

# St. Mary Orthodox Church

Palos Heights, Illinois

Fr. Mousa Haddad, Fr. Malek Rihani, Fr. Danial Doss, Dn. Saed and Dn. Jacob 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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## Parish Council

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December 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

*The Nativity of our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ*

عيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح



## 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.

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
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All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

*Nativity 2018*

*Christ is born, glorify Him!*

*Christ is from heaven, go to meet Him!*

*Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Sing out with gladness, all ye people. For He is glorified!*

*(First Ode of the Christmas Canon)*



***Beloved in Christ,***

*Today, as the fire from the cave of Christ's birth burns deep within our hearts, we rejoice with all the earth. Anticipation imbues the world as we celebrate the birth of the One who willingly became Man for our salvation. Quiet, meek, guileless and patient, how do we behold and gaze upon the resplendent One who draws us to Himself in pure love?*

*He comes prepared for victory to prepare us. He comes willingly that we be willing. He comes courageous and strong to give us courage and strength. He comes in humility to humble us. He comes in peace, that all men should live in peace.*

***CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!***

*Yours in the service of Christ,*

**+JOSEPH**

*Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America*

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

**Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
December 25, 2018**

***Christ is Born! Glorify Him!***  
***المسيح وُلد! فمجوه!***

**C**hristmas is many things, which includes a story of two kings. One is from the world and the other King comes from heaven.

The first king, Herod, was not confident. He thought his power had to be protected. Although he was wealthy, sat on a throne, and looked down on others, he was afraid of everyone. Instead of bringing smiles to people's faces, he brought tears to their eyes. When he heard from the wise men that a baby Boy was born of a Holy Woman in the countryside, a Savior who would serve and save the people, Herod's fear got the best of him and he was in a "furious rage". He looked everywhere to find this newborn King.

Therefore, God hid the baby King, who was from heaven, and His very own Son, in a cave in the country, under the stars, in the Holy arms of his Mother, while the animals, shepherds, and angels kept watch over Him. Unlike Herod, this baby Jesus would grow up to be the Perfect King. *"He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."* (Luke 2:52) People loved Him. They were not afraid of Him. Little children would run up to Him. People were drawn to Him like metal to a magnet. And though crowds were always with Him, He made time with each person that needed Him. Everyone, well almost everyone, loved him.

The worldly king sold his kingdom for his pleasure at a party. The heavenly King, Jesus Christ, bought a Kingdom to give to His Father as a present. His purpose was His pleasure.

Herod loved making speeches. He gave speeches from his throne to force people to do his will. The fearful king wanted frightened subjects. He put on golden robes because he thought he was a god. But just as his proud heart swelled to the cheers of the crowd, he died then and there (Acts 21).

Jesus never spoke like that. He never sat on a throne; he was nailed to the Cross. And from the Cross, He never spoke more powerfully than when He didn't speak at all. And when this King died, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords gave life to everyone. (Revelation 19:16 and 1 Timothy 6:15)

It does not matter what conditions we are given in life, whether we live in a palace and sit on a throne, or are born in a cave and lay in a manger, it is our love for God that makes us great, like Jesus Christ, the heavenly King.

May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation bless you always.

*+ 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 والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصِ خلصنا.

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

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ 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، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

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

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل 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 يسرون. 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

worshipped 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 فَوَاقَيْنَا 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 يَرَعَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ \* حِينْتِذِ 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 أُمَّهُ فَخَرُّوا سَاجِدِينَ لَهُ وَفَتَحُوا كَنْزُورَهُمْ وَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ هَدَايَا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُبَّانٍ وَمُرٍّ \* ثُمَّ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحُلْمِ أَنْ لَا يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى هِيرُودَسَ فَانصَرَفُوا فِي طَرِيقٍ أُخْرَى إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ.

### 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 .*

عَظِّمِي يَا نَفْسِي مِنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلُويَّةِ.

إِنِّي أَشَاهِدُ سِرًّا عَجِيبًا مُسْتَعْرَبًا. الْمَغَارَةُ سَمَاءٌ وَالْبَتُولُ عَرْشًا شَارُوبِيمِيًّا. وَالْمَذُودَ مَحَلًّا شَرِيفًا الَّذِي اتَّكَأَ فِيهِ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ غَيْرُ الْمَوْسُوعِ فِي مَكَانٍ فَلْنُسَبِّحْهُ مَعْظَمِينَ .

### Koinonikon for the Nativity (Tone Eight)

The Lord hath sent redemption to his people. Alleluia!

أَرْسَلَ الرَّبُّ خَلَاصًا لِشَعْبِهِ . هَلَلُويَا!

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!

مِيلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهَنَا قَدْ أَشْرَقَ نُورَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ. لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنَ الْكَوَكِبِ السَّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ. وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ. يَا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ!

# 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*

12/30: Jiries Salman & Family

1/06: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

1/13: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

## Epistle Reading

12/24: Fabiola Sweis & Rima Sleiman

12/30: Angela Haddad & Norma Tadros

## 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!



ST. MARY'S CHURCH



# Pilgrimage to Greece

The cost of the trip is \$3,690 per person and includes round trip economy airfare from Chicago, 5 star hotels in Thessaloniki, Athens and Zakynthos, breakfast and dinner daily, ferry to Zakynthos, luxury tour buses, English speaking tour guides, entrance fees to museums and attractions, as well as all taxes. Departure from other cities are available but may incur an additional cost.

The group will be limited to 30 people, and will be on a first come, first served basis. **A non-refundable \$500 deposit is required immediately to reserve a spot on the trip.** All payments should be made by check, payable to Good Shepherd Travel, with "Group Reference Number: G060719" in the memo.

# Upcoming Events

<b>Mon Dec 24</b>	4:30pm	Orthros for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
	6:00pm	Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
<b>Thurs Dec 27</b>	7:00pm	Open Gym
<b>Sat Dec 29</b>	5:00pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun Dec 30</b>	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
<b>Thurs Jan 3</b>	7:00pm	Open Gym
<b>Sat Jan 5</b>	5:00pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun Jan 6</b>	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
<b>Wed Jan 9</b>	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
<b>Thurs Jan 10</b>	7:00pm	Open Gym
<b>Sat Jan 12</b>	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun Jan 13</b>	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School (starts with Divine Liturgy)

# ST. MARY'S GOT TALENT

**FOR THE YOUNG AND  
YOUNG AT HEART**

Do you Act? Sing? Dance? Play an Instrument? Are you a Comedian? Recite Poems? An excellent Cook?

Can you make the best Knafeh or the best Chili? Bring your best dish to be judged & win First Prize!

Lunch will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the Sunday School.

Submit your registration forms by January 13, 2019 to Elizabeth Andoun

**FEBRUARY 17  
Immediately  
after Liturgy**

*Join St. Mary's  
First ever  
Talent Show!*

*Fun & entertaining  
for the entire family!*





## Weekly Synaxarion



On December 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity according to the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Thus entered into the world He Whose coming was foretold by the prophets, and Who was born in the same manner in which it had been prophesied: of a Most-holy Virgin, in the town of Bethlehem, of the lineage of David according to the flesh, at the time when there was no king in Jerusalem of the lineage of Judah, but rather when a foreigner named Herod, who sought to kill the infant Messiah, was reigning. After many types and prefigurings, messengers and heralds, prophets and righteous men, wise men and kings, finally He appeared, the Lord of the world and King of kings, to perform the work of the salvation of mankind. Unto Him be glory unto ages of ages. Amen.