



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

Jason Haddad - Treasurer

Ramiz Sweiss - Financial Secretary

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Faris Samawi

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Feras Sweis

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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Chanters - Khaled Salman and

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Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our
Office Administrator

July 12th, 2015

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sixth 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 Five)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation!
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared!*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14).

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophecy in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:1-8).

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

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

07/12: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

07/19: Sperance Smeirat & Family

07/26: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

07/12: Norma Tadros & Sasha Rascia
07/19: Rima Sleiman & Maram Salman

Annunciation Bookstore

Open every Sunday after Liturgy.

Please email Nader Haddad at naderemile3@yahoo.com with any requests.



Removal of the Crowns

Mutasem and Hala Sweiss

Congratulations!



Newborn

Yara

Parents: Nader and Haneen Tadros

Congratulations!

Teen SOYO Outing

Six Flags

on July 11th \$36 per person



OCCHY QUIZ

TRUE/FALSE: An average of 5,000 teens start using alcohol each day during the summer break.



FALSE: The actual number is much higher! An average of **11,000** teens start using alcohol each day during the summer break, compared to about 8,000 a day during the other times of the year.

Source: www.narconon.org/drug-abuse/safe-summer

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

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



1 Corinthians 6:9-10 *“Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists, will inherit the kingdom of God”*

The Orthodox Study Bible explains that homosexual and sodomite behavior also includes that of the ‘catamites’, those who submit to homosexuals. However, by God’s grace and mercy, and our repentance and commitment to righteousness, the Kingdom of God is assured.

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 (16 & up)

There will be a DJ, Karaoke and Food.
So come dressed in your favorite summer outfit and get ready to have some fun.

Tickets are now being sold by the Antiochian Women and in the Church office.

Volunteers Needed



High School and Adult counselors needed for Vacation Church School! We cannot run this awesome event without you! You can volunteer 1 day or all 5 days. It is from 12 noon until 5:30. Lunch will be included. If you have any questions go to SundaySchool@StMaryOC.org

Become the King or Queen at the Hend Tournament

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

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Sunday, July 12, 2015

12:30pm in the Nadi

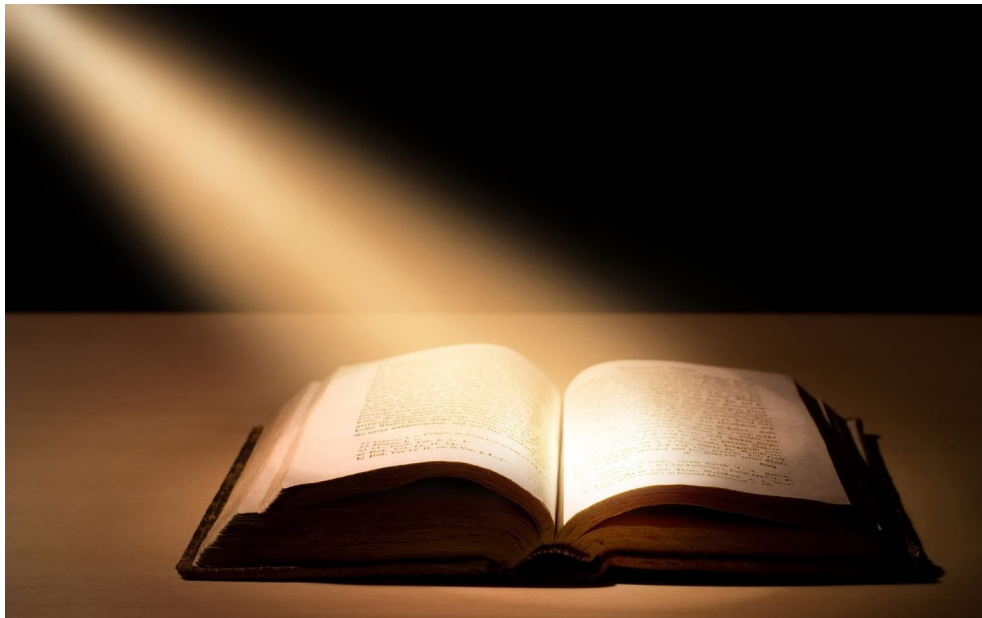
**\$10 per person
(Includes registration and lunch)**

**This event is open to everyone
ages 14 and older.**

To sign up contact Marram Salman.

