



# 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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October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost*

*Sixth Sunday of Luke*



## 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**

### **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 Four)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying death hath been spoiled, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion of SS. Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries (Tone Four)**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### **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 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works!*

*In wisdom hast Thou made them all!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

**The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20).**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of St. Luke

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:26-39).**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

# 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*

10/25: Bishara Sweis & Family

11/01: Rashid and Suzan Sweis & Family

11/08: Shamel Hourani & Family

## Epistle Reading

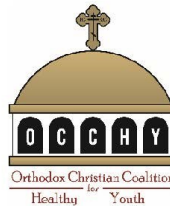
10/25: Murad Salman & Norma Tadros

11/01: Rachel Tadros & Khaled Salman



## Wedding

Khaldoun Emad Haddad  
and  
Rain Fouad Chamoun  
**Congratulations!**



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Thank you for  
participating in  
**RED RIBBON  
WEEK**

**TALK TO YOUR  
YOUTH!**

**IT'S THE BEST PREVENTION!**



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## Annunciation Bookstore

Sharing the Good News of the Gospel

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights, IL

Open every Sunday after Liturgy  
Monday -Friday  
11:00am - 2:00  
Please email Nader Haddad at  
[naderemile3@yahoo.com](mailto:naderemile3@yahoo.com)  
with any requests.

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



*James 5:14-15: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."*

The Orthodox Study Bible explanation: The sick person is to call for the elders (priests) for prayer. Salvation deals with the whole person; for each human being is a unity, body and soul. Hence, this sacrament (of anointing with oil) has a double purpose: not only for healing but for forgiveness also. The priest is given certain gifts at ordination, the laying on of hands. Prayer is combined with olive oil, not only the primary medicine of ancient times, but also a symbol of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Thus the elements of the Sacrament of healing include: (1) the Priest; (2) the Prayer connected with the work of (3) Christ; the (4) Holy Spirit manifested in the oil, and (5) confession of sins just prior to the anointing with oil. This Sacrament is granted anyone who is sick, whether in danger of dying or not.

# SOYO's Upcoming Events

## 10/25: Nacho Sale

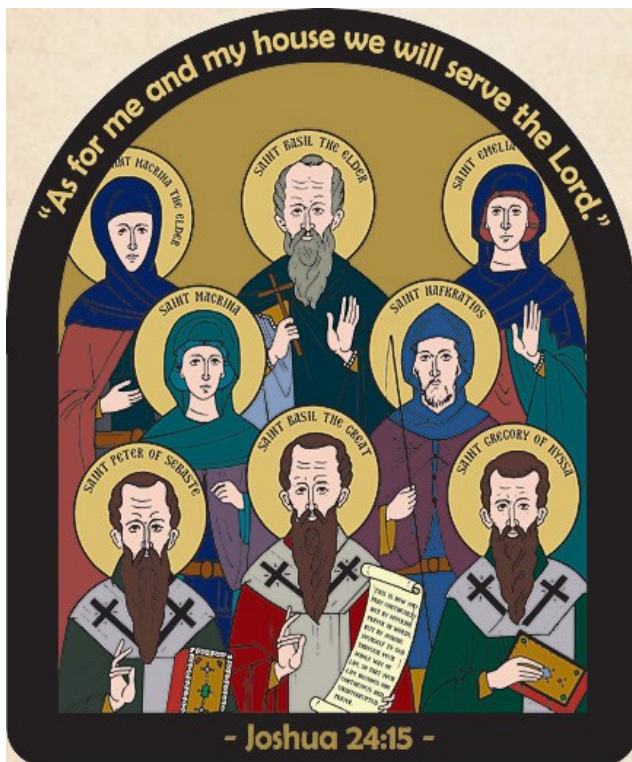


# Sunday School Registration

Online registration is at [www.StMaryOC.org/sunday\\_school.html](http://www.StMaryOC.org/sunday_school.html)

OR

Register on a computer outside of the Church Gym.



## October

24th: Middle School Confession Workshop  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Church

## November

15th: 1st Practice for Christmas Pageant  
at 12noon in Christian Education wing

21st: 3rd-5th Confession Workshop  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Church

## December

6th: Breakfast with Saint Nicholas  
After Liturgy at Church

13th: Sunday School Christmas Presentation  
at the end of Liturgy

21st-23rd: Creative Projects Camp  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

27th - Jan 3rd, Christmas Break

# Sunday School News

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## Snack Sponsors

This week: Manar Janinah

Next week: Nour Swaiss

\*Please see Philip or Preyma if you would like to donate food or finances to cover snacks and juice for our Sunday School program. We plan for about 80 students each week.

