



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)

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

Phone : (708) 239-0004, Fax : (708) 221-6449

www.stmaryoc.org (office@stmaryoc.org)

Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

St. Mary Parish Clergy

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani

Subdeacon Matthew Sweis

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

Chanters - Khaled Salman and

Faris Samawi

Webmaster - Sana Sweis

Office

Jehan Haddad

Katia Haddad

administrator@stmaryoc.org

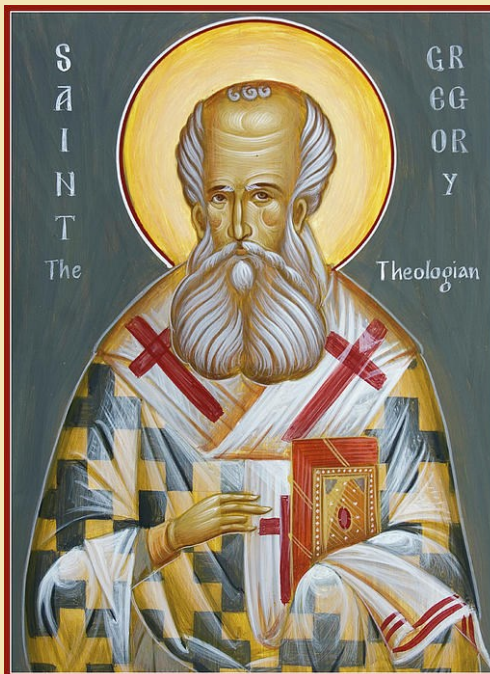
Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our

Office Administrator

January 25th, 2015

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople Fifteenth Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus Sunday)



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 Eight)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and
Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver
us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord,
glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Gregory (Tone One)

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over
the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the
depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence
of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, 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 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 St. Gregory the Theologian

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding!

Hear this, all ye people!

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews (7:26-8:2).

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel for the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus Sunday)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10).

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

01/25: Ziad and Magida Abudayyeh

02/01: Samih and Maysoon Sweis

02/08: Emad and Issam Haddad

Epistle Reading

01/25: Fabiola Sweis & Norma Tadros

02/01: Lana Sweis & Nour Swaiss

“Bible Verse of the Week”

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Galatians 6:7-8

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.



Memory Eternal!
Evone Doss



Wedding
Khalil & Samar Haddad
Congratulation!

Antiochian Women Tea Party
Friday, January 30th at 6:00pm
Bring a friend and join the Antiochian Women for Coffee, Tea, and Sweets Ladies Only
Leave your man at home :)



OCCHY QUIZ

National Drug Facts Week
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2015



Alcohol and marijuana are the drugs most abused by teenagers. What comes next?

- A. Ecstasy (MDMA)
- B. Cocaine
- C. Bath salts
- D. Prescription drugs and cough medicine
- E. Tobacco

Answer: D. Some prescription medications have psychoactive (mind-altering) properties and, because of that, are sometimes taken for non-medical reasons. In fact, prescription and drugstore cough and cold medicines are, after marijuana (and alcohol), the most commonly abused substances by Americans 14 and older. Learn more: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/prescription-over-counter-medications>



Source: <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-facts-week>

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



FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

ELECTIONS 2015

Attention Fellowship of St. John the Divine
Elections for 2015 will take place

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*

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL

@StMaryFSJD



St. Mary Orthodox Church

Super Bowl Party

Brought to you by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine



Sunday, February 1st 2015

5:00pm | St. Mary Nadi

Everyone ages 19 and older are invited to join us as we watch the Super Bowl and enjoy fellowship over a potluck dinner in the Nadi!

Fellowship of St. John the Divine (FSJD) is an organization for adults ages 19 and older. We focus on serving and bringing the community together through spiritual, humanitarian, and social events. Approach an officer today to learn more!

6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL | StMaryFSJD



The Orthodox Christian Clergy Association
of Greater Chicago Presents



The 7th Annual Pan-Orthodox

*Sanctity of Life
Prayer Service
and Presentation*

*“Faith and Perseverance on a
Life Changing Journey”*

6:00 pm

Sunday, January 25



*St. Haralambos
Greek Orthodox Church
7373 N Caldwell Ave
Niles, IL 60714*

SPEAKER: MR. GEORGE PETMEZAS

George Petmezas serves as Principal in the Geneva School District with a background in Special Education. He graduated from Illinois State University with his Bachelors degree in Special Education and went on to receive his Masters degree from Concordia University in Educational Leadership and Administration. He is happily married to Vickie Petmezas, a Kindergarten teacher in the Wheaton School District, they will be celebrating their ten year wedding anniversary on June 12th of this year. George and Vickie are blessed with five beautiful children, two girls and three boys, all under the age of six.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OCCA COMMITTEE AT GEORGEGLAMBERIS@GMAIL.COM

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.