Teen SOYO

Bible Study



Wednesday, July 15th in the Nadi at 6 p.m.

This is a potluck event.
Bring a dish to share.

The Fellowship of St. John the Divine invite you to a

SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, July 19, 2015 | 2:00 P.M.

**Palos Heights Parks & Recreation
6601 West 127th Street,
Palos Heights, IL 60463**

Ages 17 and up

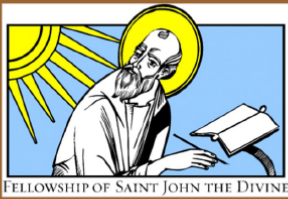
**\$25 per person includes a
t-shirt and lunch!**

- Sign up by Sunday, July 12, 2015
- Teams will be selected at random.

Contact Marram Salman with questions.

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St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

This Fall you do not want to miss the...

Fellowship Retreat

Hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine

October 9th – 11th 2015

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
Kansasville, WI

The Fellowship at St. Mary invites everyone ages 19-99 to experience the weekend of a lifetime! The keynote speaker for the weekend will be our beloved Archdeacon Saed Rihani. During the Fellowship Retreat we will partake in church services, interactive sessions, indoor/outdoor leisure activities, and much more. We will be surrounded by nothing but Orthodoxy and beauty in the newly built retreat center opened by the Greek Archdiocese.

\$200 (per person) will cover the cost of the entire weekend including meals, lodging, and transportation.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$175 if you sign up and pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit by July 26th!

As with all events at St. Mary, if you would like to participate but need financial assistance, please see Fr. Mousa.

To sign up or address any questions, contact
Fabiola Sweis at fabiolasweis@gmail.com





- ◆ Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- ◆ Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- ◆ Set your kids on the right path to success!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13th

Please see Philip Riske to register your children!

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” “ - Matthew 19:14

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St. Mary's Arabic School

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school will be starting this Fall and it will be held on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. An e-mail with additional information will go out in July.

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!!!Register Today!!!

Please see Elia Sweiss to register or if you have any questions please call 708-707-1395.

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
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FORMS AND MORE
INFORMATION,
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athletics@stmaryoc.org



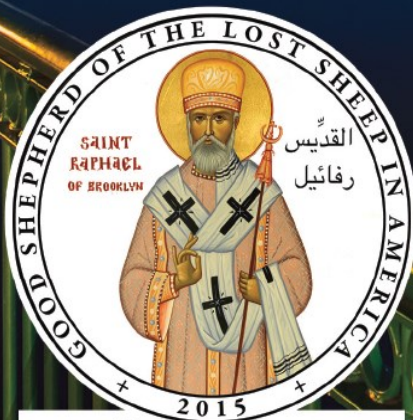
Something for Everyone!

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

Boston 52ND ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

2015

July 20-26
Sheraton Boston Hotel



100TH ANNIVERSARY of the
FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL

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

CAMP ST. GEORGE

Celebrating 14 Years!

AUGUST 9th – 15th, 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!**

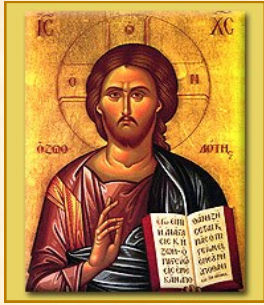


NOW ACCEPTING CAMPER REGISTRATIONS AND STAFF APPLICATIONS.

For more information and to register or apply - Visit
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



Weekly Synaxarion



On July 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra. These martyrs were born in Kallippi in Asia, Proclus being Hilary's uncle. They suffered in the time of the Roman Emperor Trajan. The judge asked Proclus: 'Of what race are you?' Proclus replied: 'I am of the race of Christ, and my hope is in my God.' When the judge threatened him with torture, he said: 'When you are afraid to transgress the Emperor's commands and risk falling into temporal punishment, how much more do we Christians fear to transgress against God's commands and fall into eternal torment!' While Proclus was being tortured, Hilary came up to the judge and said: 'I too am a Christian!' After many tortures, the two men were condemned to death. They both entered into the joy of their Lord. On this day, we also commemorate the righteous Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood healed by our Lord; and venerable Father Paisios the New of Athos. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.