



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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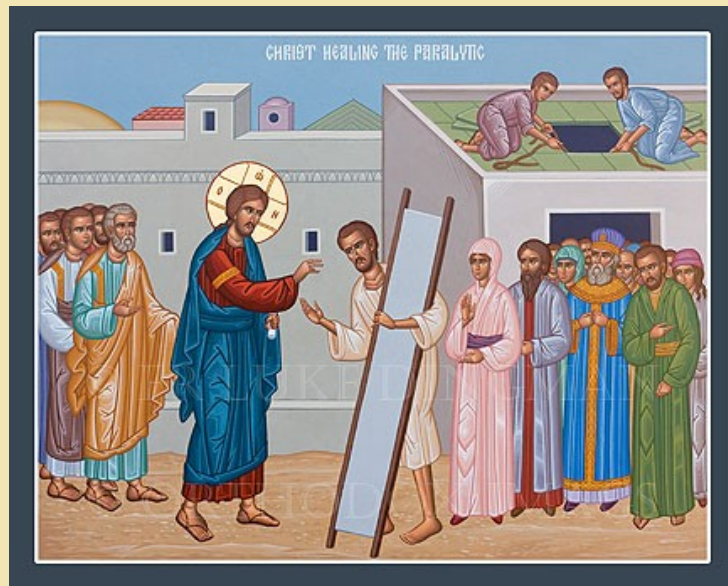
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Call or email the church office

July 28th 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sixth Sunday of Matthew

الأحد السادس بعد العنصرة
الأحد السادس من متى



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.

Please Join us for the Ordination of
Dn. Jacob Andoun to the Holy Priesthood
By the laying on of hands of His Grace Bishop Anthony



Sunday, August 18th 2019
Founders' Day Weekend

Orthros— 8:45am | Divine Liturgy— 10:00am

Wednesday 8/14/19

*Vigil for the Feast of the Dormition
presided by His Grace Bishop Anthony*
4:30pm— Great Vespers with Artoklasia
5:45pm— Orthros & Lamentations
7:00pm— Divine Liturgy followed by a
Parish Potluck

Thursday 8/15/19

6:00pm— SOYO Night with Bp. Anthony
7:30pm— YAM Outing at Portillo's with
Bp. Anthony
(13130 S. Cicero Ave. Crestwood, IL)

Friday 8/16/19

6:30pm— An evening with the Antiochian
Women

Saturday 8/17/19

9:00am—12:00pm— St. Mary's Annual
Humanitarian Walk at Lake Katherine
followed by brunch at RoyalBerry
5:00pm— Hierarchical Great Vespers
6:00pm— Parish Council Dinner with
Bp. Anthony

Sunday 8/18/19

8:45am— Orthros with Byzantine Choir
10:00am— Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with
Byzantine Choir followed by a luncheon
celebrating the ordination of
Fr. Jacob Andoun

Please contact the church office with any
questions: (708)239-0004

*"Be favorably pleased to grant unto him the great grace of thy Holy Spirit, and make him
wholly thy servant, in all things acceptable unto thee, and worthily exercising the great
honors of the priesthood which thou hast conferred upon him by thy prescient power."*

-Service of the Ordination of a Priest

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 هلموا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Five)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

لنُسبِّحُ نحن المؤمنين ونسجدُ للكلمة. المساوي للأب والروح في الأزليَّة وعدم الابتداء. المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه سرَّ وارتضى بالجسد أن يعلو على الصليب. ويحتمل الموت وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

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 حفطت البتولية وصنيتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركتها يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

Kontakion of Transfiguration (Tone Seven)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God: so that, when they should see thee crucified, they would remember that thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

تجليت أيها المسيح الإله على الجبل، وحسبما وسع تلاميذك شاهدوا مجدك. حتى عندما يعاينونك مصلوباً، يفطنوا أن آلامك طوعاً باختيارك. ويكرزوا للعالم أنك أنت بالحقيقة شعاع الأب.

