



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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August 4th 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and Seventh
Sunday of Matthew

الأحد السابع بعد العنصرة والأحد السابع 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!

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهوروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر. فسببت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادفت البتول يا مانحاً الحياة. فيامن قمت من بين الأموات يارب المجدلك.

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 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد السابع بعد العنصرة

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Until Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (15:1-7).

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاتَكَ

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل رومية (٧-١:١٥).

يا إخوة يجب علينا نحن الأقوياء أن نحتمل وهن الضعفاء ولا نُرْضِي أَنْفُسَنَا * فليُرْضِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنَّا قَرِيبَهُ لِلخَيْرِ لِأَجْلِ البُنْيَانِ * فَإِنَّ المَسِيحَ لَمْ يُرْضِ نَفْسَهُ وَلَكِنْ كَمَا كُتِبَ تَعْيِيرَاتُ مَعِيرِكَ وَقَعَتْ عَلَيَّ * لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَا كُتِبَ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنَّمَا كُتِبَ لِتَعْلِيمِنَا لِيَكُونَ لَنَا الرَّجَاءُ بِالصَّبْرِ وَبِتَعْزِيَةِ الكِتَابِ * وَلِيُعْطِيَكُمُ إِلَهُ الصَّبْرِ وَالتَعْزِيَةِ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُتَّقِي الأَرَاءِ فِيمَا بَيْنَكُمْ بِحَسَبِ المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ * حَتَّى إِنَّكُمْ بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَقَمٍ وَاحِدٍ تَمَجِّدُونَ اللَّهَ أَبَا رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ * مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ فليَتَّخِذْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا اتَّخَذَكُمُ المَسِيحُ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Matthew

الإنجيل للأحد السابع من متى

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:27-35).

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيلي البشيرِ، التلميذِ الطاهرِ (٩: ٢٧-٣٥).

في ذلك الزمانِ فيما يسوعُ مجتازٌ تبعهُ أعميانِ يصيحانِ ويقولانِ ارحمنا يا ابنَ داودِ * فلما دخلَ البيتَ دنا إليه الأعميانِ فقالَ لهُما يسوعُ هل تؤمنانِ أني اقدرُ أن افعلَ ذلك. فقالا له نعم يارب * حينئذٍ لمسَ أعينَهُما قائلاً كإيمانِكُما فليكن لُكُما فانفتحتَ أعينُهُما، فانتهرهُما يسوعُ قائلاً انظرا لا يعلم أحد * فلما خرجا شهراه في تلك الأرضِ كلَّها * وبعد خروجِهما قدموا إليه احرصَ به شيطان * فلما أخرجَ الشيطانُ تكلمَ الأحرص، فتعجبَ الجموعُ قائلين لم يظهرَ قطُّ مثل هذا في إسرائيل * أما الفريسيون فقالوا إنه برئيسِ الشياطينِ يُخرجُ الشياطينِ * وكان يسوعُ يطوفُ المدنَ كلَّها والقرى يُعلِّمُ في مجامعِهِم ويكرزُ ببشارةِ الملكوتِ ويشفي كلَّ مَرَضٍ وكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ في الشعبِ.

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

8/4: Bishara Sweis & Family

8/11: Elias and Raedah Tadros & Family

8/18: Bishara Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

8/4: Salena Ibrahim & Rima Sleiman

8/11: Marram Salman & Khaled Salman



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!



3rd & 9th Dat Memorial

Nuha Abudayyeh

Memory Eternal!



5 Year Memorial

Sabha Sweis

Memory Eternal!



Baptism

Ella

Parents: Zaid & Rasha Tannous

Congratulations!



Baptism

Ashley

Sophia

Princeton

Melania

Parents: Nail & Lubna Tadros

Congratulations!



Churching

Olivia

Parents: Saeid & May Sweis

Congratulations!



Newborn

Olivia Grace

Parents: Samr & Rana Musa

Congratulations!

40 Days of Liturgies

August 19th - September 27th

starting at 10:00am

More details to follow!

Falafel Sale



Sunday, August 4th

Sponsored by the Antiochian Women

Upcoming Events

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
Fri Aug 9	6:00pm	Paraklesis Service
Sat Aug 10	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 11	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Mon Aug 12	6:00pm	Paraklesis Service
Wed Aug 14	10:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	4:30pm	Great Vespers w/ Artoklasia for Feast of Dormition
	5:45pm	Orthros & Lamentations for Feast of Dormition
	7:00pm	Parish Feast Day Hierarchical Liturgy for Dormition/ Potluck



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

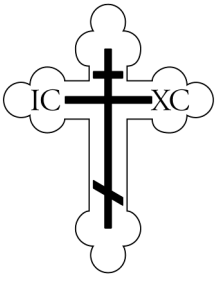
The drawing will take place at our annual Thanksgiving Party on Saturday, November 9th.

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

AGES
5-12

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>

6330 W. 127TH ST.
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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 48 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 25th** 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 August 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Exacustodian, Jamblichus, Martinian, Dionysius, John and Constantine, who rose from the sleep of death. The Roman Emperor Decius came to Ephesus in 250 and arranged a boisterous celebration in honor of the lifeless idols, as well as a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers and sons of influential elders, refrained from the impure offering of sacrifices and they earnestly prayed to the one true God to save the Christian people. When they were accused before the emperor, they retreated to a hill outside Ephesus called Celion and hid in a cave, which Decius commanded to be sealed. However, God, according to His far-reaching Providence, caused a miraculous and long-lasting sleep to fall upon the young men. The imperial courtiers, Theodore and Rufinus, secret Christians, built in that wall a copper sarcophagus with lead plaques on which were written the names of these young men and their martyric deaths. After 184 years, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger, there was a great dispute about the resurrection. Emperor Theodosius prayed to God that He, in some way, would reveal the truth to mankind. At that time of turmoil some shepherders of Adolius, who owned the hill Celion, removed stone after stone from that cave. The youths then awakened from their sleep young and healthy. The news of this miracle was spread abroad on all sides so that even Theodosius himself came with a great entourage and with delight conversed with the youths. After a week, they again fell into the sleep of death to await the universal resurrection. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Eudokia of Persia. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.