



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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V. Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani

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Subdeacon Matthew Sweis

Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

Parish Council

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Sunday School - Philip Riske

SOYO - Murad Salman

Fellowship - Fabiola Sweis

Antiochian Women -

Magida Abudayyeh

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Lina Haddad

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Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our
Office Administrator

November 1st, 2015

Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Fifth 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
(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 for Saints Cosmas and Damian (Tone Eight)

O Holy Unmercenaries and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely have ye received, freely give unto us.

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 Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian

In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous!

I beheld the Lord ever before me, for He is at my right hand, that I might not be shaken!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:27-13:8).

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31).

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

11/01: Rashid and Suzan Sweis & Family

11/08: Shamel and Souna Hourani & Family

11/15: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family



OCCHY QUIZ

QUESTION: Are E-cigarettes safe?

ANSWER: NO! Most E-cigs contain Nicotine.

Nicotine is a POISON that can be absorbed through the lungs and skin. An overdose of nicotine whether smoked, vaped, swallowed, or through skin contact, may be lethal.



E-cigarette cartridges can be dangerous. If the cartridge breaks or the liquid nicotine spills on the skin or is accidentally swallowed, acute poisoning can occur. Last year, 365 people were hospitalized for nicotine poisoning. Liquid nicotine is particularly dangerous for children – even a small amount can cause death.

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Epistle Reading

11/01: Rachel Tadros & Khaled Salman

11/08: Scott Abdo & Rima Sleiman



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

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



Matthew 10:1 *“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”*

The Orthodox Study Bible explains that both the words ‘disciple’ and ‘apostle’ are interchangeable terms for the Twelve followers of Jesus. The Greek word for ‘disciple’ means ‘learner’ [Arabic: Telmeeth]; and the word ‘apostle’ means ‘one officially sent on a mission.’ [Arabic: Rasool]. Jesus gave them power to perform miracles, while He performed miracles by His own power.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Attention all parents: We are collecting data on all the altar boys so we can schedule training during the month of December. We will start with two different teams in January of 2016. Please see Subdeacon Matthew Sweis or Dn. Saed to give us your son's information.

We will have two different dates for training. ALL altar boys will be required to attend. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS RETREAT & CHRISTMAS CARD SIGN-UP

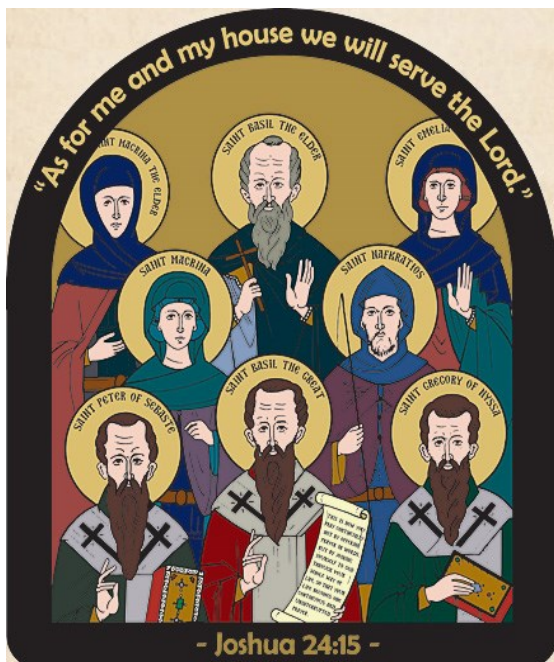
SOYO will have a table in the main hallway for parents to sign up their High Schoolers for the Christmas Retreat. ALSO, at the same table, we encourage all parishioners to sign up for the Community Christmas Card. Anyone who would like to sponsor someone for the Retreat, please see Fr. Mousa, Fr. Malek or Dn. Saed.

Sunday School Registration

Online registration is at www.StMaryOC.org/sunday_school.html

OR

Register on a computer outside of the Church Gym.



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

Bible Study/Life After the Retreat

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

“For 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

An opportunity to share our progress in putting our faith to work, and bringing the retreat to our everyday life.

When: Sunday, November 1st, 2015

Time: 12:30 p.m. (after Liturgy)

Where: Nadi at St. Mary

Ages 19 and older

(Open to everyone who did or did not participate in the retreat)

Contact any Fellowship officer with questions.

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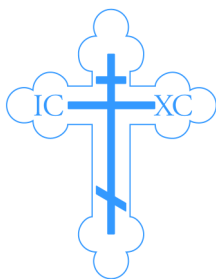
Miracle-Working Icon of Iveron at St. Mary

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*



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls



**The Fellowship of Saint John the Di-
vine**

Date:

Saturday, November 7th, 2015

Time:

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location:

Feed My Starving Children,
555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL

Purpose: Pack meals for starving children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization.

Anyone **ages 19 years and older** are welcomed to join the Fellowship. Volunteer hours will be granted upon request.

You need to register in order to attend. All volunteers are encouraged to donate at least \$7 (which will feed a child for an entire month!)

To register, please contact:

Fabiola Sweis at (708)-715-3229|fabiolasweis@gmail.com

Khader Al-Sahoury at al-sahoury.j01@mymail.sxu.edu

On behalf of God's children, thank you in advance for your commitment.

Martha and Mary Maternity House Grand Opening Celebration



There is much to celebrate, and we truly hope you will be able to join us.

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

6 PM Social Hour

7 PM Celebratory Thanksgiving Dinner

9 PM Silent Auction Concludes

Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

2350 East Dempster Street

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Come to learn more about this live-giving, Pan-Orthodox Christian ministry in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago!

Please, share this invitation with others. We need your help to spread the word!



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
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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

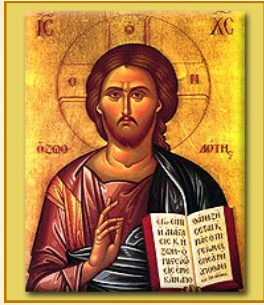
For Information Contact: Rima Sleiman at (708) 590-9559

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

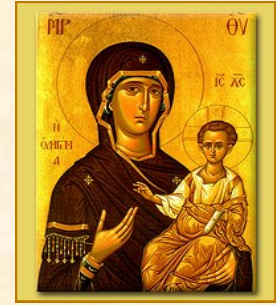
DEADLINE: December 20, 2015

\$50 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Space is Limited



Weekly Synaxarion



On November 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, the sons of Theodota of Asia. The brothers were from Mesopotamia in Asia Minor. After the death of their pagan father, their Christ-loving mother Theodota reared them in piety and in all manner of virtue, and had them instructed in every science, especially that of medicine. This became their vocation, and they went about healing every illness and malady, bestowing healing freely on both men and beasts alike; because of this, Cosmas and Damian are called “Unmercenaries.” They fulfilled Christ’s command: “Freely have ye received; freely give” (Matthew 10:8). And thus, having completed the course of their life, they reposed in peace. Even after their deaths, Cosmas and Damian worked healing miracles for all who called upon their names. On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; and Venerable David of Evia in Greece. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.