Epistle for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد السادس بعد العنصرة

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation!
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared!*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14).

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophecy in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ!

خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل رومية (١٤-٦:١٢).

يا إخوة إذ لنا مواهب مختلفة باختلاف النعمة المعطاة لنا فمن وهب النبوة فلينبأ بحسب النسبة إلى الإيمان * ومن وهب الخدمة فليلازم الخدمة والمعلم التعليم * والواعظ الوعظ والمتصدق البساطة والمدبر الاجتهاد والراحم البشاشة * ولتكن المحبة بلا رياء كونوا ماقنين للشر وملتصقين بالخير * محبين بعضكم بعضاً حباً أخوياً. مبادرين بعضكم بعضاً بالإكرام * غير متكاسلين في الاجتهاد حارين بالروح عابدين للرب * فرحين في الرجاء صابرين في الضيق مواظبين على الصلاة * مؤاسين القديسين في احتياجاتهم عاكفين على ضيافة الغرباء * باركوا الذين يضطهدونكم باركوا ولا تلعنوا.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Matthew

الإنجيل للأحد السادس من متى

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:1-8).

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (٨-١:٩).

في ذلك الزمان دخل يسوع السفينة واجتاز وجاء إلى مدينته* فإذا بمُخَلِّعٍ مُلقَى على سَرِيرِ قَدَمُوهُ إليه* فلَمَّا رأى يسوعُ إيمانَهُم قال للمُخَلِّعِ ثِقْ يا بُنَيَّ مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ* فقال قَوْمٌ مِنَ الكَتَّابَةِ في أَنفُسِهِم هذا يُجَدِّفُ* فَعَلِمَ يسوعُ أَفكارَهُم فقال لماذا تُفَكِّرونَ بالبَشَرِ في قُلُوبِكُمْ* ما الأيسرُ أن يُقالَ مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ أم أن يُقالَ قُمْ فامشِ* ولكن لكي تَعَلَّمُوا أن ابنَ البَشَرِ له سُلْطَانٌ على الأرض أن يَغْفِرَ الخَطَايا. (حينئذٍ قال للمُخَلِّعِ) قُمْ احملِ سَرِيرَكَ واذهبِ إلى بيتِكَ* فقامَ ومضى إلى بيته* فلَمَّا نَظَرَ الجموعُ تعجَّبُوا ومَجَّدُوا اللهَ الذي أعطى الناسَ سُلْطَانًا كهذا.

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!



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

7/28: Refqa Sweis & Family

8/4: Bishara Sweis & Family

8/11: Elias and Raedah Tadros & Family

Epistle Reading

7/28: Angela Haddad & Nour Swaiss

8/4: Rita Magnuson & Rima Sleiman



6 Month Memorial
Saleh Fakhoury
Memory Eternal!



Wedding
Elias Korolis
and
Natalie Ghazy Salman
Congratulations!



Engagement
Nidal Issam Haddad
and
Claudia Emil Musa
Congratulations!



Baptism
Majed
Parents: Zakaria & Lubna Awwad
Congratulations!



Baptism
Ashley
Sophia
Princeton
Melania
Parents: Nail & Lubna Tadros
Congratulations!



Newborns
Benjamin
Parents: Sami & Reem Sweis
Congratulations!



Newborns
Katherina
Parents: Issa & Vera Fakhoury
Congratulations!

40 Days of Liturgies
August 19th - September 27th
starting at 10:00am
More details to follow!

BEDS  PLUS

BEDS Backpack Drive

Do you have any new or gently used backpacks? Help us collect 75 backpacks to donate towards the BEDS Backpack Drive. Please drop off your backpacks to the church as soon as you can.

