



# 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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## May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



### *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*

#### 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

### First Antiphon

Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Sing to His name; give glory to His praises.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour save us!***

### Second Antiphon

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations. Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God; let all the people give thanks to Thee.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

***Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to thee, Alleluia!***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

***O only-begotten Son, etc.***

### Third Antiphon

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from his face.

***Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!***

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Christ is risen, etc.***

**Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)**

In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. Save us  
O Son of God, Who art Risen from the dead, who sing to thee: Alleluia!

**Paschal Troparion (Tone Five)**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in  
the tombs, bestowing life! (3x)

**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 for Mid-Pentecost (Tone Eight)**

In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the  
waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty,  
let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life,  
glory to thee.

**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 Pascha (Tone Eight)**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the  
power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to  
the ointment bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples,  
O Bestower of Resurrection to those who had fallen.

## **Epistle of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

*How great are Thy works, O Lord, in wisdom hast Thou made them all!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

### **The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30).**

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## **Gospel of the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42).**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband;

this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him, must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has any one brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘there are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”

### **Megalynarion for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (Tone One)**

*The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice. And I say also, Rejoice. For thy son is risen from the tomb on the third day.*

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus Who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God.

### **Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)**

Receive ye the Body of Christ, and taste ye Him who is the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia!

**Instead of “We have seen the true light”, we sing “Christ is Risen” (Once)**

# 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*

05/10: Bishara Sweis & Family

05/17: Laith and Nour Swaiss & Family

05/24: Amjad and Dima Sweiss & Family

## Epistle Reading

05/10: Nour Swaiss & Fabiola Sweis

05/17: Faris Samawi & Lana Sweis

## “Bible Verse of the Week”

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14



## Wedding

Rami Odeh Tadros

&

Audree Blythe Condren

**Congratulations!**



## Baptism

Sumer

Parents: Issam & Stephanie Swais

**Congratulations!**



## Baptism

Sophia

Parents: Sam & Reem Sweis

**Congratulations!**



## Graduation

Yousef Haddad

Bachelor: Criminal Justice

Saginaw Valley University

**Congratulations!**



## OCCHY BLURB

### SUBSTANCE SURVEY STATISTICS from CHICAGO AREA ORTHODOX YOUTH

Of **85** Orthodox parish TEENS in the greater Chicago area (from as far north as Lake Forest and far south as Palos – of Greek, Middle Eastern, Romanian, Russian & Ukrainian backgrounds), who took the Youth Substance Core Measure Survey, the following **30-day usage was reported:**

#### GOOD:

- **1% or less** admitted to using **Hard drugs** (cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, steroids, prescription drugs, etc).

#### NOT-SO-GOOD:

- **44%** admitted to drinking **Alcohol**, mostly w/classmates – friends
- **44%** admitted smoking cigarettes or using **Tobacco** products, mostly w/classmates – friends
- **45%** admitted to smoking **Hookah**, mostly w/classmates – friends
- **49%** admitted to smoking **Marijuana**, mostly w/classmates – friends

Further statistic breakdowns of this survey are available by emailing [gordana@healthyyouth.com](mailto:gordana@healthyyouth.com).

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# عيد الأم

نحتفل اليوم بمناسبة سعيده ألا وهي عيد الأم عيد السعد والهناء والسرور. مهما وصفنا الأم فهو جزئ بسيط لا يتجزأ من ما عملته لنا من سهر الليالي ومحبه وتضحيه واخلاص والعمل على تربيته التربية الحسنه تليق بالمجتمع. أنت العطاء بدون مقابل. أنت القمر والكوكب يسير في السماء عند الغروب. أنت نجمة تتلألأ في سماء الليل الصافي. أنت النور الذي ينير طريق حياتنا. أنت الأمل الذي يوجهنا على المضي بالحياه وأن لا نياس، والتغلب على مصاعب الحياه بخلوها ومرها. لأنه لا حياه بدون أمل، أنت الإيمان نفسه علمنا على الصوم والصلاه ومخافه الله والعمل بوصاياه. ومنها رضا الوالدين ومحبتهم واحترامهم ولا سيما عندما يتقدم بهم العمر لأنهم بحاجة لمساعدتهم. نصيحتي لجميع الشباب والبنات أن تقدموا لهم كل محبه ومساعدته حتى يكونوا راضين عليكم وتتوفقو بحياتكم من دعواتهم المستجابة، لأن رضا الله من رضى الوالدين. أنت الورده التي تشمل جميع الورود برائحته العطره توزعيها على بيتك وعائلتك. أنت غدير ماء يروي العطشان. الأم هي عامود البيت وأساسه وكذلك الأب لولاها لما عمر الكون. الأم تجمع شمل العائله. أنت الحظن والصدر الذي ينبع بالعطف والحنان، عندما تظمين طفلك إلى صدرك يشعر بالأمان. الأم تنتظر إلى أبنائها بالمحبه وسعاده وسرور عندما تراهم سعداء وقد حققوا أحلامهم بالحياه. لقد أنجبت نساء ورجال اشتركوا في الحروب واستشهدوا في سبيل الدفاع عن أوطانهم. وقد نقشت أسمائهم في سجلات التاريخ، ومنهم من أختار العلم بجميع مناهجه ونجحوا بعلمهم ومنهم من أختار الأعمال الحره كالتجاره والصناعه ونجحوا بحياتهم وليس بسهولة وقد حصلت المرأه على حقوقها مثل الرجل في جميع مجالات الحياه، وحصلت على مناصب عاليه. إلى جميع الأمهات الكادحات والصابرات والصامدات، أننا نرفع رؤوسنا عالياً وبكل فخر وأعتزاز ونقول هذه هي الأم العظيمه ولن نقبل بديلاً ولو بأموال العالم كلها. ألف تحيه وسلام ومحبه وتقدير واحترام يا أغلى أم في الوجود.

