



# 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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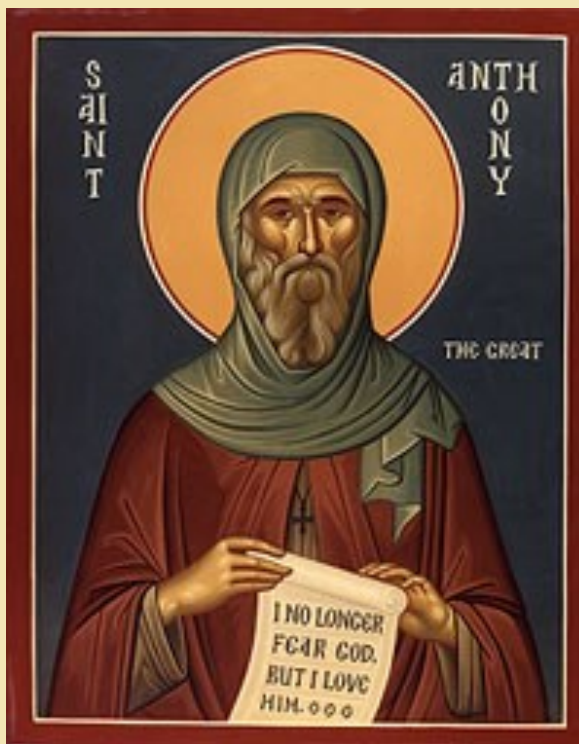
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#### Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our  
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*January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Feast of St. Anthony the Great and the  
Twelfth 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 Eight)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## Troparion of St. Anthony the Great (Tone Four)

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

## 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 Presentation of our Lord to the Temple (Tone One)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in peace, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

## Epistle for St. Anthony the Great

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?*

**The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (13:17-21).**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday of Luke

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17:12-19).**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Thank you to all who generously donated towards the St. Philothea drive. The teens of St. Mary's were able to make 74 school kits that are now on their way to orphans in Africa. Thank you for your generosity! God bless you!



# 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*

01/17: Emad and Issam Haddad & Families

01/24: Mazen and Lamees Ammari & Family

01/31: Rouzin Sweiss & Family

## Epistle Reading

01/17: Delia Haddad & Awan Sweis

01/24: Subdn. Matthew & Norma Tadros

## **Annunciation Bookstore**

Open every Sunday after Liturgy

Monday -Friday

11:00am - 2:00pm

Please email Nader Haddad at

Naderemile3@yahoo.com with any requests.



**1 Year Memorial**  
Abdullah Shaheen  
**Memory Eternal!**



**Memory Eternal!**  
Mufedah Abdullah Taamneh



OCCHY BLURB

**CALL 911 TO SAVE A FRIEND!**

Orthodox Christian Coalition  
Healthy Youth

Lifeline legislation amended the Illinois Liquor Control Act (P.A. 99-0447)

**exempting minors from arrest** when seeking medical assistance for **alcohol-related emergencies** (235 ILCS 5/6-20). This new law will be effective as of 6/1/2016. For details:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0447&GA=99>



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

## **Reminder**

If you did not place your donation in the pledge box when you walked in, please remember to do so as you leave.

**Thank You!**

*Orthodoxy 101*

*The church architecture: the dome*

*By Fr. Thomas Hopko*

As we, the parishioners of St. Mary, and with thanksgiving to God, watch the progress of our church renovation, here's some information as to the reason the Orthodox Church uses domes:

Orthodox Church architecture reveals that God is with men, dwelling in them and living in them through Christ and the Spirit. It does so by using the dome or the vaulted ceiling to crown the Christian church building, the house of the Church which is the People of God. Unlike the pointed arches which point to God far up in the heavens, the dome or the spacious all-embracing ceiling gives the impression that in the Kingdom of God, and in the Church, Christ **"unites all things in himself, things in heaven and things on earth,"** (*Ephesians 1:10*) and that in Him we are all **"filled with all the fullness of God."** (*Ephesians 3:19*)

# HOUSE BLESSINGS

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord's Theophany on January 6th, we bless water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time. Please contact Fr. Mousa at 708-979-3222 or Fr. Malek at 708-516-6417 if you would like your home blessed this year.



## Fellowship Open House

Fellowship will be having an Open House in the Nadi on January 31<sup>st</sup> immediately following Liturgy.

## TEEN SOYO NIGHTS



We welcome all teens to attend our Wednesday, Teen SOYO Nights

Every Wednesday from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The first Wednesday of each month is a bible study.

We enjoy fellowship, open discussions, time in the gymnasium & homework time as well!

