



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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November 18th, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ninth Sunday of Luke

الأحد الخامس والعشرون بعد العنصرة والأحد التاسع من لوقا



Weekly Schedule of Services:

Saturday Great Vespers 5:00pm

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

تغييرات في القداس

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!

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Eight)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

انحدرت من العلى أيها المتحنن. وقبّلت الدفنَ ذا الثلاثة الأيام، لكي تعتقنا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يارب المجد لك.

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.

في ميلادك حفظت البتولية وصنيتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركته يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the Divine Spirit, whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

إن الهيكل الكلي النقاوة هيكل المخلص. البتول الخدر الجزيل الثمن والكثُر الطاهر لمجد الله. اليوم تدخل إلى بيت الرب وتدخل معها النعمة التي بالروح الإلهي فلتسبحها ملائكة الله لأنها المظلة السماوية.

Epistle for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد الخامس والعشرون بعد العنصرة

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-7).

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one

Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا نُذَوِّرْكُمْ.

اللهُ معروفٌ في أرضِ يهوذا، واسمه عظيمٌ في إسرائيل.

فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديسِ بولسِ الرسولِ إلى أهلِ أفسس (٧-١:٤).

يا إخوة أطلبُ إليكم أنا الأسيرُ في الربِّ أن تسلكوا كما يحقُّ للدعوة التي دُعيتُم بها * بكلِّ تواضعٍ ووداعةٍ وبطولٍ أناةٍ مُحتملينَ بعضُكم بعضاً بالمحبة * ومُجتهدينَ في حفظِ وِحدةِ الروحِ برباطِ السلام * فإنَّكم جسدٌ واحدٌ وروحٌ واحدٌ كما دُعيتُم إلى رجاءِ دعوتكم الواحد * ربٍّ واحدٍ وإيمانٍ واحدٍ ومعموديةٍ واحدة * وإلهُ أبٍ للجميعِ واحدٌ هو فوقَ الجميعِ وبالجميعِ وفي جميعكم * ولكلِّ واحدٍ مِمَّا أُعطيَتِ النعمةُ على مقدارِ موهبةِ المسيح.

Gospel for the Ninth Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد التاسع من لوقا

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (12:16-21).

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارةِ القديسِ لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (٢١-١٦:١٢).

قالَ الربُّ هذا المثل. إنسانٌ غنيٌّ أخصبتْ أرضُهُ * ففكَّرَ في نفسه قائلاً ماذا أصنع. فإنه ليسَ لي موضعٌ أخزنُ فيه أثماري * ثمَّ قالَ أصنعُ هذا. أهدمُ أهراي وأبني أكبرَ منها وأجمعُ هناكُ كلَّ غلاتي وخيراتي * وأقولُ لنفسي يا نفسُ إنَّ لكِ خيراتٍ كثيرةً فاستريحي وكلي واشربي وافرحي * فقالَ له اللهُ يا جاهلُ في هذه الليلةِ تُطلبُ نفسك منك. فهذه التي أعددتها لمن تكون * فهكذا من يدخرُ لنفسه ولا يستغني بالله * ولما قالَ هذا نادى من له أذنانِ للسمعِ فليسمع.

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

11/18: Bishara Sweis & Family

11/25: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

12/02: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

11/18: Fabiola Sweis & Lamees Ammari

11/25: Marian Fahmy & Nour Swaiss

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!



1 Year Memorial
Majd Ousama Salman
Memory Eternal!



Baptism
Sophia
Parents: Khalil & Eleni Sweis
Congratulations!

Services this Week

Nov. 20th at 7 pm - Great Vespers for the Presentation of the Theotokos w/ Artoklasia

Nov. 21st at 9 am - Orthros for the Presentation of the Theotokos

Nov. 21st at 10 am - Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos

Nov. 24th at 5 pm - Great Vespers

Starting November 27th, Nativity Compline will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 pm.

Toy Drive for the Mission Church in Albania

St. Mary's has been a partner with a mission church in Albania for many years. This year they are asking for our help in sponsoring gifts for Orthodox children in Albania and if each YAM and Teen SOYO member donates \$20 we can reach our goal and help these needy children have a blessed Christmas.

