



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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Very Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani

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Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

Parish Council

Luai Sweiss - Chairman

Abdullah Tadros - Vice Chairman

Jason Haddad - Treasurer

Ramiz Sweiss - Financial Secretary

Fabiola Sweis - Secretary

Nidal Al-Farah

Constantin Kari

Abeer Khouri

Faris Samawi

Bassam Shaheen

Feras Sweis

Parish Ministries

Sunday School - Philip Riske

SOYO - Murad Salman

Fellowship - Rachel Kari

Antiochian Women -

Magida Abudayyeh

Handmaids - Mansoura Khouri and

Lina Haddad

Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

OCLife - Nancy Cannon

Fishers of Men - John Eannace

Athletics - Melad Qodsi

Choir - Michael Rascia

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January 18th, 2015

Feast of Saints Athanasius and Cyril Patriarchs of Alexandria



Weekly Schedule of Services

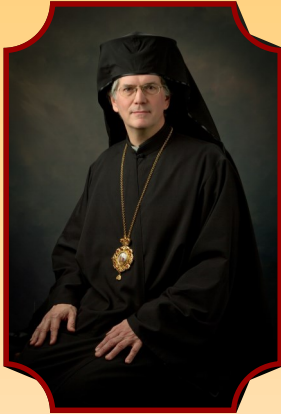
Saturday: 5:00p.m. -- Great Vespers

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.

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
JOIN US AS WE WELCOME



His Grace Bishop
ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest



His Grace Bishop
NICHOLAS

Bishop of Brooklyn

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

Saturday, January 17th, 2015

- ◆ 11:00 a.m. — Metropolitan Joseph meets with the community
- ◆ 4:30 p.m. — Great Vespers
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. — Banquet and Hafleh



Chateau Del Mar



8301 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills

Tickets: \$65 per person, \$40 for 9 years and younger

Sunday, January 18th, 2015

- ◆ 8:45 a.m. — Matins
- ◆ 10:00 a.m. — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

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 Saints Athanasius and Cyril (Tone Three)

Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, ye quenched every false belief and teaching and became trophy-bearers and conquerors.
And since ye made all things rich with true piety, greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, Athanasius and wise Cyril, ye justly found Christ God, who through your prayers doth grant great mercy unto all.

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 Presentation of Christ (Tone One)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Epistle for Saints Athanasius and Cyril Patriarchs of Alexandria

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers!

For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us!

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:7-16).

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17:12-19).

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

01/18: Antiochian Women

01/25: Ziad and Magida Abudayyeh

02/01: Samih and Maysoon Sweis

Epistle Reading

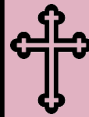
01/18: Faris Samawi & Rassem El Massih

01/25: Fabiola Sweis & Norma Tadros

“Bible Verse of the Week”

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-28

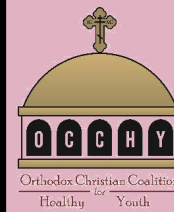


Memory Eternal!
Abdullah Ibrahim Shaheen



Memory Eternal!
Fraeh Qustandi Tuheimer Sweis

The 2015 Holy Bread & Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is available in the Church hall. Please take time to sign up for a Sunday. God bless!



OCCHY QUIZ

TRUE/FALSE: You can be fined or even jailed for possessing a fake ID.



Answer: TRUE. You can be convicted of a **CLASS A MISDEMEANOR** punishable by up to one year in jail and fines up to \$2,500.
<http://www.dontbesorry.org/FakeID.htm>

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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.



Newly Elected Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Parish Council and the entire Parish Council who will be installed today during the Divine Liturgy.

The Parish Council Officers for 2015

Luai Sweiss - Chairman

Abdullah Tadros - Vice Chairman

Jason Haddad - Treasurer

Ramiz Sweiss- Financial Secretary

Fabiola Sweis - Secretary

Nidal Al-Farah

Constantin Kari

Abeer Khouri

Faris Samawi

Bassam Shaheen

Feras Sweis

Congratulations



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

ELECTIONS 2015
Attention Fellowship of
St. John the Divine

Elections for 2015 will take place on
Sunday, January, 25th 2015
Immediately following Divine Liturgy.
(You must be present to vote)

If you or someone you know would like to run for office please submit your nomination by Friday, January 23rd to Rachel Kari (rkari@stmaryoc.org) or Fr. Malek (myrihani@hotmail.com).

President | Vice President | Treasurer | Public Relations

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

~Galatians 5:13

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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:

- January 25 - Photography Mounting *come with developed photos*

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

Sign Up for the 1st EVER Creative Arts Camp
On February 16, 2015 (President's Day) 10AM-3PM

1st through 8th grade students are invited to join us at church for a day focusing on Creative Arts entries.