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Saed Rihani, Milad Sleiman, or Rima Sleiman

Deacon Saed: [saedrihani6@gmail.com](mailto:saedrihani6@gmail.com)/ (773) 454-2191

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Rima: [rimsaigh@gmail.com](mailto:rimsaigh@gmail.com)/ (708) 590-9559

Saint Mary's ALTAR SERVERS' MINISTRY  
"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"



January 24, 2016 – April 24, 2016  
(Effective Sunday January 24, 2016)

**The following is the NEW list of teams and schedule for Altar Servers. Please make sure that you are here and ready to serve 10 minutes before liturgy begins (9:50 AM)! GOD BLESS!**

(Any questions or if your child's name is not on the list, please contact Subdeacon Matthew Sweis at [mrsweis@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsweis@hotmail.com) or see him on Sundays after Divine Liturgy). See Schedule BELOW:

**Murad Salman (Team Leader): Team A**

Jordan Albakhit  
George Albakhit  
David Sweiss  
Michael Sweiss  
Kyse Dahdal  
Joseph Fallouh  
Joseph Haddad  
Rami Sweis  
Saleem Swaiss  
Samer Sweis  
Christian Sweis

**Team A:**

01/24/16  
02/07/16  
02/21/16  
03/06/16  
03/20/16  
04/03/16  
04/17/16

**Sharbel Samawi (Team Leader): Team B:**

Anthony Haddad  
Philip Haddad  
Hashem Tadros  
Yousef A Tadros  
Yousef R Tadros  
Faris Tadros  
Basil Tadros  
David Alnimri  
Daniel Alnimri  
Jai Singh Riske  
Sharbel Alafnan

**Team B:**

01/31/16  
02/14/16  
02/28/16  
03/13/16  
03/27/16  
04/10/16  
04/24/16

**John 12:26** *If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*



# Open Gym Schedule

## Basketball Open Gym 4 pm

## Volleyball Open Gym 7 pm

Sunday Jan. 24th  
 Sunday Jan. 31st  
 Sunday Feb. 7th  
 Sunday Feb. 14th  
 Sunday Feb. 21st  
 Sunday Feb. 28th

Tuesday Jan. 19th  
 Tuesday Jan. 26th  
 Tuesday Feb. 2nd  
 Tuesday Feb. 9th  
 Tuesday Feb. 16th  
 Tuesday Feb. 23rd

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the Teen SOYO:

Jenna Riadi - President  
 Helena Janineh - Vice-President  
 Matthew Ibrahim - Treasurer  
 Monita Hadweh - Public Relations  
 Jehan Tadros - Secretary.



We would also like to thank the outgoing officers for all of their hard work and dedication in 2015:

Murad Salman - President  
 Jackie Tadros - Vice-President  
 Simon Tadros –Treasurer  
 Lilly Tadros - Public Relations  
 Jenna Tadros - Secretary



The swearing in of the newly elected officers will take place Today, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

# ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!



There will be mandatory training  
**Today, January 17th.**

If you did not attend the first training session in December, you must attend this session. A light lunch will be served.

Teams will be created and a schedule will start in January 2016.

We are in **NEED** of new Altar Boy robes. We are asking for each family to donate 2 robes (1 gold and 1 purple) for each child serving.

Continuous trainings will be held for the Altar servers.

Please see Subdeacon Matthew ([mrsweis@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsweis@hotmail.com)) or Deacon Saed ([saedrihani6@gmail.com](mailto:saedrihani6@gmail.com)) with any questions.



# **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Diocese Basketball Tournament Canton, Ohio January 15-17, 2016**

**Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19-26**

## **Friday, January 15**

**7 pm: Registration begins (Hotel Lobby)**

**8 pm: Pizza (Registration area)**

**8:30pm: Retreat (Hotel Ballroom)**

## **Saturday, January 16**

**7 am: Morning prayers/Light Breakfast/Tournament Brackets  
(Hotel Ballroom)**

**8 am: Basketball Tournament begins**

**12 pm: Lunch (at Basketball locations)**

**6 pm: Great Vespers (St. George Serbian)**

**7 pm: Banquet/ Awards Presentation/Hafli (St. George Serbian)**

## **Sunday, January 17**

**8:45 am: Matins (St. George Antiochian)**

**10 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (St. George Antiochian)**

**Brunch and Farewell (St. George Antiochian)**

**Early Registration: \$50 by January 8      Registration: \$60  
(Includes all meals and events)**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
1118 Cherry Ave. NE    Canton, OH 44704  
330-455-8482    stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net**

**Hotel Information: Courtyard by Marriott  
4375 Metro Circle NW    N. Canton, OH 44720    330-494-6494  
Group Rate: \$85/night (mention St. George Canton)  
Our block of rooms will be reserved for us until Jan. 3**