ولو عصفت رياح الهم عصفاً  
فأن بياب فردوس ملاكاً  
فيحرسني وذلك طيف أمي.

ولو قصفت رعود الموت قصفاً  
يهز السيف في وجه المنايا

وكل عام وجميع الأمهات بخير. إعداد: نهيل اسعد تادرس

# Mother's Day Raffle Ticket Sale

Today is the late day to buy your  
raffle tickets.

Prizes include a gold ring, \$100 cash,  
Lia Sophia Fashion Necklace,  
and Electric Food Set Warmer

5 tickets for \$10

Buy your tickets from any of the  
Antiochian Women today!

## *Teen SOYO Pizza Sale*

*May 17, 2015*

*After Liturgy*

*Come help support our teens.*



*The Fellowship of St. John the Divine  
is hosting a*

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**WHEN: Sunday, May 17th, 2015**

**WHERE: St. Mary Orthodox Church – Gym**

**TIME: 8:00am-2:00pm**


**\*Please make sure to eat a proper breakfast before giving blood; Holy Communion will still be allowed.\***

**Please bring a form of ID in order to give blood.**

**Did you know?**

**One pint of blood,  
saves three lives!**

**Contact any officer with questions!**



Aloha Ladies!  
We're having a  
Hawaiian Party  
and you're invited!

Date: July 10, 2015  
Place: Fellowship Hall  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$25 per person

Come join us for a fun night out.

Sponsored by the Antiochian Women



# St. Mary's Men's Basketball League



The time has finally come for family, friends, and lots of fun! We are pleased to present the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. We 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

**\*Forms, Teams, and Fees due by May 17<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Requirements:**

- Signed waiver
- Team registration sheet
- Fees
- \$75/ person- No Purchase of Jersey
- \$100/ person- With Purchase of Jersey

**Information:**

- Ages 16 and up
- Make your own team
- Min members per team -- 7
- Max members per team -- 9

Contact: [athletics@stmaryoc.org](mailto:athletics@stmaryoc.org)

Nidal Haddad 708-691-8849 or Melad Qodsi 708-692-0561

# DodgeBall

- What:** Dodge Ball Tournament Presented by St. Mary's Orthodox Athletic Ministry
- Who:** Ages 14 and up, 5 players per team; *1 must be female*
- Fee:** \$20 per person/\$100 per team
- When:** Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 3:00 PM
- Where:** The Gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church at 6330 W, 127<sup>th</sup> St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463



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# Midwest Parish Life Conference 2015

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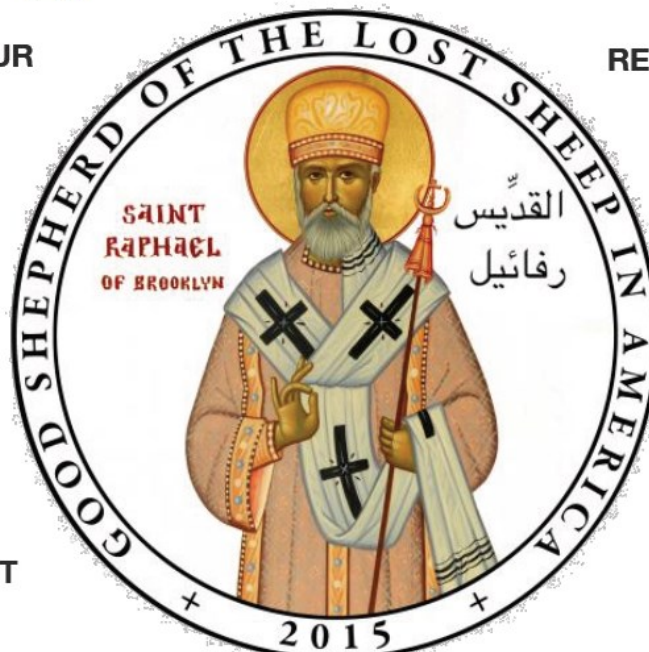
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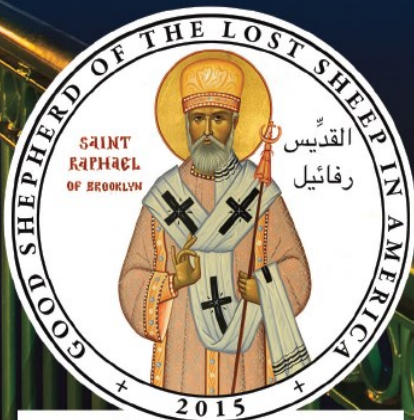
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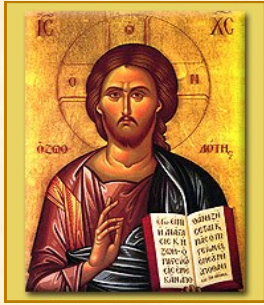
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An Enchanting Evening over Boston  
A Night to Celebrate our Archdiocese  
Cabaret & Hufi  
Grand Banquet  
Teen Banquet/Pool Party  
21/40 Event

Go to [www.acboston2015.com](http://www.acboston2015.com) for more information and to register



## Weekly Synaxarion



On May 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Simon the Zealot; and Venerable Laurence of Egypt. On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus. By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.