



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 11th 2019

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
and Eighth Sunday of Matthew*

الأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة والأحد الثامن 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

First Antiphon

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

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 ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جِدًّا، فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا، فِي جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ. الْمُنْتَبِتُ الْجِبَالِ بِقُوَّتِهِ، الْمُنْتَمِنِقُ بِالْقُدْرَةِ.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا!

الْتَلَابِسُ النُّورِ مِثْلَ التَّوْبِ. الْجِبَالُ سَتُهَلِّلُ قُدَّامَ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ آتٍ. إِنَّهُ آتٍ لِيَدِينَنَّ الْأَرْضِ.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا!

المجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خلصنا!

Second Antiphon

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her.

Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, 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. Amen.

O only-begotten son and word of God...

آسَاسُهُ فِي الْجِبَالِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، الرَّبُّ يَحِبُّ أَبْوَابَ صَهْيُونَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِنِ يَعْقُوبَ

خَلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ ثَابُورِ، لنرتل لك، هلولويا!

قد قبيلت عنك الامجاد يا مدينة الله

خَلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ ثَابُورِ، لنرتل لك، هلولويا!

الأمّ صهيون يقول انسانٌ. والانسان قد وُلد فيها

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من تجلّى على طورِ ثابور، لنرتل لك، هلولويا!

المجدُ للآبِ والإبنِ والروحِ القدس، الآنَ وكلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دهرِ الداهرينَ، آمين.
يا كلمةَ الله الابنِ الوحيدِ...

Third Antiphon

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. O Lord, in the light of Thy face shall they walk, and in Thy name shall they rejoice all the day long, and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

بمراحمك يا ربُّ أرنم الى الأبد. تعترف السماوات بعجائبك يا ربُّ، طوبى للشعب الذي يعرف التهليل. يا ربُّ بنور وجهك يسلكون وباسمك يبتهجون النهار كلُّه.

لما تجليت أيها المسيح الإله على الجبل، أظهرت مجدك للتلاميذ حسبما استطاعوا. فأشرق لنا نحن الخطاة نورك الأزلي. بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإله يا مانحِ النورِ المجدُ لك!

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، خالصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلولويا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Seven)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بصليبك الموتَ وفتحتَ للصِّ الفردوس. وحوّلتَ نوحَ حاملاتِ الطيبِ إلى فرح. وأمّرتَ رُسُلكَ أن يكرزوا مُنذرين، بأنك قد قُمتَ أيُّها المسيح الإله. مانحاً العالمَ الرحمةَ العظمى.

Troparion of the Transfiguration (Tone Seven)

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

لما تجليت أيها المسيح الإله على الجبل، أظهرت مجدك للتلاميذ حسبما استطاعوا. فأشرق لنا نحن الخطاة نورك الأزلي. بشفاعاتِ والدةِ الإله يا مانحِ النورِ المجدُ 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 ميلادِكِ حفِظْتِ البتوليةَ وصننتها وفي رقادِكِ ما أهملتِ العالمَ وتركتِه يا والدةَ الإله. لأنك انتقلتِ إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتِكِ أنقذي من الموتِ 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.

تجلّيتِ أيها المسيحُ الإلهُ على الجبل، وحسبما وسِعَ تلاميذكُ شاهدوا مجدك. حتّى عندما يعاينونك مصلوباً، يفتنوا أن آلامك طوعاً باختيارك. ويكرزوا للعالم أنك أنت بالحقيقة شاعرُ الآب.

Epistle for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة

The Lord will give strength to His people!

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Corinthians (1:10-17).

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لَشَعْبِهِ!

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَعِزًّا!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهل كورنثوس (١٧-١٠:١).

يا إخوة أطلبُ إليكم باسم ربنا يسوع المسيح أن تقولوا جميعكم قولاً واحداً وأن لا يكون بينكم شقاقاً بل تكونوا مكنتملين بفكرٍ ورأيٍ واحدٍ * فقد أخبرني عنكم يا إخوتي أهل خلوي أن بينكم خصوماتٍ * أعني أن كل واحدٍ منكم يقول أنا لبولس أو أنا لأبلوس أو أنا لصفاً أو أنا للمسيح * أعلّ المسيح قد تجزأ. أعلّ بولس صلب لأجليكم أو باسم بولس اعتمدتم * أشكر الله أني لم أعمد منكم أحداً سوى كرسبس وغيوس * لئلا يقول

أَحَدٌ إِنِّي عَمَدْتُ بِاسْمِي * وَعَمَدْتُ أَيضاً أَهْلَ بَيْتِ اسْتَفَاناس. وما عدا ذلكَ فلا أَعْلَمُ هل عَمَدْتُ أَحَدًا غَيْرَهُمْ *
لأنَّ المسيحَ لم يُرسلني لأعمدَ بل لأبشِّرَ لا بحكمةِ كلامٍ لئلا يُبطلَ صليبُ المسيح.