**Please Contact Nidal Haddad at (708) 691-8849 or at Haddadnidal24@yahoo.com.**



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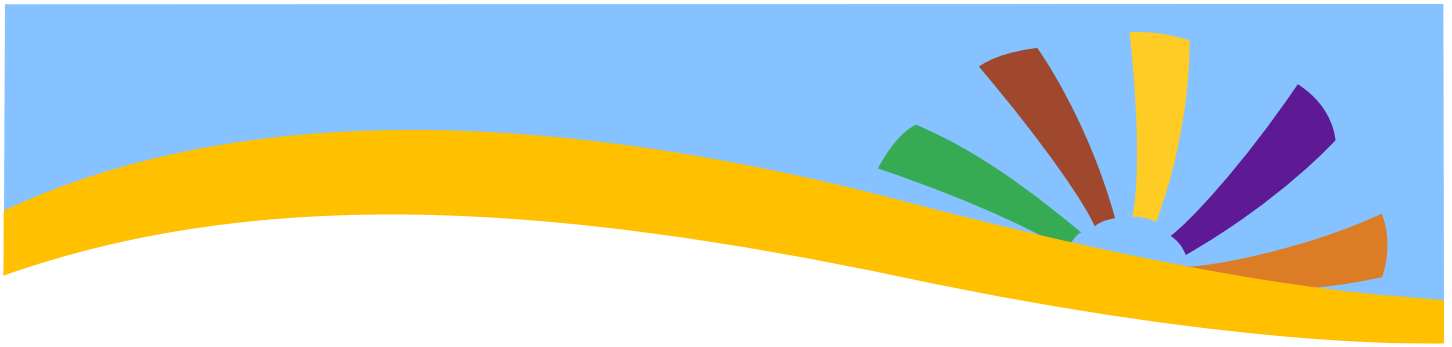
**Melissa Ohden, *Abortion Survivor***  
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*Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago*

**Bishop Paul of Chicago**  
*Orthodox Church of America*

**Pastor Wilfredo De Jesús,**  
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# Ladies Social Night

Fun Games and  
Refreshments



Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
St Mary's Church Fellowship Hall

Donations \$10

For information please call:

Muna Salman 708-769-5105

Jurjeit Sweis 708-606-7573

St. Mary office 708-239-0004

Sponsored by our Antiochian Women

The 8th Annual Pan-Orthodox  
*Sanctity of Life*  
*Prayer Service*  
*and Presentation*

Come join in prayer that the Lord will guide us to keep all life SACRED.

The prayer will be followed by a presentation by

**Laura Paulus**

the Executive Director & House Mother  
of the Martha and Mary Maternity Home



*Sunday, January 24, 2016*  
*6:00 PM*

*Saint Peter and St. Paul*  
*Ukrainian Orthodox Church*  
*8410 W. 131st Street*  
*Palos Park, IL 60464*

The Martha and Mary Maternity House is an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home for pregnant women in need of support. It is the fulfillment of a long-held dream of the members of Orthodox Christians for Life - Chicago, and it is a ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

The Pan-Orthodox Board of Directors operates under the guidance of His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, with the solid support of the beloved hierarchs across all Orthodox Jurisdictions.

As an Orthodox Christian home, the Martha and Mary house provides housing, with privacy and confidentiality, for women (generally 18 and older) at any stage of pregnancy and for an appropriate amount of time after childbirth.

Laura Paulus is the newly-named Executive Director and Housemother of the Martha and Mary Maternity House in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. She is actively involved in the life of her parish, St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines, where after serving on the Parish Council she is now a member of the Philotochos Board.

# CHI TOWN S. SIDE TEEN NIGHT



Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth

South Side Winter Event 2016

## Orthodox Teens Health & Hookah Risk Prevention

Presentation – Video – Q&A – Youth Survey

On Wednesday night, February 17th, teens from the South Suburbs of Chicago will have a chance to gather for an informative presentation on substance prevention and awareness.

This is a great opportunity to be informed about current teen health risks and to meet new friends in the area.

*Feel free to bring a friend!*



**WEDNESDAY  
FEBURARY 17TH**

**7p-9p**

**ST. MARY**

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX  
CHURCH**

**6330 West 127th St  
Palos Heights, IL 60463**

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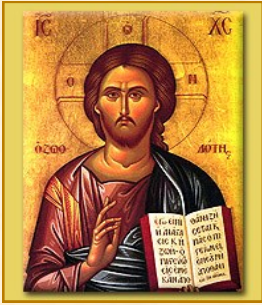
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(708) 298-9770

Please give the name of the parish and how many will be participating when responding.



## Weekly Synaxarion



On January 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great. Anthony was an Egyptian, born about the year 250 in the village of Koman near Herculea. Following the deaths of his noble and wealthy parents, he divided the inherited estate with his sister, who was a minor, and provided for her with some relatives. Anthony distributed his half of the estate to the poor and, he, in his twentieth year, dedicated himself to the ascetical life for which he yearned from his childhood. Anthony withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea. There, he spent twenty years as a recluse not associating with anyone except with God through constant prayer, reflection and contemplation, patiently enduring unspeakable temptations from the devil. His fame spread throughout the entire world and many disciples gathered around him whom he placed on the path of salvation by his example and words. When certain Greek philosophers tempted Anthony with literary wisdom, he shamed them with the question: “Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?” Filled with many years of great works, Anthony died in the Lord in 355. On this day, we also commemorate Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; and New-martyr George of Ioannina. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.