



# 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 Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ*

عيد الظهور الإلهي



## 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

#### First Antiphon

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

*Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.*

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

*Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, 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 Savior, save us.*

عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَبَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ مِنْ شَعْبِ أَعْجَمِيٍّ، صَارَ يَهُودًا مَقْدِسًا لَهُ وَإِسْرَائِيلُ سَلْطَنَتَهُ.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

أَبْصَرَ الْبَحْرُ هَذَا فَهَرَبَ وَالْأُرْدُنُّ رَجَعَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ. مَاذَا دَهَكَ يَا بَحْرُ حَتَّى هَرَبْتَ؟ وَيَا أُرْدُنُّ حَتَّى رَجَعْتَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ؟

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين.

بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا.

#### Second Antiphon

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.

*Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!*

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

*Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!*

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy.

*Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, 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...*

فَرِحْتُ جِدًّا لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ يَسْمَعُ صَوْتِ تَضَرُّعِي. إِنَّهُ أَمَالَ أُذُنَهُ إِلَيَّ فَأُنَادِيهِ مَا حَيِّبْتُ.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هللويا!

عَمَرَاتُ الْمَوْتِ اكْتَنَفْتَنِي وَأَهْوَالُ الْجَحِيمِ أَدْرَكْتَنِي. لَقَيْتُ الضِّيقَ وَالْأَسَى، فَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هللويا!

الرَّبِّ رَحِيمٍ وَصِدِّيقٍ، إِلَهُنَا رُؤُوفٌ.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن، لنرتل لك، هلولويا!  
المجد للآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.  
يا كلمة الله الابن الوحيد...

### Third Antiphon

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

*When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, by calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlighten the world, glory to Thee!*

اعترفوا للربِّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ، لِيُقْلَ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ، لِيُقْلَ كُلُّ  
أَنْتِقِيَاءِ الرَّبِّ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ.

بِاعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبِّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرْتَ السَّجْدَةَ لِلثَّالُوثِ، لِأَنَّ صَوْتَ الْآبِ تَقَدَّمَ لَكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّيًا إِيَّاكَ ابْنًا مَحْبُوبًا،  
وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةٍ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرْتَ وَأَنْزَرْتَ الْعَالَمَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ!

### Entrance Hymn

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia!

اللهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا، مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ مِنْ يوحنا فِي الْأُرْدُنِّ، لِنُرْتِلَ  
لَكَ: هَلْلُويَا!

### Troparion of the Theophany (Tone One)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, by calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

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الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

### Kontakion of the Theophany of our Lord (Tone Four)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لِلدُّنْيَا، ذَا الْيَوْمِ يَا رَبُّ، وَضِيَاؤُكَ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ لَكَ التَّسْبِيحَ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةِ قَائِلِينَ: جِئْتَ  
وَبُنْتَ يَا نُورًا لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

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

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

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

**Epistle for the Theophany of our Lord**

**الرسالة لعيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!*

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus (2:11-15; 3:4-7).**

Titus, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of generation and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

مباركٌ الآتي باسم الرب!

اعترفوا للرب فإنه صالح!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى تيطس (٢:١١-١٥; ٣:٤-٧).

يا ولدي تيطس لقد ظهرت نعمة الله المُخْلِصَةُ لجميع الناس \* وهي تُؤدِّبنا لِئَنكِرَ النفاقَ والشهواتِ العالَمِيَّةَ فَنَحْيَا في الدهرِ الحاضرِ على مُقْتَضَى التَّعْقُلِ والعدْلِ والتقوى \* مُنْتَظِرِينَ الرجاءَ السعيدَ وظهورَ مجدِ إلهنا العظيم ومُخْلِصِنَا يسوعَ المسيحَ \* الذي بذلَ نفسه لأجلنا لِيَفْتَدِينَا مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ وَيُطَهِّرَ لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا غَيْرًا عَلَى الأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ \* فَلَمَّا ظَهَرَ لُطْفُ اللَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا وَمُحِبَّتُهُ لِلنَّاسِ \* خَلَّصَنَا هُوَ لَا لأَعْمَالٍ فِي الْبِرِّ عَمَلْنَاها نَحْنُ بل على مُقْتَضَى رَحْمَتِهِ بِغَسْلِ الْمِيلَادِ الثَّانِي وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ \* الَّذِي أَفَاضَهُ عَلَيْنَا بِسَخَاءٍ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مُخْلِصِنَا \* حَتَّى إِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ نَصِيرُ وَرَثَةً عَلَى حَسَبِ رَجَاءِ الْحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ.

## Gospel for the Theophany of our Lord

### الإنجيل لعيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (3:13-17).

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (١٧-١٣:٣).

في ذلك الزمانِ أقبلَ يسوعُ من الجليلِ إلى الأردنِ إلى يوحنا ليعتمِدَ منه\* فكانَ يوحنا يمانعُه قائلاً أنا محتاجٌ أن أعتَمِدَ منك أو أنت تأتي إليَّ\* فأجابه يسوعُ قائلاً دَعِ الآنَ فهكذا ينبغي لنا أن نُتِمَّ كلَّ برٍّ، حينئذٍ تركهُ\* فلَمَّا اعتمَدَ يسوعُ صعدَ للوقتِ مِنَ المَاءِ وإذا السماواتُ قد انفتحت له فرأى روحَ اللهِ نازلاً مثلَ حمامةٍ وحالاً عليه\* وإذا صوتٌ من السماءِ قائلاً هذا هو ابني الحبيب الذي به سررت.