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

Sat July 27	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun July 28	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Mon July 29	7:00pm	Open Gym
Wed July 31	10:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
Thurs Aug 1		Dormition Fast Begins
Fri Aug 2	6:00pm	Paraklesis Service
	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Sat Aug 3	11:30am	Feed My Starving Children
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 4	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Falafel Sale
Mon Aug 5	5:30pm	VCS
	6:00pm	Great Vespers with Artoklasia for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Tues Aug 6	9:00am	Orthros for the Transfiguration of our Lord
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Transfiguration of our Lord with the Blessing of Grapes
	5:30pm	VCS
Wed Aug 7	10:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	5:30pm	VCS
Thurs Aug 8	5:30pm	VCS



DORMITION FAST

Thursday, August 1st begins the Dormition Fast which is a two week fast in honor of our Patron Saint, the Virgin Mary.

Friday, August 2nd

6:00 pm Paraklesis Services

Monday, August 5th

6:00pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Tuesday, August 6th

9:00am Orthros for the Transfiguration of our Lord

10:00am Liturgy for the Transfiguration of our Lord with the Blessing of Grapes

Wednesday, August 7th

6:00 pm Paraklesis Services

Friday, August 9th

6:00 pm Paraklesis Services

Monday, August 12th

6:00 pm Paraklesis Services

Wednesday, August 14th

4:30 pm Great Vespers w/ Artoklasia for Feast of Dormition

5:45 pm - Orthros & Lamentations for Feast of Dormition

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Dormition followed by a potluck dinner



ST. MARY'S
YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY



LITURGY AFTER LITURGY

AUGUST 11TH
MEET IN NADI IMMEDIATELY
AFTER LITURGY

JOIN THE YAM FOR A SACK LUNCH
DISTRIBUTION FOR HOMELESS
INDIVIDUALS IN CHICAGO

CARPPOOL AVAILABLE

EMAIL HELENAJANINAH@GMAIL.COM IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

St. Mary Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

*Join your church family at
Family Night*

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Beginning at 7:00pm in the gymnasium

**Join us for an evening of music,
dancing & dinner for the entire family!**

\$10 entrance fee per person—including dinner!

Contact the church office with questions (708)239-0004



St. Mary Orthodox Church

CASH RAFFLE

Support the growth and sustainability of your church by participating in this raffle!

Grand Prize- \$10,000

2nd Prize- \$3,000

3rd Prize- \$2,000

Each raffle ticket costs \$100

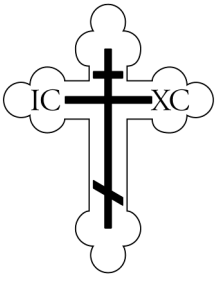
The drawing will take place at our annual Thanksgiving Party on Saturday, November 9th.

Please see any Parish Council member to purchase your tickets or follow this link to purchase tickets online!

<https://form.jotform.com/72487417019966>

For questions contact the church office: (708)239-0004

**YOU COULD WIN
\$10,000**



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"

Taking our faith outside the church walls



Date:

Saturday - August 3rd, 2019

Time:

11:30am - 1:30pm

Location:

Feed My Starving Children,
555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL

Purpose: Pack meals for starving children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization.

Children (Kindergarten and older), teens, and adults are all welcome to attend. Volunteer hours will be granted upon request.

You need to register in order to attend. All volunteers are encouraged to donate at least \$7 (which will feed a child for an entire month!)

To register, [click here](https://www.jotform.com/build/91895912061967) or go to <https://www.jotform.com/build/91895912061967>.

On behalf of God's children, thank you in advance for your commitment.

SOYO UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Aug. 15th - SOYO Night with Bishop Anthony 6:30pm

Wed. Sept. 18th SOYO Nights Resume 6:30pm

Wed. Sept. 18th - Laser Tag 6:30pm

Wed. Sept. 25th - SOYO Parent Bible Study 6:30pm

October SOYO Month



VCS
is coming
to SMC

Save The Date
AUG 2019
5th thru 9th
5:30pm-8:30pm

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CHRIST CALLS US
RESCUED BY JESUS

More Info:
Elizabeth Andoun: 240-434-9821
Dena Tadros: 708-691-0321
Susan Sweis: 916-990-8335

To register for VCS go to
<https://form.jotform.com/90844708861971>

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PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463



CHRIST CALLS US!
Vacation Church School 2019

**BE A
VCS
VOLUNTEER**

Adult Volunteer

Ages 18 and Up

Junior Staff

Ages 15 to 17

Please see Elizabeth Andoun or Dena Tadros to sign up.

