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June 25th 2017

*Third Sunday after Pentecost
Third Sunday of Matthew*



Weekly Schedule of Services:

Saturday Great Vespers 5:00pm

(Confessions heard after Great Vespers)

Sunday Orthros 8:45am followed by Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday Morning Prayers followed by Arabic Bible Study 10:00am

Check our website for feast day services and all other services

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 the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Tone Four)

We who eagerly honor thee are unable to extol thee as is meet to do, O Prophet John, Forerunner of the presence of Christ; for by thy noble and solemn nativity the barrenness of thy mother was undone, and the tongue of thy father was loosened, and to the world was proclaimed the Incarnation of the Son of God.

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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord is my strength and my song!

The Lord has chastened me sorely!

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-11).

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man--though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Gospel for the Third Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:22-33).

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

6/25: Mazen and Lamees Ammari & Family

7/2: Munther and Shireen Salman & Family

7/9: Haitham and Jaklin Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

6/25: Rita Magnuson & Danny Haddad

7/2: Salena Ibrahim & Khaled Salman



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Young Adult Ministry (YAM)
invites you to:

Feed My Starving Children

Date: Saturday, July 8th, 2017

Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm
(please be there by 11:00)

Location: Feed My Starving Children,
555 Exchange Court
Aurora, IL

Purpose: Pack meals for starving children. Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization. For anyone 16 & up.

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"



June 25 Team B: Sharbel Samawi, Anthony Haddad, Hashem Tadros, Yousef A. Tadros, Jacob 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, Abraham Sweis, Ryan Alhourani, Adrian Alhourani, Nicholas Alsweis, Mark Salman, Michael Salman.

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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.*

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS
AND PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE BELOW, AND INFORM YOUR CHILDREN WHO ARE SERVING (**NOTE THE NEW ENTRANCE TO THE HOLY ALTAR, AND ARRIVAL TIME**)

ENTERING THE HOLY ALTAR: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE

When entering the Holy Altar, no one is allowed to enter through the curtains of the Iconostas. You **MUST** enter through the walkway **BEHIND** the Chanters/Choir to the far left of the church. **No one is allowed to enter through the Curtains of the Iconostas.**

ARRIVAL TIME: The Divine Liturgy begins at 10am; All Altar Boys **MUST** be in the Altar **BEFORE** 10am; if you arrive late, you will be sent back to sit with your family.

TEAMS:

Effective with Sunday April 23rd, All Altar boys must follow the schedule of their Team. So, Sunday April 23rd is for Team A; Sunday April 30th is Team B. Please only serve on those designated dates for your Team.

DRESSING for the Altar:

Gym/Running shoes are not appropriate for the Holy Altar. You must wear dress/casual shoes. Also, no shorts or T-shirts are allowed.

Any questions or concerns please see SubDeacons Matthew or Amir.

Arabian Night



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St. Mary's Marching Band

"Praise Him with resounding cymbals; Praise Him with triumphant cymbals; Let everything that breaths praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:5-6

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's will be starting a Marching Band! The Marching Band will be performing at various church feasts/processions as well as church functions!

If you are interested and would like to join, please fill out the form below and send to Danny Haddad (dannyhaddad88@yahoo.com) or Munzer Nawas (marknawas@comcast.net)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Danny [708-927-3608](tel:708-927-3608) or Munzer [630-229-4404](tel:630-229-4404)
We will announce practice schedule once registration is complete.



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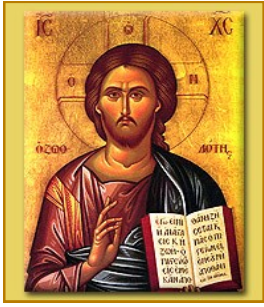
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Weekly Synaxarion



On June 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity of the venerable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great archangel of God, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before he announced the miraculous conception to the unwed Virgin Mary, the archangel announced the miraculous conception to the childless old woman Elizabeth. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God and this is why his tongue was tied with dumbness and remained as such until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and for the sake of giving him a name. When they asked the father what name he wishes to give to his son and being dumb, he wrote on a tablet: "John." At that moment he could speak again. Herod heard of this news and sent soldiers to slay the children throughout Bethlehem, including the Forerunner. Herod's executioners killed Zacharias between the court and the temple; his blood coagulated and petrified on the stone pavers and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave where she died soon after. The young child John remained in the wilderness alone under the care of God and God's angels. On this day, we also commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious New-martyr Panayiotis of Caesarea in Cappadocia. By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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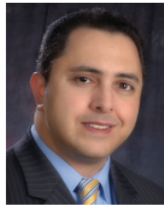
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