



# 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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## St. Mary Parish Clergy

V. Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor

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Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

## Parish Council

Luai Sweiss - Chairman

Abdullah Tadros - Vice Chairman

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## Parish Ministries

Sunday School - Philip Riske

SOYO - Murad Salman

Fellowship - Fabiola Sweis

Antiochian Women -

Magida Abudayyeh

Handmaids - Mansoura Khouri and

Lina Haddad

Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

OCLife - Nancy Cannon

Fishers of Men - John Eannace

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Choir - Michael Rascia

Chanters - Khaled Salman and

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## Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our  
Office Administrator

*June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Second Sunday of Matthew*



## 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 One)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; for which cause the Heavenly Powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Providence! O Thou who alone art the Lover of Mankind.

### **Troparion of Prophet Elisha (Tone Four)**

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, from above sent down his grace upon Elisha; he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

### **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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us!*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (2:10-16).**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law unto themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## Gospel for the Second Sunday of Matthew

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23).**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

# 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*

06/14: Ghandi and Georgette Sweis & Family

06/21: Emad and Nabila Haddad & Family

06/28: Munther and Shireen Salman  
& Family



## Wedding

Qais Sameer Sahawneh  
&  
Melanda Kamal Qodsi  
**Congratulations!**



## Graduation

Jasmine Ghaleb Sweis  
Bogan High School  
International Baccalaureate  
Diploma Programme Candidate  
**Congratulations!**

## Epistle Reading

06/14: Rima Sleiman & Angela Haddad  
06/21: Khaled Salman & Salena Ibrahim

## *Bible Study verse of the week (from the Orthodox Study Bible)*



*Matthew 5:3* “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The word ‘Blessed’ indicates heavenly, spiritual rewards, rather than earthly happiness or prosperity. In Hebrew ‘poor’ means both (1) the materially poor and (2) the faithful among God’s people. The “Poor in Spirit” are those who have the heart of the poor, the same attitude as the poor, and are totally dependent on God.

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

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



# **Father's Day Bake Sale!**

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**

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



**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

# 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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INFORMATION,  
CONTACT US AT  
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# CAMP ST. GEORGE

*Celebrating 14 Years!*

**AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Ages 9-18**

**Located at YMCA Camp Wapsie**

**Just North of Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

## **We enjoy:**

- **Prayers!**
- **Fellowship!**
- **Zip line!**
- **Swimming!**
- **Climbing Tower!**
- **Canoeing!**
- **Outdoor activities!**
- **Growing in our Faith!**
- **Building Friendships!**



**NOW ACCEPTING CAMPER REGISTRATIONS AND STAFF APPLICATIONS.**

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[CampStGeorge.org](http://CampStGeorge.org)

**Did you ever think living out your Orthodox Faith could be fun?!  
Join us for a week and meet other Orthodox kids your age!  
Enjoy daily services, cabin activities, sports, and evening programs!**

**Camp St. George is the Midwest Diocesan camp  
of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**  
Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate - Bishop ANTHONY, Toledo Auxiliary

# Midwest Parish Life Conference 2015

Host: St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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[www.midwestplc2015.com](http://www.midwestplc2015.com)



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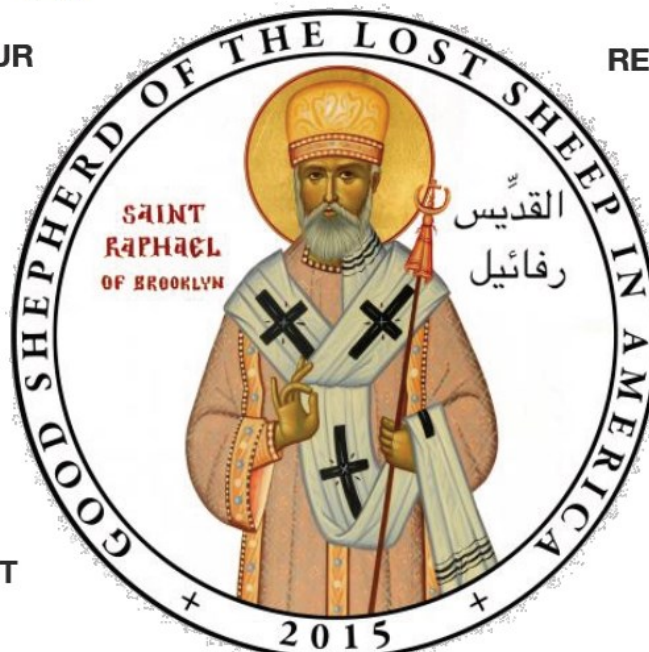
GOLF OUTING

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100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the  
FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL

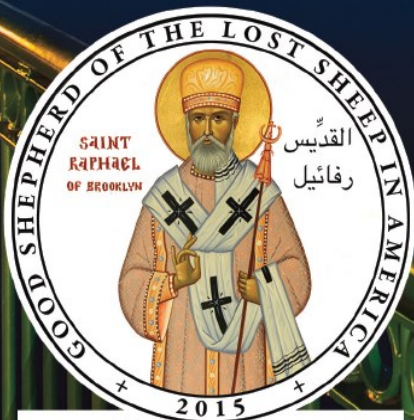
# Something for Everyone!

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

## *Boston* 52<sup>ND</sup> ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

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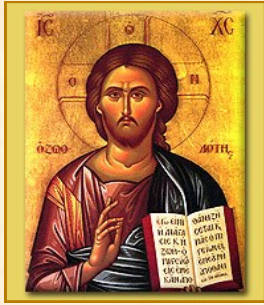
July 20-26  
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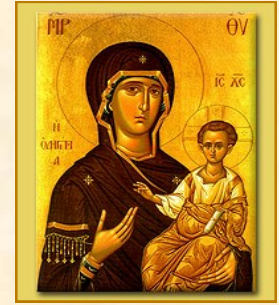
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- Kids Club/Tween Club
- Bible Bowl
- Oratorical Festival
- Enliven to Christ
- Daily Bible Study
- Department Meetings
- An Enchanting Evening over Boston
- A Night to Celebrate our Archdiocese
- Cabaret & Hufi
- Grand Banquet
- Teen Banquet/Pool Party
- 21/40 Event

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



## Weekly Synaxarion



On June 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Elisseus (Elisha). Elisseus lived nine hundred years before Christ. When the Lord took the aged Prophet Elias in a fiery chariot to Himself, He revealed to him that He had designated Elisseus, the son of Shaphat of the tribe of Reuben from the town of Abel-Meholah, as his successor in the prophetic service. Elias informed Elisseus of God's will and draped him with his mantle and implored from God the two-fold grace of prophecy for him. Elisseus, by his purity and zeal, prophesied with yet a greater power and prolificacy than Elias. He parted the waters of the Jordan as Moses once parted the Red Sea; he made drinkable the bitter waters in Jericho; he brought forth water into the excavated trenches during the war with the Moabites; he multiplied the oil in the pots of the poor widow; he resurrected the dead son of the Shunammite woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves of bread; and much more. Elisseus died at a very old age. On this day, we also commemorate Methodius the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos; and Cyril, bishop of Crete. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.