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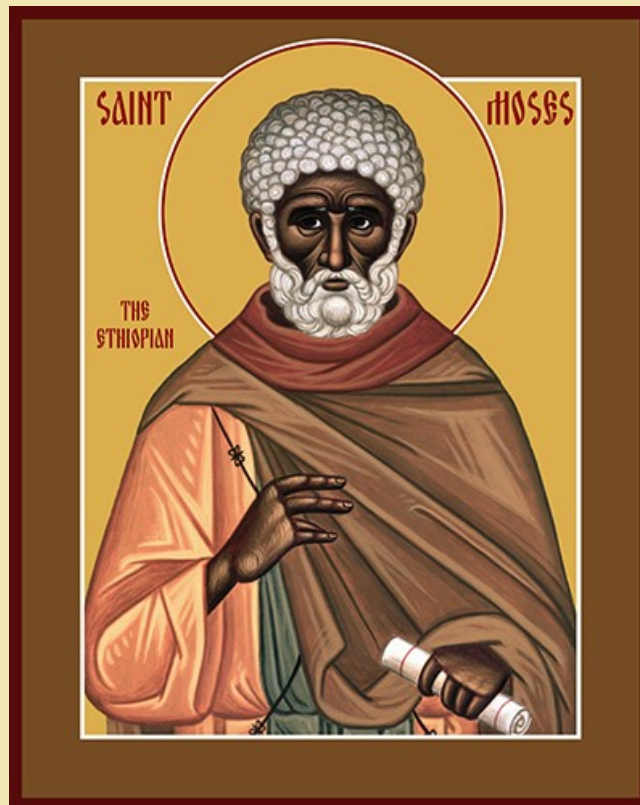
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*August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and Tenth Sunday of Matthew  
Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia*



#### Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: As Announced -- 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 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 St. Moses the Ethiopian (Tone One)**

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Moses, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone Four)**

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

## Epistle for 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 for 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*

08/28: Refqa Sweis & Family

09/04: Fellowship

09/11: Fellowship

## Epistle Reading

08/28: Lana Sweis & Nour Swaiss

09/04: Josephine Tadros & Jackie Tadros



## 3rd and 9th Day Memorial

Fathieh Jiries Sweis  
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## Wedding

Elias Zaboura  
and  
Mary Rahmoun  
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## Baptism

Owen Romy  
Parents: Anthony and Rhonda Tolbert  
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## FELLOWSHIP

### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

### AUGUST

- ◆ 27th Share your Soles
- ◆ 27th Final Softball Game @6:30 Peaks Park
  - ◆ 28th Bible Study

### SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 10th Last Day to purchase Gala Tickets
  - ◆ 17th Gala

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



**August 28th - Team A:** Murad Salman, Jordan Albakhit, George Albakhit, David Sweiss, Michael Sweiss, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Haddad, Rami Sweis, Saleem Swaiss, Samer Sweis, Christian Sweis, Charlie Sayeg, Malik Tadros, Ameer Tadros, Faris Makhamreh, Issa Khoury, Philip Haddad.

**September 4th - Team B:** Sharbel Samawi, Anthony Haddad, Hashem Tadros, Yousef A. Tadros, Yousef R. Tadros, Faris Tadros, Basil Tadros, David Alnemri, Daniel Alnemri, Jai Singh Riske, Sharbel Alafnan, Michael Galuszynski, Nicholas Abu-Manneh, Sleman Shaheen, Gus Bousheh, Nicholas Bousheh, Yazen Swaiss, Yanal Swaiss, Joseph Fallouh, Abraham Sweis, Ryan Alhourani, Adrian Alhourani.

**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.*

## ALTAR BOYS GUIDELINES

Parents and Altar Boys, please read.  
These guidelines are to preserve the holiness of  
serving in the Holy Altar:

**Dress Code:** It is important that all Altar Boys who are serving on their assigned Sunday (see Team assignment in the bulletin), that they dress appropriately to serve in the Holy Altar:

**No gym shoes.** Black dress shoes

**No shorts or jeans.** Long, dress pants are mandatory

**No T-Shirts or Polo Shirts.** Dress shirts only

**Arrival ON TIME:** This means arriving BEFORE 10am, otherwise the Altar Boy will not be allowed to serve. PARENTS: Please adhere to this, as arrival on time is necessary to vest on time, as instructed in the past. Parents will have to explain to their son why he is unable to serve.

**Behavior:** All Altar Boys must behave during their time in the Holy Altar. If anyone misbehaves, the Sub-Deacons will send them back to their parents with a note regarding their behavior.

Thank you,

Any questions, please see Sub-Deacon Matthew, Sub-Deacon Amir, or Deacon Saed.

# Back to School

Everyone knows the building anticipation as kids get ready to return to school. There's excitement and nerves, an eagerness to start a new year, a sadness that summer is ending. Unfortunately, counting down the days to a new school year is yet another reminder of struggle for many kids across the country. Imagine how excitement would turn to anxiety if going back to school meant a supply list filled with items that mom and dad couldn't afford.

**FOCUS** North America's Back to School program involves parishes across the country in providing high quality backpacks and school supplies to children when it is time to return to school. **FOCUS** works closely with school workers in every community to ensure that donated items are given to the kids who are experiencing homelessness, living in hotels, or doubled up with friends or family.

**FOCUS** sent our Parish 24 brand-new backpacks to sponsor. There is a sign-out sheet for Parish families to take the backpacks home and fill them with the supplies that are listed on a sheet included inside the backpack. Also, included in the backpack is a \$10 donation envelope to **FOCUS** to cover the cost of the backpack. Once filled, parishioners need to return the backpacks to church no later than **August 28th** and the coordinator will deliver them a local **FOCUS** partner that works with children in need.

## Supplies Needed

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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 10<sup>th</sup> and it will be held on Saturdays from 10:45am to 1:00pm.*

العربية



## !!!Register Today!!!

*Registration will begin August 14<sup>th</sup> in the hallway outside of the gym. If you have any questions please call the Arabic School Director Elia Sweiss at 708-707-1395.*



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*“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**

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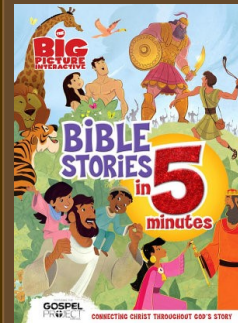
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# *Save the Date*

*St. Mary's 1st Annual Father-Son Retreat, a weekend of uninterrupted quality time with your son enjoying spiritual, sport and camp activities. This retreat is intended for fathers and their sons ages 5-13.*

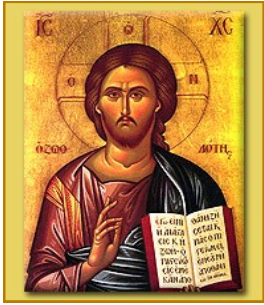
*Date: November 5th & 6th  
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*Location: St. Yakovos Retreat Center in  
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## Weekly Synaxarion



On August 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia. Moses was at first an escaped slave and the leader of a robber band because of his great physical strength and recklessness. Suddenly his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for his crimes. Moses left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. With the help of his spiritual father, Isidore, and with great struggling, fasting and all-night vigils, Moses was finally healed from the lustful thoughts, imaginings and dreams visited on him by the demon. As a priest, Moses founded a monastery of his own, and had 75 disciples. He foresaw his own death, as barbarians were coming to attack the monastery. Moses told his disciples to flee but that he must perish—for he had himself once done violence—according to the words: “all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 26:52). Moses died and a shining wreath descended upon him. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; Martyr Susanna of Georgia; and the uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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