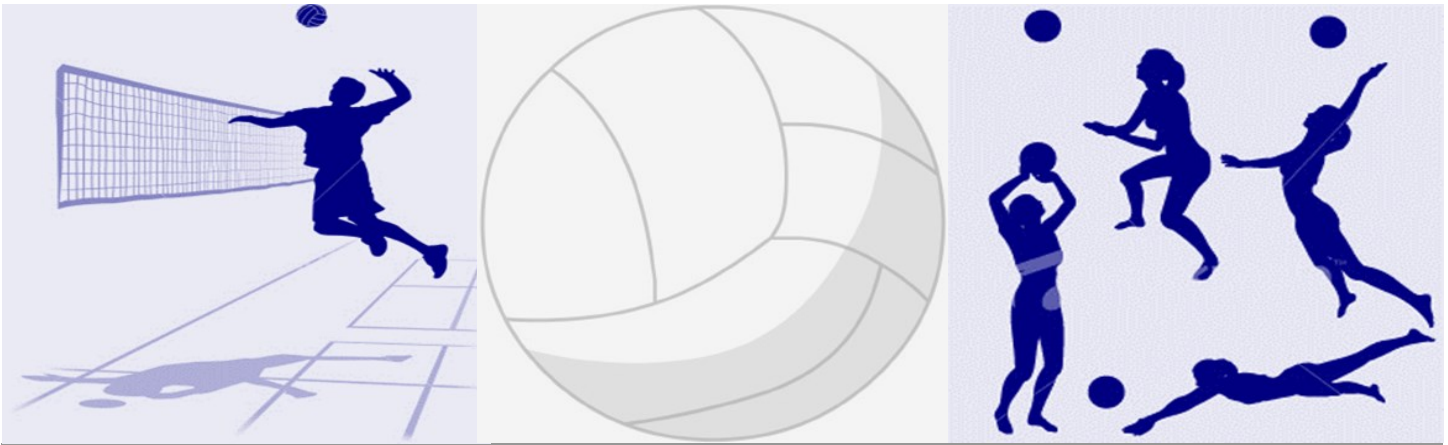
You are invited to view the gallery of our student work

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

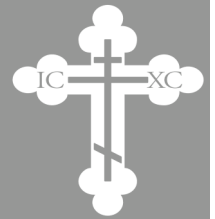
All entries must be received by February 15th, 21015 with completed entry forms. Rules posted in Sunday School Wing. Entries by 1st thru 12th grade students will be entered in the 2015 Midwest PLC Creative Arts Festival.

Upcoming Events

Sat Jan 24	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
Sun Jan 25	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	12:00pm	Fellowship of St. John the Divine Elections for 2015
	12:15pm	Creative Arts Workshop - Photography Mounting
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Volleyball
	6:00pm	Annual Pan-Orthodox Sanctity of Life Prayer Service and Presentation
Fri Jan 30	6:00pm	Antiochian Women - Tea Party
Sat Jan 31	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:00pm	Youth Sports League
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Feb 1	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of our Lord
	10:00am	Sunday School
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Volleyball
	12:30pm	Antiochian Women - Chili Sale
	5:00pm	Super Bowl Party (Potluck)



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

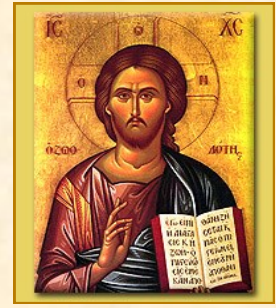
708.257.7579

Melad Qodsi- Athletic Director

708.692.0561



Weekly Synaxarion



On January 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our Father among the Saints Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople. He was born in Nazianzus and studied in Athens with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory correctly prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church. When he completed his studies, Gregory was baptized. Basil consecrated him as bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. Gregory wrote numerous works, of which his most famous are those concerning theology. Especially known because of its depth is his work Homilies on the Holy Trinity. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God, and against Appolinarius who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Gregory died in 390 at age 80. On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Demetrios the sacristan; and New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.