- Lots of surprises & prizes in store!
- Work on photography, artwork, writing & more!
 - Lunch & Snack PROVIDED!!!!
- Prizes will be given every 30 minutes to attendees!
- All work complete this day will be eligible to win awards in the St. Mary Creative Arts Festival
 - NO REGISTRATION FEES!!!!

Register in Fellowship Hall or with
Preyma Grace at CraftieGracie@gmail.com

Registration is required and closes Feb. 8th.

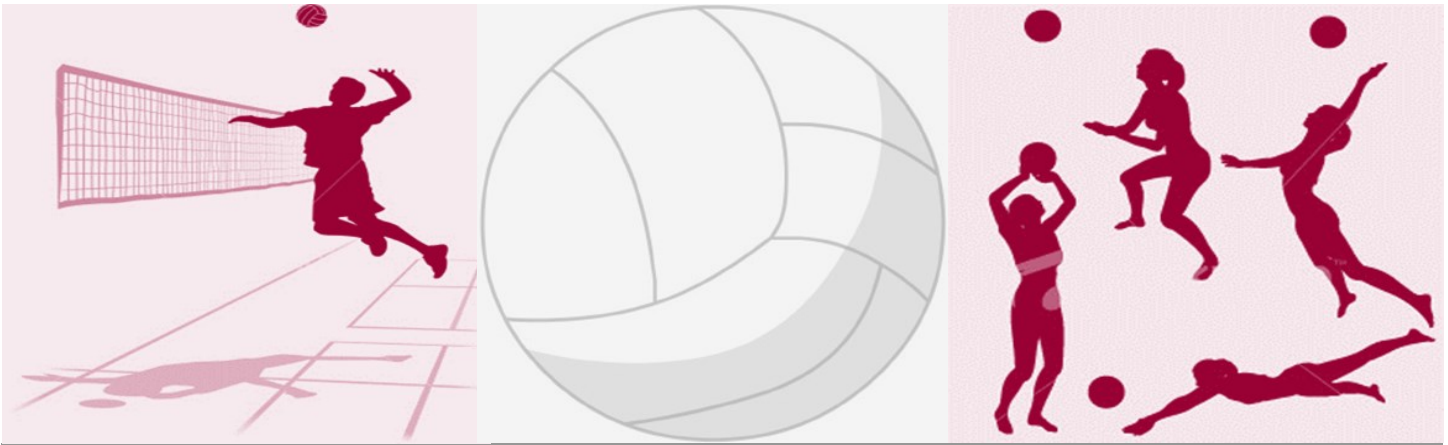
You are invited to view the gallery of our student work

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

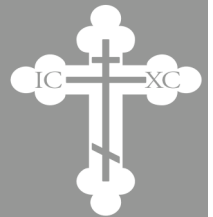
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Upcoming Events

Thu Jan 15	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Fri Jan 16	6:00pm	Dabkeh Practice
Sat Jan 17	11:00am	Metropolitan Joseph meets with the Community
	4:30pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Grand Banquet and Hafleh in honor of Metropolitan Joseph
Sun Jan 18	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan JOSEPH
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Tue Jan 20	6:30pm	English Bible Study
Wed Jan 21	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
Thu Jan 22	7:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Sat Jan 24	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Jan 25	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	12:15pm	Creative Arts Workshop - Photography Mounting
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball



St. Mary's Co-Ed Volleyball League



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 25, 2015***
- ⇒ **End date is March 15, 2015***
- ⇒ **Must be 14 years or older**
- ⇒ **\$100.00 per player (Cash or Check)**
- ⇒ **Deadline: January 18, 2015**
- ⇒ **Teams must be Co-ed (Minimum 7 players/team)**
- ⇒ **Games will be Sunday afternoons (Times TBD)**

***Schedule is subject to change**

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

Kati Khouri- Volleyball Coordinator

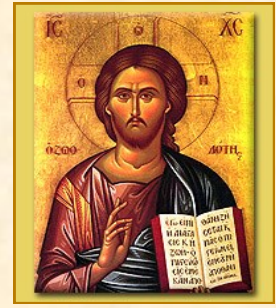
708.257.7579

Melad Qodsi- Athletic Director

708.692.0561



Weekly Synaxarion



On January 18, we commemorate our Fathers among the Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings which affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics. Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed. This radiant beacon of Orthodoxy spent most of his life in exile from his See, because of the plotting of his enemies. He returned to his flock as he was approaching the end of his life. Like an evening star, he illumined the Orthodox faithful with his words for a little while, and then reposed in 373. Cyril was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria, who educated him from his youth. He succeeded to his uncle's position in 412, but was deposed through the intrigues of the Nestorian heretics. He later resumed his See, however. Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 441, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine. Cyril departed to the Lord in 444. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Theodoula of Anazarbus and her companions; and Maximos, the Serbian ruler. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.