

St. Mary Orthodox Church

Palos Heights, Illinois

Fr. Mousa Haddad, Fr. Malek Rihani, and Fr. Danial Doss
and their families wish you a Blessed Christmas Celebration
and a New Year filled with God's Blessings!



المسيح ولد ! فمجدوه !

Christ is Born ! Glorify Him !



SAINT MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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

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The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity 2017

Today doth Bethlehem receive Him Who sitteth with the Father forever. Today the angels glorify, as worthy of God, the babe that is born, shouting: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth be peace, and goodwill among men.

Beloved in Christ,

With great joy I greet you at the dawn of this bright and glorious feast of the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, making the cave a heaven and the manger a noble place!

May He Who deigned to be born in the cave and rest in a manger take up His abode in us. Let us join our voices with the angelic choirs and glorify God, beseeching Him to bring peace, justice, and reconciliation to our troubled world.

Praying that these holy days of the feast will be joyous and grace-filled, and that God will grant you peace, health, and length of days, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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The Midwest

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 2017

Dear beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Midwest Diocese,

Christ is Born! *Glorify Him!*

المسيحُ وُلِد! فمجِّدوه!

Home, family, friends, decorations that adorn both hearth and hearts, the texture, feel and color of love that, somehow, is renewed in us this time of year, is our greatest blessing. Christmas is composed of the rhythm, rhymes, and hymns that carry more of a presence than a present.

Jesus Christ comes into the world prepared for Him through the prayers of many generations of faithful people. His birth in a wilderness cave begins our rebirth in the wilderness of a world that has failed to find happiness, peace on earth, and goodwill toward men and women.

It is a world made marvelously better by His birth. This Child will be the One to teach us! God made us and loves us, all of us: children, teenagers and students, mothers and fathers, the elderly and sickly, saints and sinners, people who are privileged, powerful, productive and prestigious, and most of all, those who are not, people who live all their lives on the fringe, in the margins and shadows of society enamored with flickering lights of momentary popularity.

In His love, the blind see again; the greedy give again; the guilty hope again; and the dead live again. He is Joy to the world.

Thank you beloved clergy and faithful loved ones in all our parish families. It has been my blessing to be with you this year. I thank God for the gift of all of you!

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY

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Changes in the Liturgy

تغييرات في القداس

First Antiphon

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all Thy marvelous works. In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation, the works of the Lord are great.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

They are sought out according to all His purposes. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endureth forever.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

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

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

اعترف لك يارب من كل قلبي، وأحدت بجميع عجائبك في مجلس المستقيمين وفي مجتمعهم. عظيمة أعمال الرب.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصِ خلصنا.

مدبرةً طبقاً لكلِّ مرادهِ بها. صنعةُ الاعترافِ وعظمُ الجلالِ. وعدلهُ يدومُ إلى دهرِ الداهرينِ.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصِ خلصنا.

المجد للآبِ والإبنِ والروحِ القدس، الآن وكل أوانٍ وإلى دهرِ الداهرينِ. آمين.

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Second Antiphon

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; that delighteth greatly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glory and riches shall be in His house, and His righteousness endureth forever.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, full of compassion and righteous.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

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

O only-begotten son and word of God...

طوبى للرجل الذي يتقي الرب ويهوى وصاياهُ جدا. تكون ذريته في الأرض مقنطرة.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، نترتل لك، هلوليا!

يكون المجد والغنى في بيته. وبره يدوم الى دهر الداهرين.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، نترتل لك، هلوليا!

اشرق النور في الظلمة للمستقيمين.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك، هلولويا!
المجدُ للآبِ والإبْنِ والروحِ القدس، الآنَ وكلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دهرِ الداهرينَ، آمين.
يا كلمةَ الله الابنِ الوحيد... .

Third Antiphon

The Lord said unto my Lord: "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With thee is dominion in the day of thy power, in the beauties of thy saints.

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come, O Lord, glory to thee!

قال الرب لربي اجلس عن يميني حتى اجعل اعداءك موطناً لقدميك. عصا قوتك يرسل لك الرب من صهيون. معك الرئاسة في يوم قوتك في بهاء قديسيك.

ميلادك أيها المسيح إلهنا قد اشرق نور المعرفة في العالم. لأن الساجدين للكواكب به تعلموا من الكوكب السجود لك يا شمس العدل. وأن يعرفوا أنك من مشارق العلو أتيت. يارب المجدلك!

