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September 18th, 2016

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross



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

First Antiphon

My God, My God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken me? The words of my transgressions are far from my salvation.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior save us.

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not. But Thou, the praise of Israel, dwellest in the sanctuary.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior save us.

Second Antiphon

O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever? Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old.

Save us O Son of God, who wast crucified in the flesh, who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou has dwelt.

Save us O Son of God, who wast crucified in the flesh, who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

God is our King before the ages, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

Save us O Son of God, who wast crucified in the flesh, who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble. The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people. Let them give thanks to Thy great name, for it is holy.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, and to thy faithful people grant victory over their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross protect all those who follow thee.

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 the Holy Cross (Tone One)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, and to thy faithful people grant victory over their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross protect all those who follow 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 Holy Cross (Tone Four)

Do thou, who of thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by thy Name; make glad in thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries. Having in thine aid a weapon of peace and trophy invincible.

Epistle for the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*O Lord, how magnificent are thy works. Thou hast made all things in wisdom!
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter 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 Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-38; 9:1).

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

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!



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

09/18: Refqa Sweis & Family

09/25: Wajih and Siham Tadros & Family

10/02: Teen SOYO

Epistle Reading

09/18: Marram Salman & Lily Sweiss

09/25: Chuck Samawi & Faris Samawi



Wedding

Ronnie Nabeel Tadros
and
Lurice Nabil Atallah
Congratulations!

TEEN SOYO NIGHTS

Teens ages 13 - 18 years old
are welcome to join us
every Wednesday from
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.



Flu Shots will be offered at St. Mary's by
Mariano's Pharmacy on Sunday, October 30th
(Most insurances accepted)

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the
Date*

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



September 18th - 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 25th - 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.

Sunday School Snack Calendar

September

- 18 - Elevation of the Cross - NO CLASS
- 25 - Terri Albakhit, Delia Haddad,
Nisreen Makhamre, Tamara Sweiss



October

- 2 - Godparent Sunday - NO CLASS
- 9 - Deya Alnemri, Katia Haddad,
Nedaa Shaheen, Cindy Tadros
- 16 - Jennifer Alswais, Hana Haddad,
Reem Sweis, Mickey Tadros
- 23 - Reem Ammari, Angela Haddad,
Hanada Sweis, Lubna Karads
- 30 - Heba Assaf, Dina Khoury,
Diana Sweis, May Sweis



***Keep a lookout for the November and December's snack calendar!**

FELLOWSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 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 10th and it will be held on Saturdays from 10:45am to 1:00pm.

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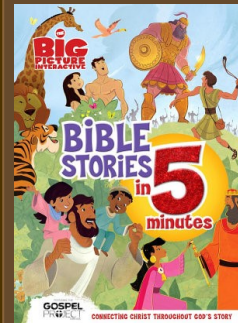
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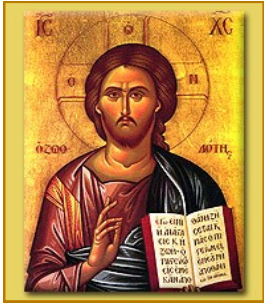
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Weekly Synaxarion



On September 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Elevation (Exaltation) of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, and we commemorate our Righteous Father Eumenios the wonderworker, bishop of Gortyna. He gave himself to Christ with his whole heart from his youth, freeing himself of the heavy burdens of riches and of the flesh. Eumenios gave all of his goods and money to the poor and needy, and fasted strictly. He thus healed himself and others. Passionless and filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Eumenios shone with a radiance as it is written: “A city set on a hill cannot be hid” (Matt. 5:14). As a bishop in Gortyna, holy Eumenios governed Christ’s flock as a good shepherd. He worked many miracles by his prayers: he killed a poisonous snake, drove out demons, healed many of the sick, and brought rain from God in a time of drought. Eumenios entered into the eternal presence of our Lord in the seventh century. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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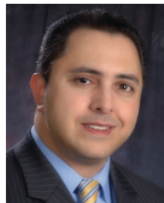
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