Upcoming Events

Thurs Nov 15	10:00am	Liturgy for the beginning of the Nativity Fast
	7:00pm	Open Gym
Sat Nov 17	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Nov 18	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for speaking roles only
Tues Nov 20	7:00pm	Great Vespers for the Presentation of the Theotokos w/ Artoklasia
Wed Nov 21	9:00am	Orthros for the Presentation of the Theotokos
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
Sat Nov 24	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Nov 25	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for speaking roles only
Wed Nov 28	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
	6:30pm	SOYO Parent Fellowship
Tues Nov 29	7:00pm	Open Gym
Fri Nov 30	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Sat Dec 1	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers



Supplies Needed for Homeless Shelters

The following items are needed by St. Luke's Church for their homeless shelter as soon as possible:

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| 9" plates | | plastic forks |
| 12 oz bowls | * | latex gloves (not powdered) |
| 8 oz cups | | vinyl gloves (for food prep and serving) |
| 16 oz cups | | paper towels |
| plastic knives | | table napkins |

Additional items needed (less urgently):

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| Plates - 6" | Sugar Canisters | Salt & Pepper |
| Ziploc Quart Bags | Ziploc Quart Freezer Bags | Flip-top Sandwich Bags |
| Brown Lunch Bags | Spoons - plastic | Hot Chocolate Packets |
| Coffee - Regular | Coffee - Decaf | Herbal Tea Bags - Chamomile, Ginger, Fruit |

Financial donations are also needed - BEDS provides those in need "shower passes". The cost to provide the passes is \$3 each.

If you are interested in donating money towards the shower passes or any of the items on the list above, please see Kh. Delia.



Toddler Time Class


for children 2 and under

Toddler Time Class
is a new
addition to the Sunday School
Program.

We have a room that will be cleaned
and furnished.

We have a teacher and two
assistances ready to begin this
new program.

We are raising funds to acquire
the proper furnishings and
materials suitable for
Toddlers.



**ORTHODOXY 101:
DISCOVER
THE
ORTHODOX
FAITH**

*Adult Christian
Education Class*

It is time to take ownership of your Faith! No matter your age, learning never stops. Join the fellow adults in your community for a class just for you! Orthodoxy 101 is an adult class for anyone ages 18 years and older. The class will go through the basics of Orthodoxy to help you learn and grow in your Faith and in your relationship with Christ!

No Classes

Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 25th

Christmas Break - Dec. 23rd - Jan. 6th

Palm Sunday - Apr. 21st

Pascha - Apr. 28th

Every Sunday
immediately after
Divine Liturgy

Meet in the
conference room
behind the narthex
(candle area)

Please contact
Fabiola Sweis at
fabiolasweis@gmail.com
or Dn. Saed at
saedrihani6@gmail.com
with any questions



Welcome Parents!
2018 - 2019
St. Mary's Sunday
School
Open House
and Parent Meeting!
We want to meet you!

Pre-K & Kindergarten - 1st & 2nd
on Sunday, Nov. 4 @12pm

3rd & 4th - 5th & 6th on Sunday, Nov. 11 @12pm

7th & 8th - High School on Sunday, Nov. 18 @12 pm

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!



Pageant practice schedule

For Speaking Roles:

Sunday November 11th
after Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 18th
after Divine Liturgy

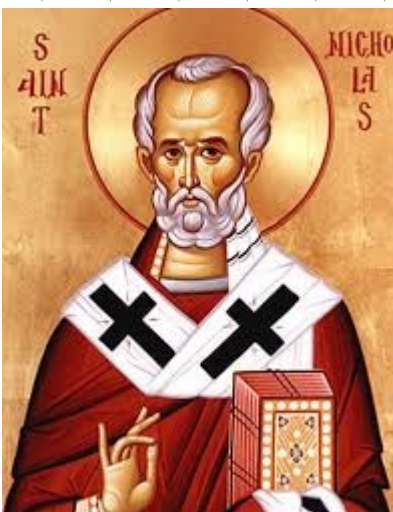
Sunday November 25th
after Divine Liturgy

For all students:

Sunday December 2nd
after Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 9th
after Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 15th
(Dress Rehearsal) @ 1:30PM



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 8th
1pm – 3pm

Join us for breakfast and stay to meet St. Nicholas, make crafts and play games. All ages are welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Elizabeth Andoun at Sundayschool@stmaryoc.org or May Sweis at office@stmaryoc.org.



