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September 25th, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost & First Sunday of Luke

Our Righteous Mother Euphrosyne



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.

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 of St. Euphrosyne (Tone Eight)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us!

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel for the First Sunday of St. Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11).

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

09/25: Wajih and Siham Tadros & Family

10/02: Teen SOYO

10/09: Teen SOYO

Epistle Reading

09/25: Chuck Samawi & Faris Samawi
10/02: Rachel Tadros & Wajih Haddad



MARIANO'S

Flu shots will be offered at St. Mary's by Mariano's Pharmacy on Sunday, October 30th

(most insurances accepted)



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Walgreens


Flu shots will be offered at St. Mary's by
Walgreens Pharmacy on Sunday, September 25th

Flu shots will be given immediately after Liturgy in the
Nadi.

All insurances will be accepted
(vouchers available for those who do not have insurance)

St. Mary's Fishers of Men

*Join us on October 1st for St. Andrew's
Annual IOCC Walk at 8:00am*



*Location: St. Andrew Orthodox Church
5649 N. Sheridan Rd.
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Saturday, October 1, 2016

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Please make checks payable to: International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)

Participant #1: _____ T-Shirt: S M L XL XXL

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Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age on Race Day: _____

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IOCC Chicago
Metropolitan Committee
6251-53 W. Touhy Ave
Chicago, IL 60646

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



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.

October 2nd - Team B: Sharbel Samawi, Anthony Haddad, Hashem Tadros, Yousef A. Tadros, Yousef R. Tadros, Faris Tadros, Basil Tadros, David Alnemri, Daniel Alnemri, Jaisingh 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.

Sunday School Snack Calendar

September

25 ~ Terri Albakhit, Nour Swaiss,
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

- ◆ 25th Nachos Sale

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- ◆ 10th Christmas Party



St. Mary's
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Hosted by Our Antiochian Women

Saturday, November 12th, 2016

St. Mary Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St.

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Singer:

Saed Khoury

Ticket: Adults - \$30

Children (6-12yrs) - \$20

Doors open at 6:00pm

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

Please contact Muna Salman 708-769-5105 or

Shireen Salman 708-717-9640 for tickets.



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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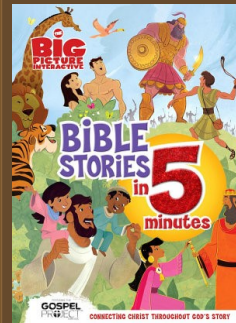
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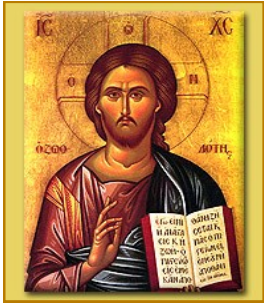
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Weekly Synaxarion



On September 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother Euphrosyne of Alexandria, her father the Venerable Martyr Paphnoutios of Egypt and those slain with him. Paphnoutios—a rich and eminent man—and his wife besought God to end their childlessness. He blessed them with Euphrosyne, and they raised her in the Christian faith. The young Euphrosyne, against her father’s desire to have her married, dressed herself in men’s clothing and presented herself to the abbot of a monastery with the name of Smaragdus. By her fasting and prayers, Smaragdus quickly outstripped the other monks in the monastery. Thirty-eight years later, the grieving Paphnoutios visited the monastery where he encountered Smaragdus on her deathbed. Then the dying monk said to Paphnoutios: “I am Euphrosyne your daughter; you are my father.” Then Euphrosyne breathed her last and her astonished father wept over her. Paphnoutios spent ten years in the monastery as an ascetic in the cell of his departed, holy daughter. He suffered martyrdom with 546 companions by order of the Emperor Diocletian in the year 303. On this day, we also commemorate the repose of Venerable Sergios of Radonezh; and the translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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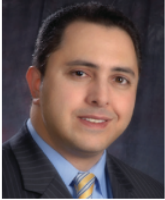
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