



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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Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

December 2nd, 2018

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

الأحد السابع والعشرون بعد العنصرة

والأحد الرابع عشر 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

St. Mary Parish Clergy

V. Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor

V. Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani

V. Rev. Fr. Danial Doss (OCA)

Rev. Archdeacon Saed Rihani

Rev. Dn. Jacob Andoun

Parish Council

Fr. Mousa Haddad - Presiding Officer

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SOYO - Rachel Tadros

YAM - Murad Salman

Antiochian Women - Nihad Sweis

Fundraising - Rashid Sweis

Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

OCLife - Nancy Cannon

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Athletics - Nidal Haddad

Choir - Angela Haddad

Chanters - Khaled Salman and Danny

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Haddad

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Call or email the church office

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!

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

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.

عندما انحدرت إلى الموت أيها الحياة الذي لا يموت. حينئذٍ أمت الجحيم ببرق لاهوتك. وعندما أقمت الأموات من تحت الثرى. صرخ نحوك جميع القوات السماويين. أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة 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 Forefeast of the Nativity (Tone Three)

Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, O universe if thou shouldst hear and glorify with the Angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him who by His will shall become a new-born Babe and who is our God before the ages.

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة، الذي قبل الدهور، ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطق بها، فافرحي أيتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، الذي سيظهر بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور.

Epistle for Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد السابع والعشرين بعد العنصرة

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (6:10-17).

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

قَوْتِي وَتَسْبِيحَتِي الرَّبِّ .

أَدَبًا أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبِّ .

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس (١٧-١٠:٦).

يا إخوة تَقَوُّوا فِي الرَّبِّ وَفِي عِزَّةِ قَدْرَتِهِ * الْبَسُوا سِلَاحَ اللَّهِ الْكَامِلِ لِتَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ تَقِفُوا ضِدَّ مَكَايِدِ إِبْلِيسَ * فَإِنَّ مِصَارِعَتَنَا لَيْسَتْ ضِدَّ دَمٍ وَلَحْمٍ بَلْ ضِدَّ الرِّئَاسَاتِ ضِدَّ السَّلَاطِينِ ضِدَّ وُلَاةِ الْعَالَمِ عَالَمِ ظُلْمَةٍ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ ضِدَّ أَجْنَادِ الشَّرِّ الرُّوحِيَّةِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ * فَلِذَلِكَ احْمِلُوا سِلَاحَ اللَّهِ الْكَامِلِ لِتَسْتَطِيعُوا الْمَقَاوِمَةَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الشَّرِيرِ حَتَّى إِذَا تَمَّمْتُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَثْبُتُونَ * فَاتَّبِعُوا إِذَنْ مُنْطَقِينَ أَحْقَاءَكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا بَسِينَ دِرْعَ الْبَرِّ * وَأَنْعَلُوا أَقْدَامَكُمْ بِاسْتِعْدَادِ إِنْجِيلِ السَّلَامِ * وَاحْمِلُوا عِلَاوَةً عَلَى كُلِّ ذَلِكَ ثُرْسَ الْإِيمَانِ الَّذِي بِهِ تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تُطْفِئُوا جَمِيعَ سِهَامِ الشَّرِيرِ الْمُتَهَبَةِ * وَاتَّخِذُوا خُوذةَ الْخِلَاصِ وَسَيْفَ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي هُوَ الْكَلِمَةُ .

Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد الرابع عشر من لوقا

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43).

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (١٨:٣٥-٤٣)

في ذلك الزمان فيما يسوع بالقرب من أريحا كان أعمى جالسا على الطريق يستعطي * فلما سمع الجمع مجتازا سأل ما هذا * فأخبر بأن يسوع الناصري عابر * فصرخ قائلا يا يسوع ابن داود ارحمني * فجزره المتقدمون ليسكت فازداد صراخا يا ابن داود ارحمني * فوقف يسوع وأمر أن يُقدم إليه * فلما قرب سأله ماذا تريد أن أصنع لك. فقال يا رب أن أبصر * فقال له يسوع أبصر. إيمانك قد خلصك * وفي الحال أبصر وتبعه وهو يُمجِّد الله. وجميع الشعب إذ رأوا سبَّحوا الله.