All volunteers must attend all meetings, and be available the entire week of

Vacation Church School

August 5th - 9th

5pm - 9pm



St. Mary's Arabic School

Dear families and friends, we are glad to
announce that Arabic school will be
starting **September 14th**
and it will be held on
Saturdays from 10:45am to 1:00pm.



Registration will begin **August 11th** in the
hallway outside of the church hall. If you have
any questions please call the Arabic School
Director Elia Sweiss at 708-707-1395.



- ◆ Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- ◆ Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- ◆ Set your kids on the right path to success!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS AUGUST 11th

Please see Elizabeth Andoun to register your children!

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” “ - Matthew 19:14

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

FOCUS Backpack Drive

Everyone knows the building anticipation as kids get ready to return to school. There's excitement and nerves, an eagerness to start a new year, a sadness that summer is ending. Unfortunately, counting down the days to a new school year is yet another reminder of struggle for many kids across the country. Imagine how excitement would turn to anxiety if going back to school meant a supply list filled with items that mom and dad couldn't afford.

FOCUS North America's Back to School program involves parishes across the country in providing high quality backpacks and school supplies to children when it is time to return to school. **FOCUS** works closely with school workers in every community to ensure that donated items are given to the kids who are experiencing homelessness, living in hotels, or doubled up with friends or family.

FOCUS sent our Parish 24 brand-new backpacks to sponsor. There is a sign-out sheet for Parish families to take the backpacks home and fill them with the supplies that are listed on a sheet included inside the backpack. Also, included in the backpack is a \$10 donation envelope to **FOCUS** to cover the cost of the backpack. Once filled, parishioners need to return the backpacks to church no later than **August 26th** and the coordinator will deliver them a local **FOCUS** partner that works with children in need.

Supplies Needed

Glue Stick
Ruler
3 Ring Binder
Pack of Pens
Highlighter
Subject Folder
Box of Pencils
Lined Paper
Scissors
Pencil Box
Spiral Notebooks
Crayons
Calculator
Notebook Dividers
Colored Pencils

And \$10 donation to cover cost of Backpack.

Please sign-out your backpack
starting next week.



If you have any questions please contact Shireen Salman at 708-717-9640, Marram Salman at 708-307-7473, or the church office at 708-239-0004.



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

6th Annual Humanitarian Walk

Saturday, August 17th, 2019

9:00am - 12:00pm

Registration: \$20 Adults Children: \$10 (10 & under)



Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
7402 Lake Katherine Dr. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Participant Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Please Circle Adult Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Please Circle Youth Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Checks payable to **St. Mary Orthodox Church**

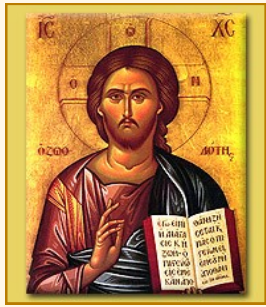
Please complete form and return to Shireen Salman or mail to:

St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 W 127th Street. Palos Heights , IL 60463

Any questions or comments please contact the church office at (708) 239-0004 or
Shireen Salman at (708) 717-9640

*Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.
Love unconditionally. Live fully.*





Weekly Synaxarion



On July 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy, glorious and all-laudable Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy. These first-century deacons are named in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6). The Apostle Peter ordained Prochorus as bishop of Nicomedia. For a time Prochorus was in the service of John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr's death in Antioch at the hands of unbelievers. Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem on the same day as the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon (Acts 7:58-60). Soon after them, two thousand other Christians were slain by the wicked Jews. Saint Timon was a bishop in Bostra in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. Saint Paramenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died in peace in Jerusalem before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them. On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Paul, founder of Xeropotamou and Saint Paul monasteries on Athos; Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou; and Pitirim, bishop of Tambov. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.