Entrance Hymn

Out of the womb, before the morning star, have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn and will not change His mind: Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. Save us, O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

من البطن قبل كوكب الصبح ولدتك. حلف الرب ولن يندم، أن أنت كاهنٌ إلى الأبد على ترتيب ملكيصادق. خالصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك: هلولويا!

Troparion of the Nativity (Tone Four)

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come, O Lord, glory to thee!

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Kontakion of the Nativity (Tone Three)

Today, the Virgin giveth birth to the transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes; God before the ages.

اليومَ البتول تلدُ الفائقَ الجوهر، والأرضُ تقرّبُ المغارة، لمن هو غير مقترِبٍ إليه. الملائكة مع الرعاة يمجدون، والمجوس مع الكوكب في الطريق يسيرون. لأنه قد ولد لنا صبيٌّ جديدٌ، وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور.

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn, the following is sung (Tone One):

“As many as have been Baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!” (THRICE)

“أنتم الذين بالمسيح اعتمدتم المسيح قد لبستم، هليلويا!”

Epistle for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

الرسالة لعيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

The Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians (4:4-7).

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

يسجد لك كل أهل الأرض ويرتلوا لك!

هللوا لله يا جميع أهل الأرض!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (٧-٤:٤).

يا اخوة لما حان ملء الزمان أرسل الله ابنه مولودا من امرأة مولودا تحت الناموس * ليفتدي الذين تحت الناموس لننال التبني * وبما أنكم أبناء أرسل الله روح ابنه إلى قلوبكم صارخا يا أبا الآب * فلست بعد عبدا بل أنت ابن. وإذا كنت ابنا فأنت وارث لله بيسوع المسيح.

Gospel of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

الإنجيل لعيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2:1-12).

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo,

the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (١٢-١:٢) .

لَمَّا وُلِدَ يَسُوعُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودَسَ الْمَلِكِ إِذَا مَجُوسٌ قَدْ أَقْبَلُوا مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ قَائِلِينَ، أَيْنَ الْمَوْلُودُ مَلِكُ الْيَهُودِ فَأَتَانَا رَأَيْنَا نَجْمَهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ فَوَاقِينَا لِنَسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ هِيرُودُسُ الْمَلِكُ اضْطَرَبَ هُوَ وَكُلُّ أُورُشَلِيمَ مَعَهُ * وَجَمَعَ كُلَّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَكَتَبَةَ الشَّعْبِ وَاسْتَخْبَرَهُمْ أَيْنَ يُولَدُ الْمَسِيحُ * فَقَالُوا لَهُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَدْ كُتِبَ بِالنَّبِيِّ: وَأَنْتِ يَا بَيْتَ لَحْمِ أَرْضِ يَهُودَا لَسْتَ بِصُغْرَى فِي رُؤَسَاءِ يَهُودَا لِأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ يَخْرُجُ الْمَدْبَرُ الَّذِي يَرْعَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ * حِينَئِذٍ دَعَا هِيرُودُسُ الْمَجُوسَ سِرًّا وَتَحَقَّقَ مِنْهُمْ زَمَانَ النَّجْمِ الَّذِي ظَهَرَ * ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَهُمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمِ قَائِلًا: انْطَلِقُوا وَابْحَثُوا عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ بِتَدْقِيقٍ وَمَتَى وَجَدْتُمُوهُ فَاخْبِرُونِي لِكَيْ آتِي أَنَا أَيْضًا وَاسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا مِنَ الْمَلِكِ ذَهَبُوا فَإِذَا النَّجْمُ الَّذِي كَانُوا رَأَوْهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ يَتَقَدَّمُهُمْ حَتَّى جَاءَ وَوَقَفَ فَوْقَ الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي كَانَ فِيهِ الصَّبِيُّ * فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا النَّجْمَ فَرَحُوا فَرَحًا عَظِيمًا جَدًّا وَأَتَوْا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ فَوَجَدُوا الصَّبِيَّ مَعَ مَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ فَخَرُّوا سَاجِدِينَ لَهُ وَفَتَحُوا كَنْوَزَهُمْ وَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ هَدَايَا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُبَّانٍ وَمُرٍّ * ثُمَّ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحُلُمِ أَنْ لَا يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى هِيرُودَسَ فَانصَرَفُوا فِي طَرِيقٍ أُخْرَى إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ .

Megalynarion for the Theotokos from the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Tone Eight)

In thee all creation rejoices, O Full of Grace; the assembly of angels and the race of men; O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise; the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child; our God before the ages, He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee all creation rejoices, O Full of Grace, glory to thee.