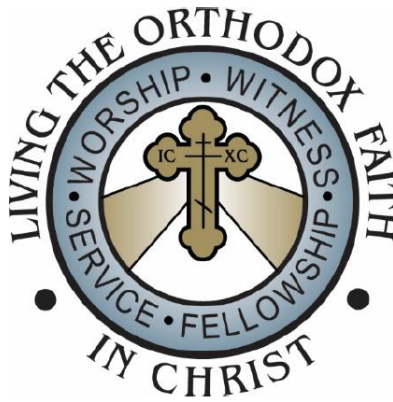
St Mary Sunday School presents  
**A Workshop on Confession**  
Saturday, October 24  
1PM – 4PM  
Grades 6-8

RSVP at  
[SudaySchool@StMaryOC.org](mailto:SudaySchool@StMaryOC.org)

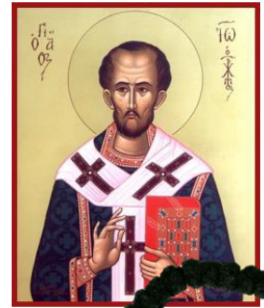


If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. I John 1:9-10

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AND THE MIDWEST



OCTOBER 2015 IS...

Last year's  
winner,  
St. Mary's  
Goshen, IN!



**MIDWEST SOYO**



**YOUTH MONTH**



**CHALLENGE!**

HOW DO I PARTICPATE? **SIMPLE!**

1. Help out around your church by watching over the candle stand to aid in cleaning and donations! You can also help with collection, or be a greeter. Or, plan fun events for every Sunday of October to all be together more this month!
2. Take a picture of your SOYO and you, then either email us, tag us on Instagram (@MidwestSOYO), tweet it to us on Twitter (@MidwestSOYO), or post it on our Facebook page, "Midwest Diocese SOYO"
3. Sit back and relax! If you submit a picture every Sunday in October, then you get more entries for a drawing!

**DRAWING FOR WHAT?**

**A GIFTCARD FOR YOUR FAVORITE PIZZA PLACE, PRAYER ROPES, AND AN ICON!**

**WINNER ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

# *Miracle-Working Icon of Iveron at St. Mary*

*Saturday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m.*



*Service of the Paraklesis to the Theotokos*

*The faithful will be anointed  
with oil from the Holy Icon of Iveron*



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

*PRESENTS*

**THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2015**

**CHICAGO'S SINGER**

**FEATURING**



**SAED KHOURY**



**ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH  
6330 W 127TH STREET  
PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463**

**DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 P.M**

**TICKETS:**

**ADULTS \$30**

**CHILDREN \$20**



For tickets contact: Kholoud Swais 708-431-0084, Shireen Salman 708-717-9640, or Magida Abudayyeh 708-415-5040.



# SOYO 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT



**“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**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN SAINT MARY’S SOYO AT OUR TENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT!**

**Come get inspired and reconnected with your faith. Special sessions with Fr. Malek Rihani, Fr. Mousa Haddad, and Dn. Saed Rihani!**

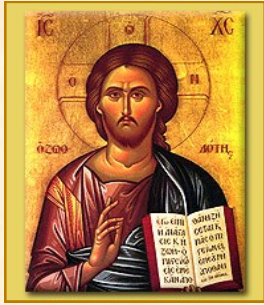
- What:** Christmas Retreat 2015  
**Where:** St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI  
**When:** December 28th - December 30th, 2015  
**Who:** All High School Students are welcome  
**Cost:** \$200 per teen  
\$150 for second teen from the same family  
\$100 for third teen from the same family

**For Information Contact:** Rima Sleiman at (708) 590-9559

" For Scholarships or Financial Assistance, please contact Fr. Mousa Haddad directly."

**DEADLINE: December 20, 2015**

**Deposits are welcome!**



## Weekly Synaxarion



On October 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrios, disciples of Saint Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople. These saints fought against the Arian heresy which blasphemed 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. The Emperor Constantius himself inclined towards it. Patriarch Paul was dethroned and driven out to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him. Orthodoxy had two fierce strugglers on hand against the pagans and the heretics. Marcian, a reader, and Martyrios, a chanter, ranged themselves decisively on the side of Orthodoxy. The Arians first tried to bribe them, but, when the two holy men refused this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. At their martyrdom, they raised their hands and prayed to God, thanking Him that they were finishing their lives as martyrs in 346. St. John Chrysostom later built a church in their honor over their relics, which worked miracles and cast out demons. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Valerios and Chrisaphios; Tabitha the merciful, raised from the dead by the apostle Peter; and the translations of the relics of the Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified and Venerable John of Beverly. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.