Gospel for the Eighth Sunday of Matthew

الإنجيل للأحد الثامن من متى

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22).

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (٢٢-١٤:١٤).

في ذلكَ الزمانِ أبصرَ يسوعُ جمعاً كثيراً فتحنَّ عليهم وأبرأ مرضاهم * ولما كانَ المساءُ دنا إليه تلاميذهُ وقالوا
إنَّ المكانَ قفرٌ، والساعةُ قد فاتت فاصرفِ الجموعَ ليذهبوا إلى القرى ويبتاعوا لهم طعاماً * فقال لهم يسوعُ لا
حاجةَ لهم إلى الذهبِ أعطوهم أنتم ليأكلوا * فقالوا له ما عندنا ههنا إلا خمسةُ أرغفةٍ وسمكتانِ * فقال لهم
هلمَّ بها إليَّ إلى ههنا * وأمر بجلوسِ الجموعِ على العشبِ. ثم أخذَ الخمسةَ الأرغفةَ والسمكتينِ ونظرَ إلى
السماءِ وباركَ وكسَّرَ وأعطى الأرغفةَ لتلاميذهُ والتلاميذُ للجموعِ * فأكلوا جميعهم وشبعوا ورفعوا ما فضلَ من
الكِسْرِ اثنتي عشرةَ فُقَّةً مملوءةً * وكانَ الآكلونَ خمسةَ آلافِ رجلٍ سوى النساءِ والصبيانِ * وللوقتِ اضطرَّ
يسوعُ تلاميذهُ أن يدخلوا السفينةَ ويسبقوه إلى العبرِ حتى يصرفَ الجموعَ.

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

8/11: Elias and Raedah Tadros & Family

8/18: Bishara Sweis & Family

8/25: Refqa Sweis & Bishara Sweis
& Families



Memorial
Ahlam Andoun
Memory Eternal!



1 Year Memorial
Alice Rihani
Memory Eternal!

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

Epistle Reading

8/11: Marram Salman & Khaled Salman
8/18: Majd Akkawi & Amjad Khalil



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!

Back to Sunday School Party

Join us on

Saturday, September 7, 2019

at 5:30pm

**for Parent Orientation, refreshments
and fun Parent vs. Kids activities.**

You will also have a chance to see what your child will be doing throughout the year, sign up to volunteer and socialize with other parents.

*If you have any questions contact Elizabeth Andoun
at Sundayschool@stmaryoc.org*

Upcoming Events

Thurs Aug 8	5:30pm	VCS
Fri Aug 9	5:30pm	VCS
	6:00pm	Paraklesis Service
Sat Aug 10	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 11	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	YAM: Bagged Lunch for the Homeless
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
Thurs Aug 15	6:00pm	SOYO Night w/ Bishop Anthony
	7:30pm	YAM Outing at Portillo's w/Bishop Anthony
Fri Aug 16	6:30pm	Antiochian Women Evening w/Bishop Anthony
Sat Aug 17	9:00am	Humanitarian Walk
	5:00pm	Hierarchical Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Parish Council Dinner w/Bishop Anthony
Sun Aug 18	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy w/Bishop Anthony
Mon Aug 19	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	7:00pm	Open Gym
Tues Aug 20	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Wed Aug 21	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Arabic Bible Study
Thurs Aug 22	10:00am	Divine Liturgy



DORMITION FAST

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

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

SOYO UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Aug. 15th - SOYO Night w/Bishop Anthony 6:00pm

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



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**

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
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And \$10 donation to cover cost of Backpack.

Please sign-out your backpack
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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:
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*Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.
Love unconditionally. Live fully.*





Weekly Synaxarion



On August 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; and we commemorate the Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily. The Emperor Diocletian dispatched Commander Pentagurus to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there, hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Then someone accused Euplos of taking a book—the Book of the Holy Gospels—to secret Christians and reading to them. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger Euplos was handed over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplos mockingly said: “O ignorant one, do you not see that because of God’s help, these tortures are for me as a cobweb? If you can, find other harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys.” Finally, they led the martyr of Christ out to the scaffold. Then Euplos opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Faith of Christ. Euplos was beheaded in the year 304 and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracle-working relics repose in a village near Naples called Vico della Batonia. On this day, we also commemorate Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; and New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.