



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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August 9th, 2015

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and Tenth Sunday of Matthew
After-feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ*



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

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, 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.

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

Second Antiphon

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, 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 and word of God...

Third Antiphon

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

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 the Transfiguration (Tone Seven)

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, 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 Transfiguration (Tone Seven)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God: so that, when they should see thee crucified, they would remember that thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

Epistle of the Tenth 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 First Letter to the Corinthians (4:9-16).

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel of the Tenth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:14-23).

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were travelling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will rise on the third day."

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

08/09: Wajih and Suhad Haddad & Family

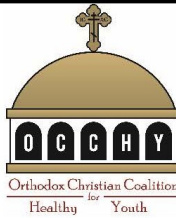
08/16: Joseph and Muna Makri & Family

08/23: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

08/09: Rima Sleiman & Lana Sweis

08/16: Nour Swaiss & Elaine Riadi



OCCHY BLURB

OCCHY DELIVERS SUBSTANCE PREVENTION MESSAGE TO SERBIAN TEENS AT NEW GRAČANICA MONASTERY CAMP
in Grayslake, IL – July 23, 2015

Nearly 100 Teens, Counselors & Clergy learned about underage



substance use/abuse prevention challenges, both in the U.S.A. & Serbia.



Campers took the CORE MEASURE SURVEY which serves to evaluate



attitudes, perceptions & behaviors of Orthodox youth.



Committing to keeping their bodies substance free, teens



show off their Temple Guardian wristbands.

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Annunciation Book Store

Open every Sunday after Liturgy and
Monday -Friday
11:00am - 2:00

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

Understanding the TEN COMMANDMENTS *Fourth Commandment*

“Remember the Sabbath Day and to keep it holy”

Have I stayed away from church on Sundays or prevented others from going? Have I done unnecessary work on Sundays? Have I spent the whole day in unwholesome fashion or profaned it by improper conduct? If I could not go to church because of illness or other grave cause, have I prayed at home? Have I caused anyone else to profane the Lord's Day? Have I kept the fasts and festivals prescribed by the church?



*St. Mary Orthodox Church
of Palos Heights invites you to our*

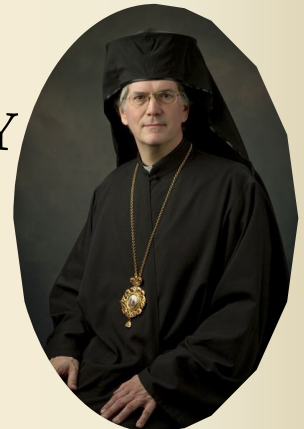
Annual Founders' Day Weekend

August 15th & 16th - Celebrating our Patronal Feast of the Dormition



Join us as we celebrate the visit of
His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest

and as we welcome back our beloved
Rev. Archdeacon Saed Rihani



Saturday, August 15th

- 5:00 pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia for the Feast of the Dormition
- 6:00 pm Fasting Pot Luck Dinner hosted by our Antiochian Women in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 16th

- 8:45 am Matins for the Feast of the Dormition
- 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop ANTHONY for the Feast of the Dormition
- 12:00 pm Luncheon to follow Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we give thanks!



**Fuheis American Association
and St. Mary Orthodox Church
invites you to a**



Mediterranean Festival

**Free Admission
August 21-23, 2015**

Friday: 2pm-11pm, Saturday 11am-11pm, Sunday: 11:30am-8pm

**A FUN-FILLED
FESTIVAL**



**FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

*** Food * Drinks * Camel Rides * Music * Games * Vendors ***



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION KICKOFF
& POPSICLE FUNDRAISER
THIS SUNDAY!!**



ONLINE registration for the 2015-2016 Sunday School Year begins this weekend.

Every student registered will get a free popsicle!

We're also selling popsicles to raise money for the Sunday School.

Sunday School classes are held free of charge each week after Liturgy until 12:30PM for children who are out of diapers through high school!

Every month there are special events like retreats, creative projects and fun activities for the children. Help us keep this important ministry of the church alive!

Sunday School begins September 13th.

REGISTER ONLINE at http://StMaryOC.org/Sunday_School.html

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

**The Fellowship of St. John the Divine cordially invite you to
their First Annual**

Gala
A black tie event

Saturday, September 26th 2015

Doors open at 6:00 pm

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

10301 Kolmar Ave

Oak Lawn, IL

\$50 per person

This event is for anyone ages 18 and over

Dinner | Dancing | Open bar | Comedian | Live DJ | Raffle

Comedic performance by Omid Singh

To purchase your tickets contact

Chuck Samawi 952.457.0057 | Danny Sweis 708.638.6796

All proceeds go to the Annual Fellowship retreat sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine.

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



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





- ◆ 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

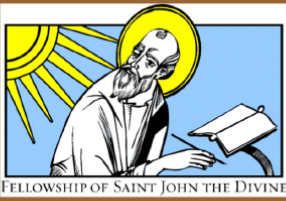
Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school will be starting September 12th and it will be held on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. An e-mail with additional information will go out in July.

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!!!Register Today!!!

Please see Lamees Ammari after Liturgy to register your child or if you have any questions please call the Arabic School Director Elia Sweiss at 708-707-1395.



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.

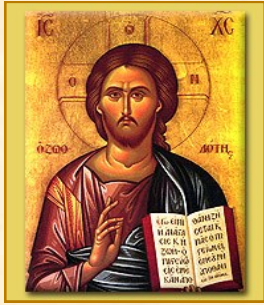
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$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





Weekly Synaxarion



On August 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ, and we commemorate the holy Apostle Matthias. Born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, he was a pupil of St. Simeon the Host of God in Jerusalem. Matthias was among those who loved the Lord with all their hearts. Matthias was at first included among the “Seventy” Apostles of Christ, but, after the Lord’s Resurrection, because the place of Judas the betrayer fell vacant, the apostles chose Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve Great Apostles (Acts 1:23). Receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Matthias began to preach the Gospel, first in Judea then in Ethiopia, where he suffered greatly for the sake of Christ. In Judea, he was arrested and taken for trial before Ananias the High Priest, before whom he fearlessly witnessed to Christ. Ananias—the same who had earlier killed the Apostle James—condemned Matthias to death. Thus the Apostle went to the eternal joy of his Lord. On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.