إِنَّ الْبِرَايَا بِأَسْرِهَا تَفْرَحُ بِكَ يَا مَمْتَلئةً نِعْمَةً، مَحَافِلَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَأَجْنَاسَ الْبَشَرِ، أَيَّتَهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدَّسُ وَالْفِرْدُوسُ النَّاطِقُ، فَخَرَ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ الَّتِي مِنْهَا تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ وَصَارَ طِفْلًا وَهُوَ الْإِلَهُ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا وَجَعَلَ بَطْنَكَ أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِذَلِكَ يَا مَمْتَلئةً نِعْمَةً تَفْرَحُ بِكَ كُلُّ الْبِرَايَا وَتُجَدُّكَ.

Koinonikon for the Nativity (Tone Eight)

The Lord hath sent redemption to his people. Alleluia!

أرسل الرب خلاصا لشعبه . هلولويا!

Instead of “We have seen the true light...”, sing:

Troparion of the Nativity (Tone Four)

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come, O Lord, glory to thee!

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NOTE: Every Divine Liturgy of St. Basil requires “In thee all creation rejoices” for the megalynarion. However, as the faithful depart the church, the choir can sing the following megalynarion of the Nativity of Christ after the Dismissal:

Megalynarion for the Nativity (Tone One)

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.

I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

عظمي يا نفسي من هي أكرمُ قدرًا وأرفعُ مجدًا من الأجنابِ العلوية.

إنني أشاهدُ سرًا عجيبيًا مستغربًا. المغارةُ سماءً والبتولُ عرشًا شاروبيميًا. والمذودُ محلاً شريفًا الذي اتكأ فيه
المسيحُ الإلهُ غيرُ الموسوعِ في مكانٍ فلنسبِّحه معظمين.

TEEN SOYO THANKS YOU

and

WISHES YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Thanks to all of you for your generous donations towards the Annual Community Christmas Card. Because of your generosity, the Teens are able to afford to attend the Annual Christmas Retreat.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

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

12/31: Karim and Isberans Hadwah & Family

1/7: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

1/14: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

Epistle Reading

12/24: Majed Makhamreh & Nicholas AlSweis

12/31: Delia Haddad & Danny Haddad



Churching

Mira

Parents: Tamer and Jehan Haddad

Congratulations!

2018 Calendars

Please make sure you pick up your 2018 St. Mary Calendar after Liturgy. One per family. God bless!

2018 Pledge Envelopes

Please pick up your 2018 pledge envelope today after Liturgy.

REMINDER

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Upcoming Events

Sun Dec 24	5:00pm	Orthros for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
	6:00pm	Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
Wed Dec 27	9:00am	Orthros for St. Stephen the First-Martyr
	10:00am	Liturgy for St. Stephen the First-Martyr
	11:00am	Arabic Bible Study
	7:00pm	Mentorship Program
Thurs Dec 28	7:00pm	Open Gym
Sat Dec 30	5:00pm	Great Vespers (followed by confession)
Sun Dec 31	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	5:00pm	Orthros for the Circumcision and St. Basil
	6:00pm	Liturgy for the Circumcision and St. Basil
	6:00pm	Liturgy for the New Year
Wed Jan 3	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Thurs Jan 4	7:00pm	Open Gym
Fri Jan 5	8:45am	Royal Hours for Theophany
	10:00am	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
	6:30pm	3rd-8th Grade - BB Open Gym St. Mary Church
Sat Jan 6	8:45am	Orthros for Theophany
	10:00am	Liturgy for Theophany w/ the Blessing of Water
	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers (followed by confession)

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December 25 Team A & B: Murad Salman, 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, Yazen Swaiss, Yanal Swaiss, Joseph Fallouh, Abdallah Sweis, Jordan Haddad, 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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ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS
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PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE BELOW, AND INFORM
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(NOTE the new entrance to the Holy Altar, and arrival time)

ENTERING THE HOLY ALTAR:

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:

All Altar boys must follow the schedule of their Team. Please only serve on those designated dates for your Team. If there's a need for additional Altar Servers, the SubDeacons will ask you to serve.

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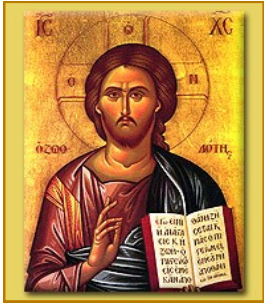
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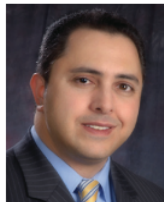
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