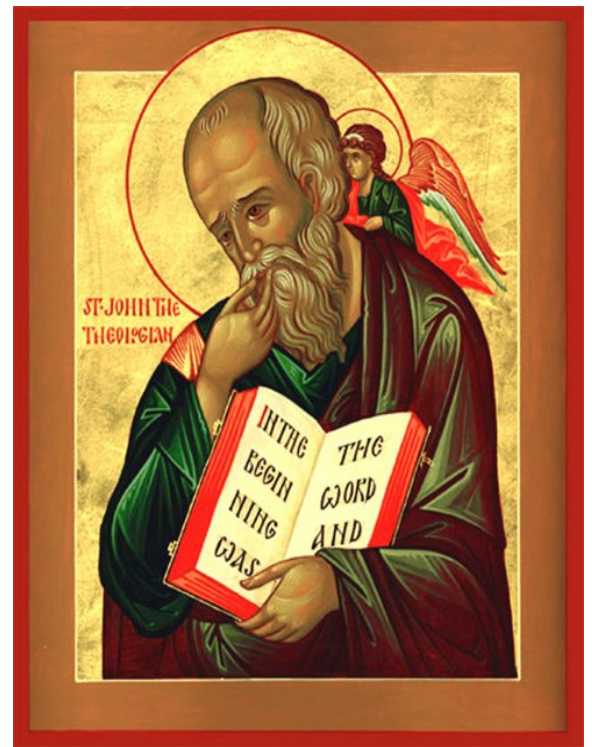
Remembering the words of St. John Chrysostom: "It is a better thing to feed the hungry than to raise the dead."



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Adult Bible Study

All adults are welcome to attend our weekly Adult Bible Study, where we will be studying the Gospel of John. The class will be given in Arabic and English by Fr. Danial Doss.



English Bible Study
Every Tuesday at
6:30pm

Arabic Bible Study
Every Wednesday at
10:00am

*17th Annual
Midwest Diocese Basketball Tournament
Canton, Ohio
January 16-18, 2015*

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19-26

Friday, January 16

7 pm: Registration begins (Hotel Lobby)

8 pm: Pizza (Registration area)

Saturday, January 17

(Happy Birthday and Name's Day to His Grace Bishop ANTHONY)

**7 am: Morning prayers/Light Breakfast/Tournament Brackets
(Hotel Ballroom)**

8 am: Basketball Tournament begins

12 pm: Lunch (at Basketball locations)

6 pm: Great Vespers (St. George Serbian)

7 pm: Banquet/ Awards Presentation/Hafli (St. George Serbian)

Sunday, January 18

8:45 am: Matins (St. George Antiochian)

10 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (St. George Antiochian)

Brunch and Farewell (St. George Antiochian)

**Early Registration: \$50 by January 9 Registration: \$60
(Includes all meals and events)**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1118 Cherry Ave. NE Canton, OH 44704
330-455-8482 stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net**

**Hotel Information: Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle NW N. Canton, OH 44720 330-494-6494
Group Rate: \$85/night (mention St. George Canton)
Our block of rooms will be reserved for us until Jan. 3**

St. Mary's Men's Basketball League

Open Gym Schedule

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Sundays at 2:00pm

Games will be held every Tuesday night

Ages 16 and up

questions contact: Melad Qodsi 708.692.0561

or any member of Athletics athletics@stmaryoc.org



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!

- 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
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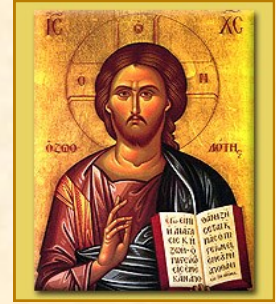
Location:

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Weekly Synaxarion



On November 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Anempodistos, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and their companions of Persia. The first three men were servants at the court of King Sapor in 355, but secretly served Jesus Christ. The king gave them over to harsh torture which they endured courageously and prayerfully. Angels and Christ Himself appeared to them. When one of the torturers, Aphthonios, saw that boiling lead did no harm to the martyrs, he believed in Christ. He was then immediately beheaded. Then the king commanded that his three servants be sewn into goat-skins and thrown into the sea. Aphthonios appeared from the other world with three shining angels, took the martyrs to dry land and set them free. Elpidophoros was a courtier. When he revealed that he was a Christian and denounced the king, the king beheaded Elpidophoros along with about 7,000 other Christians. Then the three martyrs named earlier were thrown into a burning furnace, along with 28 soldiers and the king's mother, who had also come to faith in Christ. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen