



# SAINT MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26)*

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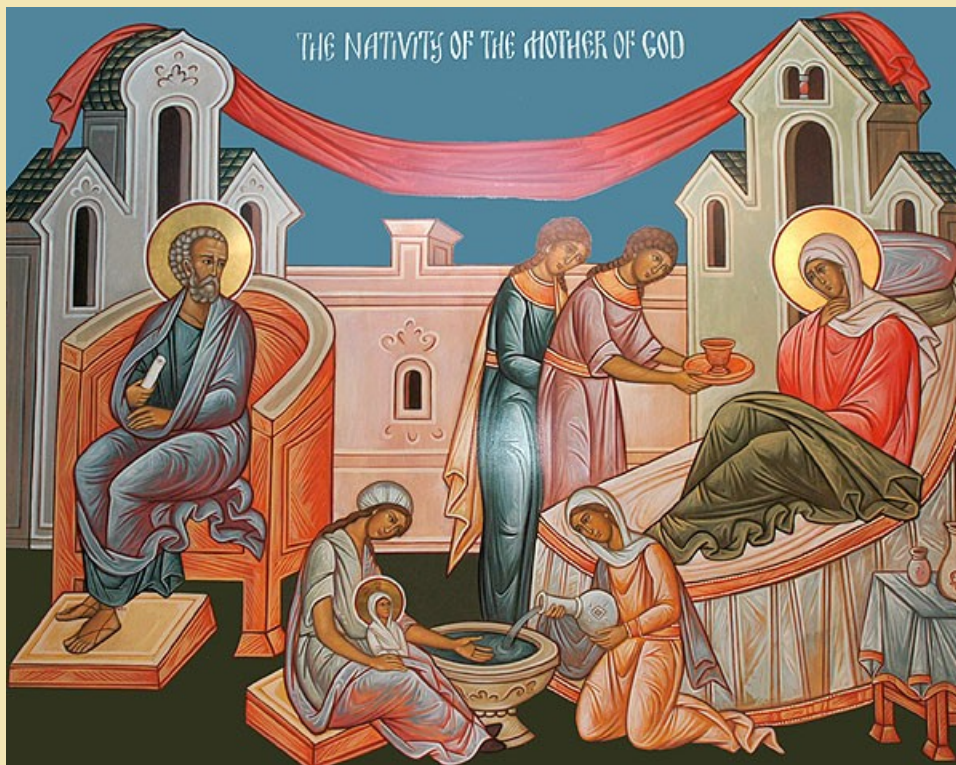
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*September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost and Eleventh Sunday of Matthew  
Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch*



## 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 Two)**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion of St. Babylas of Antioch (Tone Four)**

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Entreat the Lord our 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 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*The Lord is my strength and my song!*

*The Lord has chastened me sorely!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (9:2-12).**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

## Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35).**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay me what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

# 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*

09/04: Fellowship

09/11: Fellowship

09/18: Fellowship

## Epistle Reading

09/04: Jackie Tadros & Josephine Tadros

09/11: Sally Sweis & Natalie Salman



## 3rd and 9th Day Memorial

George Tomeh Smairat

**Memory Eternal!**



## Memory Eternal

Suhaila Salameh Abudayyeh



## Wedding

Samer Fadlallah Zanayed

and

Joanna Basem Habash

**Congratulations!**



## Newborn

Xander

Parents: Odeh & Joy Zedan

**Congratulations!**

## Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 7th  
at 7:00 pm

## REMINDER

In an effort to eliminate distractions, collection baskets will not be passed during the Divine Liturgy. Instead, we kindly ask you to make your donation or pledge before or after service by placing it in the **donation box** at the entrance of the church. Envelopes are available on both sides of the donation box. Please keep this in mind since we depend on your contributions. Thank you for your generosity!



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



**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.

**September 11th - 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.

**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.



**High School Students**  
are invited to a



# *Pancake Breakfast*

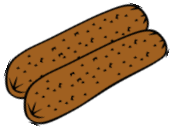


***When:* September 11th, 2016**

***Time:* After Liturgy**

***Where:* High School Class**

***Entrance Fee:* Know your saint name  
(given to you at your baptism)**



**Hosted by Fabiola Sweis and Elaine Riadi  
Breakfast provided by Royalberry Waffle House**



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### SEPTEMBER

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- ◆ 10th Last Day to purchase Gala Tickets
  - ◆ 11th Taco Sale
  - ◆ 17th Gala
  - ◆ 18th Bake Sale
  - ◆ 25th Knafeh Sale

### NOVEMBER

- ◆ 11th Movie Night Nadi
- ◆ 18th-20th Fellowship Retreat

### DECEMBER

- ◆ 10th Christmas Party

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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*

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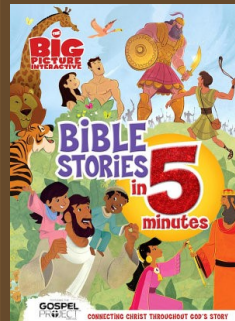
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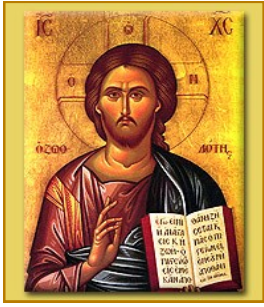
*Date: November 5th & 6th  
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*Location: St. Yakovos Retreat Center in  
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## Weekly Synaxarion



On September 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; the Three Children who were with him: Urban, Prilidian and Epolonios; and their mother, Christodula. One day, holy Babylas was at prayer with the people. He heard that the Emperor Numerian was coming with his entourage and intended to enter the church. Babylas stopped the service, went outside and boldly told the Emperor that, as an idolater, he was not permitted to enter the holy church where the one, true God was worshipped. The following day, the angry Emperor summoned Babylas, and ordered him offer sacrifice to idols, which the saint steadfastly refused to do. Numerian then bound him with chains and threw him into prison. He also tortured three of Babylas' spiritual children: Urban, age 12, Prilidian, age 9 and Epolonios, age 7. Their Christian mother, Christodoula, also suffered for Christ. The Emperor ordered that each child be beaten with the number of blows that totaled his age. Babylas was present at their beheading, giving them courage, and then laid his honorable head under the sword. Their holy souls flew off to Heaven in the year 283, and their wonderworking relics remained in support of the faithful. On this day, we also commemorate the holy Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon; and Venerable Anthimos the New. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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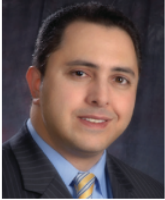
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