



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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Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

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May 24th, 2015

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council and Sunday of the after-Feast of the Ascension



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

O clap your hands, all ye peoples; shout unto God with the voice of exultation.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. He hath subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

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Second Antiphon

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

God is known in her palaces when He cometh to our aid.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; 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

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

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 Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone Four)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone Eight)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 the Ascension (Tone Six)

When thou didst fulfill thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you. .

Epistle of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18; 28-36).

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13).

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Instead of “*We have seen the true light...*,” sing

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone Four)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

One Day Retreat
with Fr. Danial Doss

New Gracanica Monastery

On May 30th, 2015

Rsvp by May 24th, 2015

If you have any questions please call
Fr. Danial Doss or
Shireen Salman at 708-717-9640



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

05/24: Amjad and Dima Sweiss & Family

05/31: Ziad and May Sweis & Family

06/07: Eid Swais & Family

Epistle Reading

05/24: Lily Sweiss & Elaine Riadi

05/31: Awan Sweis & Rana Nino

“Bible Verse of the Week”

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Hebrews 6:10



7 Year Memorial

Sabrina Rihani

May her memory be eternal!



Memory Eternal!

Osama Hanna Sweis



Memory Eternal!

Hayel Mikhael Sweiss



Engagement

Elias Zaboura & Mary Rahmoun

Congratulations!

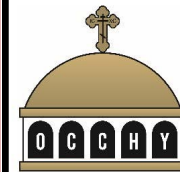


Baptism

Salim and Maria

Parents: Khaled and Hala Jumean

Congratulations!



Orthodox Christian Coalition
for
Healthy Youth

OCCHY QUIZ

True or False: *Teens are vaping e-cigarettes even if they never smoked or would have smoked cigarettes.*



TRUE! According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-quarter million teenagers who reported never having smoked a cigarette reported using e-cigarettes in 2013. Researchers also determined that e-cigarette vapor contains "free radicals," known toxins found in cigarette smoke and air pollution. Free radicals are highly reactive agents that can damage DNA or other molecules within cells, resulting in cell death.

Sources: Johns Hopkins University – <http://hub.jhu.edu/2015/02/04/e-cigarettes-immune-system/>

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CLASS OF 2015



Graduation

Angel Zaid Abudayyeh
Doctorate: Law
Cooley Law School

Congratulations!



Graduation

Natalie Salman
Doctor of Dental Medicine
Midwestern University

Congratulations!



Graduation

Michelle M. Eannace
College of Law
Degree of Juris Doctor
Depaul University

Congratulations!



Graduation

Jiries Yousef AlSahoury
Bachelors: Biology w/High Honors
Saint Xavier University

Congratulations!



Graduation

Ibrahim Salman
Bachelors: Architectural Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Congratulations!



Graduation

Melad Qodsi
Bachelors: Health Administration
Governors State University

Congratulations!



Graduation

Marlena Sweiss
Mother McAuley High School

Congratulations!



Graduation

Muthana Sweis
Marist High School

Congratulations!



Graduation

Christina Sweiss
St. Linus Grammar School

Congratulations!



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 4th 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 2nd 2015

***Forms, Teams, and Fees due by May 17th 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

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 6th 2015 at 3:00 PM
- Where:** The Gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church at 6330 W, 127th St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463



FOR
REGISTRATION
FORMS AND MORE
INFORMATION,
CONTACT US AT
athletics@stmaryoc.org



Midwest Parish Life Conference 2015

Host: St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

June 24-28 Amway Grand Plaza: \$118/night

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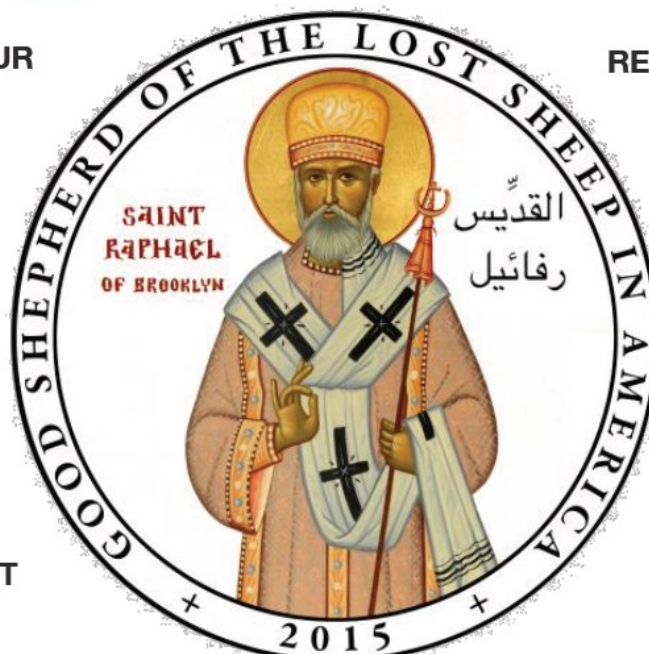
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100TH ANNIVERSARY of the
FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL

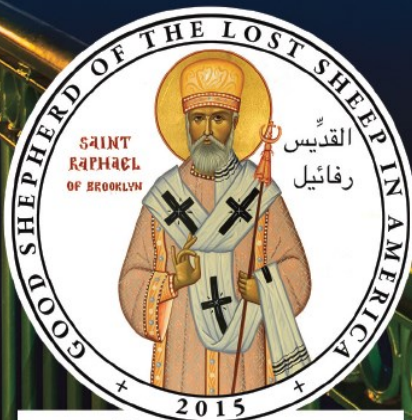
Something for Everyone!

St. Mary, Cambridge MA invites you
to join us for the

Boston 52ND ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

2015

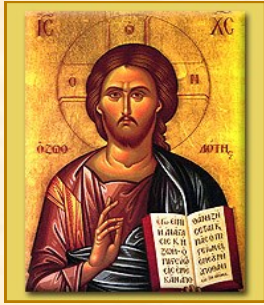
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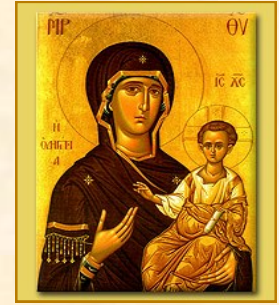
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Kids Club/Tween Club
Bible Bowl
Oratorical Festival
Enliven to Christ
Daily Bible Study
Department Meetings
An Enchanting Evening over Boston
A Night to Celebrate our Archdiocese
Cabaret & Hufi
Grand Banquet
Teen Banquet/Pool Party
21/40 Event

Go to www.acboston2015.com for more information and to register



Weekly Synaxarion



On May 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; and Venerable Vincent of Lerins. On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia. Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—“The Creed”—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles. By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.