



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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August 23rd, 2015

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew
Leave-taking of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*



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

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, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name; declare among the nations His works.

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

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place has been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

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

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art Risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

God has laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art Risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

The most-high has hallowed His tabernacle.

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 and word of God...

Third Antiphon

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

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.

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 Three)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos (Tone Two)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

Epistle for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel of the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Megalynarion for the Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos (Tone One)

All generations bless thee, O thou only Theotokos.

In thee, O spotless Virgin, the laws of nature were suspended; for thy virginity was preserved in thy child-bearing, and Life is joined with death. Thou, O Theotokos, didst remain a Virgin after child-birth, and after death thou art still alive and dost ever deliver thy heritage.

Koinonikon for the Dormition of our Lady the Theotokos (Tone Eight)

I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

08/23: Bishara Sweis & Family

08/30: Ala and Neveen Swais & Family

09/06: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

08/23: Norma Tadros & Delia Haddad

08/30: Faris Samawi & Subdn. Matthew

Annunciation Book Store

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

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



3rd & 9th Day Memorial

Kaifeh Michael Swais

May her memory be eternal!



Engagement

Randy Farah Sweiss

and

Meghan Walter Conroy

Congratulations!



Newborn

Villamina Joy

Parents: Odeh and Salam Tadros

Congratulations!



OCCHY QUIZ

TRUE or FALSE: 1 in 10 students ages 12-17 have experienced online harassment.



FALSE! The number is worse than that! Unfortunately, 1 in 3 students ages 12-17 have experienced online harassment. Teenagers who have experienced this type of victimization report an overwhelming sense of helplessness and isolation. **Our ORTHODOX community stands to be a positive influence with no tolerance for bullying.** With this support, bullying cases among our youth will drastically drop.

Source: Pew/Internet: Pew Internet & American Life Project & <http://notmykid.org>

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

Understanding the TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sixth Commandment

“Thou shall not kill”



Have I caused the injury or death of any one, or wished that I were dead? Have I done anything to shorten my own life or that of someone else by injuring health, or through evil and intemperate living? Have I given way to anger, or harmed others with words or actions? Have I defamed others who needed help, or failed to stand up for those unjustly treated? Have I been cruel to anyone? Have I mistreated animals or destroyed any life unnecessarily? Have I failed to forgive anyone or harbored evil thoughts against them?

Miracle Icon of Iveron visiting St. Mary



*Service to the Theotokos
on
August 22nd at 9:30am*

*There will be anointing of the faithful
with the holy oil from the Miracle Icon of Iveron*



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



Mediterranean Festival

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

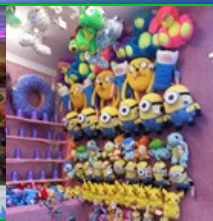
Friday: 2pm-11pm, Saturday 11am-11pm, Sunday: 11:30am-8pm

**A FUN-FILLED
FESTIVAL**



**FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

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



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St. NICHOLAS Uganda CHILDREN'S FUND

P.O. Box 285
Chardon, OH 44024-0285

www.ugandachildrensfund.org

August 4, 2015

Fr. Mousa Haddad
St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St.
Palos Hts., IL 60463-2300

Dear Fr. Mousa, Fr. Malek, and the faithful of St. Mary's,

Thank you for welcoming us to your parish and for your generous contributions on behalf of our Ugandan children. It was a joy to worship with you in the Divine Liturgy. May God richly bless all the you do in His name.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Georges". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Georges
Executive Director

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





- ◆ 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

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

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 10:45am 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.



Assembly of Bishops to Host September Youth Gathering in Conjunction with Chicago Meeting

When: Tuesday evening, September 15, 2015

Where: Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
5701 North Redwood Drive
Chicago, IL 60631

Who: High school and college students from the
Greater Chicago area with the bishops of the
Assembly of Canonical Orthodox bishops of the
United States

What: A dialogue between our Orthodox youth and the
bishops of the Assembly



The evening will consist of:

- ◆ A service led by the Assembly of Bishops
- ◆ A discussion with the youth prior to the service to gather questions and prepare them for the event and help them to get to know each other
- ◆ A Question and Answer period with a panel of bishops and the high school and college students
- ◆ Food to follow

Contact Fr. Mousa with any questions.



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

2nd Annual

Humanitarian Walk

Saturday, October 17th 2015

8:00am - 12:00pm

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens

7402 Lake Katherine Dr.

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Registration Fees

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10 (10 & under)

Sponsors

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact
Shireen Salman.

Benefiting

St. Mary's Orthodox Church Humanitarian Fund

Contact

Shireen Salman at 708-717-9640

*Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.
Love unconditionally. Live fully.*

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 2nd Annual Humanitarian Walk

**Saturday, October 17, 2015
8:00am – 12:00am**

**Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
7402 Lake Katherine Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463**

Gold Sponsors - \$1,000

- ◆ Recognition at event as Gold Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 5 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Gold Sponsor.
- ◆ Company logo on St. Mary's web page.
- ◆ Opportunity to distribute promotional items in gift bag provided to all walkers.
- ◆ Recognition in the church weekly bulletin.

Silver Sponsors - \$500

- ◆ Recognition at the event as Silver Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 3 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Silver Sponsor.
- ◆ Company logo on St. Mary's web page.
- ◆ Opportunity to distribute promotional items in gift bag provided to all walkers.
- ◆ Recognition in the church weekly bulletin.

Bronze Sponsors - \$250

- ◆ Recognition at the event as Bronze Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 2 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Bronze Sponsor.
- ◆ Company logo on St. Mary's web page.
- ◆ Opportunity to distribute promotional items in gift bag provided to all walkers.
- ◆ Recognition in the church weekly bulletin.

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. Mary Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St.

Palos Heights, IL

\$50 per person

This event is for anyone ages 18 and over

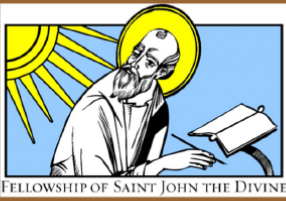
Dinner | Dancing | Open bar | Comedian | Live DJ | Raffle

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.



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.

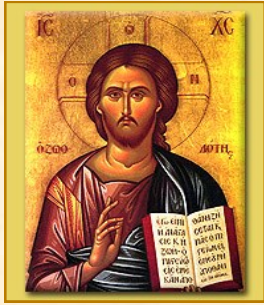
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$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 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the celebration of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Lupus. He was the servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios. When Demetrios was beheaded by the Emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the martyr's blood. Lupus worked many miracles and healings in Thessalonica with this garment and ring. The Emperor Maximian discovered this, and commanded that Lupus be tortured and killed. But the soldiers who drew their weapons on Lupus turned one on the other and wounded one another. Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow bring about his baptism before his death. On this, water suddenly poured down on the holy martyr from a cloud, and he thus received baptism. After harsh torture, Lupus was beheaded and entered into the heavenly Kingdom. On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; and Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.