Important: Mark your Calendars for Christmas Liturgy

Important! Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Liturgy. Orthros will begin at 4:30pm followed by Liturgy at 6pm, Monday December 24th. How can we truly celebrate Christmas if we skip out on Christmas Liturgy? The Christmas season is a very busy time, & we have plans to be with friends & family. But, we must learn to set our priorities straight, so schedule your gatherings around the Christmas Liturgy. Can you imagine having a birthday party without the birthday boy?! That's exactly what we do when we don't attend Christmas Liturgy. Let us begin to change the secularization of Christmas & bring Christ back into the picture by remembering the reason for the season. We look forward to seeing you all at Christmas Liturgy. God bless!

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

12/02: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

12/09: Mousa and Huda Haddadin & Family

12/16: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

Epistle Reading

12/02: Marram Salman & Danny Haddad

12/09: Elaine Riadi & Norma Tadros



Newborn

Luka Jonathan

Parents: Randy & Meghan Sweis

Congratulations!



Newborn

Gianna Lena

Parents: William & Christina Sweis

Congratulations!

Everyone is invited
to come help the
Sunday School children
make Christmas cards for
hospitalized children on
Sunday, December 2nd at
11:45am in the Gym.

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!



Upcoming Events

Thurs Nov 29	6:00pm	Nativity Compline
	7:00pm	Open Gym
Fri Nov 30	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Sat Dec 1	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Dec 2	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for all students
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Card Event in Gym
Mon Dec 3	6:30pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Tues Dec 4	6:00pm	Nativity Compline
Wed Dec 5	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
Thurs Dec 6	6:00pm	Nativity Compline
	7:00pm	Open Gym
Sat Dec 8	10:45am	Arabic School
	1:00	Breakfast with St. Nicholas
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Dec 9	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for all students



Supplies Needed for Homeless Shelters

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

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):

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.



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls

Annual Christmas Toy Drive THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the generous donors who fulfilled the Christmas wishes of foster children this year. All the gifts for the 80 foster children were turned in, and have been delivered to DCFS.

Thank you for your support and generosity! May God bless you always!



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)



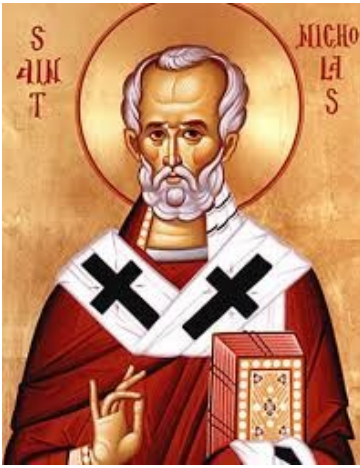
2018/2019 Sunday School Shirts Fundraiser

Long Sleeve Shirts Available for the whole family to order!

These are long sleeve cotton shirts with a pocket logo.

Turn in your orders along with \$15.00 for each shirt to Elizabeth Andoun by December 9th 2018.

Make checks out to St. Mary's Orthodox Church, write in memo "Sunday School Shirts"



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 8th
1pm – 3pm

Join us for breakfast and stay to meet St. Nicholas, make crafts and play games. 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's First Ever Family

Christmas Photo Shoot!

On December 8th and 9th professional photographer Michael Rascia will be at St. Mary's Church to take your families memorable Christmas Photos! Be sure to schedule your families shoot time! For a small fee of \$20.00 each family will receive a professionally edited digital file of their photos.

Come and Support St. Mary's

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

**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 Niqula



**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

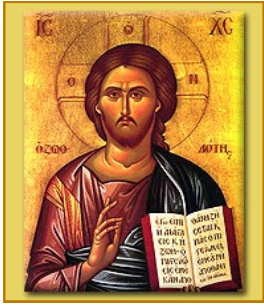
10 am: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Brunch and Farewell

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

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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 December 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied the coming of Christ 600 years His Nativity, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion's den. But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, to the lion's den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshiping the idols. Daniel took and the dinner which God had sent him (Daniel 14:34-37). Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk back to his field in Judea. He died at an old age. His relics were discovered in Palestine during the reign of Theodosius the Great. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Habib the New; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilos and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian king; and Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.