**St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church - Palos Heights, IL
13th ANNUAL SOYO CHRISTMAS RETREAT - 2018**



“Do not be afraid because of your Orthodoxy; do not be afraid because, as an Orthodox in the West, you will be often isolated and always in a small minority. Do not make compromises but do not attack other Christians; do not be either defensive or aggressive; simply be yourself.” St. Amphilochios

**SOYO MEMBERS ARE INVITED
TO OUR THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT!**

Join us for inspiring sessions with our very own Father Mousa Haddad, Deacon Saed Rihani and Deacon Jacob Andoun

Who: SOYO Members 13 - 18 years old

When: Thursday, December 27th to Saturday, December 29th

Where: Dickson Valley Camp and Retreat Center
8250 Finnie Rd.

Newark, IL 60541

Cost: \$150.00

For Information Contact: Dn. Jacob Andoun, at 908-370-8632 or
youthpastor@stmaryoc.org

For Scholarship or Financial Assistance. Please Contact Fr. Mousa Haddad Directly

Registration Starts: October 28, 2018

DEADLINE: December 16, 2018

\$50 Deposit Required to Reserve Spot

Teens will enjoy Outdoor Laser Tag, Gauntlet, Tubing, Wall Climbing and many more fun activities.



OCF COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

A pan-Orthodox college student organization

Orthodox students from across the country participate in College Conference (a retreat over Christmas Break). This is an incredible opportunity where you build friendships with Orthodox peers while learning about the Faith.

Where: St. Iakovos Retreat Center

When: December 27-30, 2018

Register online:

<http://www.ocf.net/events/college-conference-midwest-2018/>

Cost: \$325

Use promo code ADTAMCC18 to receive \$75 off.

If you need further financial assistance, please contact Fr. Mousa

Further Questions? Contact Jenna Riadi, Helena Janinah, or Amanda Niquila



**WHO
DO
YOU
SAY
THAT
I AM?**

**DECEMBER
27-30, 2018**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

**COLLEGE CONFERENCE EAST
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE**

**COLLEGE CONFERENCE MIDWEST
ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER**

REGISTER AT [OCF.NET/COLLEGE-CONFERENCE](http://www.ocf.net/college-conference)



Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations



If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let any member of the Parish Council know by Saturday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, January 13th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your 2018 pledge is paid in full by Monday, December 31st, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

Thanks and God bless!

21st Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament

Canton, Ohio

January 18-20, 2019

New this year in Canton

His Grace Bishop Anthony and the faithful of the Midwest Diocese most joyfully welcome participation from churches of the Mid-Atlantic Diocese led by His Grace Bishop Thomas

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19+

Friday, January 18

7 pm: Registration begins *(Hotel Lobby)*

8 pm: Pizza *(Registration area)*

8:30pm: Retreat *(Hotel Ballroom)*

Saturday, January 19

7 am: Morning prayers/Light Breakfast *(Hotel Ballroom)*

8 am: Basketball Tournament begins

12 pm: Lunch (at Basketball locations)

6 pm: Great Vespers

7 pm: Banquet/Awards Presentation/Hafli

Sunday, January 20

8:45 am: Matins

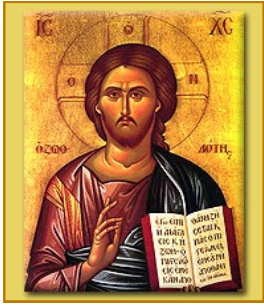
10 am: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Brunch and Farewell

Early Registration: \$50 by January 11 Registration: \$60
(Includes all meals and events)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
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Hotel Information: Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle NW N. Canton, OH 44720 330-494-6494
Group Rate: \$89/night (mention St. George Basketball)
Our block of rooms will be reserved for us until Jan. 7
[Click here to reserve your room online](#)



Weekly Synaxarion



On November 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Plato of Ancyra in Galatia. Plato is the brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16). While still a youth, he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning. For this, Plato was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this, Saint Plato answered that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited; whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Plato to be beheaded, and he entered the Heavenly Kingdom in 266. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Romanos of Antioch; Martyrs Zachaeus the deacon and Alphaeos the reader of Caesarea in Palestine. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.