### Megalynarion of the Theophany of Christ (Tone Two)

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

Verily, all tongues are at a loss to praise thee properly; and every mind, even though transcending the world, is distracted in thy praise, O Theotokos. But because thou art good, accept our faith, having known our divine longing. Wherefore, since thou art the helper of Christians, we do magnify thee .

عَظْمِي يَا نَفْسِي مَنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا، وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلُويَّةِ. إِنَّ الْأَلْسِنَةَ بِأَسْرِهَا تَتَحَيَّرُ كَيْفَ تَمْدَحُكَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَاجِبِ. وَكُلُّ عَقْلٍ وَإِنْ كَانَ فَائِقًا الْعَالَمِ، فَإِنَّهُ يَنْدَهُلُ فِي تَسْبِيحِكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحَةٌ، تَقْبَلِي إِيمَانَنَا لِأَنَّكَ قَدْ عَرَفْتِ شَوْقَنَا الْإِلَهِي. فَإِذْ أَنْتِ نَصِيرَةُ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ، فَلَاكَ نُعَظِّمُ.

### Koinonikon for the Theophany of our Lord (Tone Eight)

The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men. Alleluia!

لقد ظهرت نعمة الله المخلصة لجميع الناس. هليلويا!

### Instead of "We have seen the true light...", sing:

#### Troparion of the Theophany (Tone One)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, by calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

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لَكَ!

## Prayer for the Beginning of the New Year

O Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, who by Thy authority has established the times and the seasons, who provides us with rain and the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and who hears the prayers of those who humbly seek Thee, accept also our requests about our needs and concerns and deliver us from every worry, danger, and sin. Thy mercy is as abundant as thy works. Bless all our activities, direct our steps by Thy Holy Spirit, and forgive our sins. O Lord, bless the beginning of our New Year with Thy goodness and make it a year of grace for all of us. Preserve us in peace through the prayers of Thy Most Holy Mother, the Theotokos, and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

## صلاة لبداية السنة الجديدة

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، يَا خَالِقَ جَمِيعِ الْأَشْيَاءِ، يَا مَنْ بِسُلْطَانِهِ  
خَلَقَ الْأَزْمِنَةَ وَالْمَوَاسِمَ وَمَدَّنَا بِالْأَمْطَارِ وَبُقُولِ الْأَرْضِ الْغَزِيرَةِ، يَا مَنْ  
يَسْتَمِعُ إِلَى صَلَوَاتِ طَالِبِيهِ، إِقْبَلْ طَلَبَاتِنَا لِمَا نَحْتَاجُ إِلَيْهِ وَنَهْتَمُّ بِهِ  
وَحَلِّصْنَا مِنَ الْهُمُومِ وَالْأَخْطَارِ وَالْخَطَايَا. رَحْمَتُكَ عَظِيمَةٌ كَأَفْعَالِكَ.  
بَارِكْ كُلَّ أَعْمَالِنَا، سَدِّدْ حُطَانَنَا بِرُوحِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا خَطَايَانَا. يَا  
رَبُّ، بَارِكْ بَدَايَةَ هَذِهِ السَّنَةِ الْجَدِيدَةِ بِصَلَاحِكَ وَاجْعَلْهَا سَنَةً خَيْرٍ  
عَلَى الْجَمِيعِ. إِحْفَظْنَا بِسَلَامٍ، بِشَفَاعَةِ أُمَّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الْقَدَّاسَةِ وَجَمِيعِ  
قَدِّيسِيكَ. آمِينَ.

# 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*

1/06: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

1/13: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

1/20: Saed and Rasha Khoury & Family

## Epistle Reading

1/06: Angela Haddad & Danny Haddad

1/13: Marian Fahmy & Khaled Salman



## 3rd & 9th Day Memorial

Issam Mdanat

Memory Eternal!



## 3rd & 9th Day Memorial

Afifeh Sayegh

Memory Eternal!



## 40 Day Memorial

Hana Elrabadi

Memory Eternal!



## Churching

Luka Jonathan

Parents: Randy & Meghan Sweis

Congratulations!

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord's Theophany on January 6th, we bless water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.

Please contact Fr. Mousa, Fr. Malek, or Fr. Danial if you would like your home blessed this year.



# Upcoming Events

<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)
<b>Wed Jan 16</b>	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
<b>Thurs Jan 17</b>	7:00pm	Open Gym
<b>Sat Jan 19</b>	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun Jan 20</b>	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School (starts with Divine Liturgy)

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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

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## Weekly Synaxarion



On January 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Holy Theophany, or Epiphany, of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. When our Lord reached thirty years from His physical birth, He began His teaching and saving work. He Himself signified this “beginning of the beginning” by His baptism in the River Jordan. St. Cyril of Jerusalem says, “The beginning of the world: water; the beginning of the Good News: Jordan.” At the time of the baptism of the Lord in water, the Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world.” When John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation were shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them (immersion) and became alive again (the coming out of the water); and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation. The Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany in Greek) is also called the Feast of Illumination. For us, the event in the River Jordan illuminates, by manifesting to us God as Trinity, consubstantial and undivided. Also, every one of us through baptism in water is illumined by this, that we become adopted by the Father of Lights through the merits of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Unto Christ be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.