



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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Rev. Fr. Jacob Andoun
Rev. Archdeacon Saed Rihani

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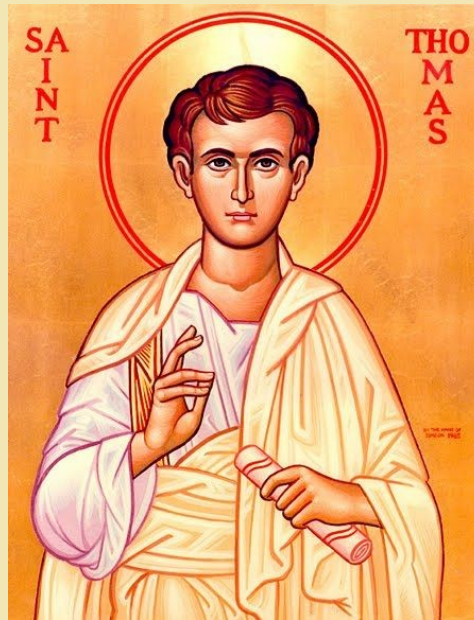
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Call or email the church office

October 6th, 2019

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Luke
Thomas the Apostle Called "The Twin"*

الأحد السادس عشر بعد العنصرة والأحد الثالث من لوقا
القديس توما الرسول الذي يقال له التوئم



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

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 هلوليا!

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 to the world the great mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بصليبِكَ الموتَ وفتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الفردوسِ. وحوَلْتَ نوحَ حاملاتِ الطيبِ إلى فرح. وأمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أن يكرزوا مُنذرين، بأنك قد قُمتَ أيُّها المسيحُ الإله. مانِحاً العالمَ الرحمةَ العظمى.

Troparion of St. Thomas (Tone Three)

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أيُّها الرسولُ القديسُ توما تشفِّعْ إلى الإلهِ الرحيمِ، أن يُنعمَ بغفرانِ الزلَّاتِ لنفوسِنَا.

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 ميلادِكَ حفِظْتَ البتوليةَ وصنَّتها وفي رقادِكَ ما أهملتِ العالمَ وتركتِهِ يا والدَةَ الإله. لأنك انتقلتِ إلى الحياة بما أنك أمُّ الحياة. فبشفاعاتِكَ أنقِذني من الموتِ نفوسِنَا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone Two)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شفيعَةَ المسيحيينَ غيرِ الخازية، الوسيطةَ لدى الخالقِ غيرِ المردودة. لا تُعرضي عن أصواتِ طُلباتِنَا نحنُ الخطاة، بل تدارِكينا بالمعونة بما أنكِ صالحَةٌ، نحنُ الصارخينَ نحوكَ بإيمانٍ. بادري إلى الشفاعةِ وأسرعِي في الطلِّبةِ يا والدَةَ الإله، المتشفعةَ دائماً في مُكْرَميكِ.

Epistle for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد السادس عشر بعد العنصرة

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10).

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِّشَعْبِهِ!

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ!

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس (١٠-١:٦) .

يا إخوة بما أنا معاونون نطلب إليكم أن لا تقبلوا نعمة الله في الباطل * لأنه يقول إني في وقت مقبول استجبت لك وفي يوم خلاص أعنتك. فهذا الآن وقت مقبول. هوذا الآن يوم خلاص * ولسنا نأتي بمعترّة في شيء لئلا يلحق الخدمة عيب * بل نظهر في كل شيء أنفسنا كخدام الله في صبر كثير في شدايد في ضرورات في ضيقات * في جلدات في سجون في اضطرابات في أتعاب في أسهار في أصوام * في طهارة في معرفة في طول أناة في رفق في الروح القدس في محبة بلا رياء * في كلمة الحق في قوة الله بأسلحة البر عن اليمين وعن اليسار * بمجد وهوان، بسوء صيت وحسنه * كأننا مصلون ونحن صادقون، كأننا مجهولون ونحن معروفون، كأننا مائنون وها نحن أحياء، كأننا مؤدبون ولا نقتل * كأننا حزان ونحن دائماً فرحون، كأننا فقراء ونحن نغني كثيرين، كأننا لا شيء لنا ونحن نملك كل شيء.

Gospel of the Third Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد الثالث من لوقا

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7:11-16).

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (١٦-١١:٧).

في ذلك الزمان كان يسوع مُنطلقاً إلى مدينة اسمها نايُن وكان كثيرون من تلاميذه وجمعٌ غفيرٌ مُنطلقين معه* فلما قُرب من باب المدينة إذا ميّتٌ محمولٌ وهو ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأمه وكانت أرملةً وكان معها جمعٌ كثيرٌ من المدينة* فلما رآها الربُّ تحنَّ عليها وقال لها لا تبكي* ودنا ولمَس النَّعشَ (فوقف الحاملون). فقال أيُّها الشابُّ لك أقول قُمْ* فاستوى الميّتٌ وبدأ يتكلَّم فسَلَّمهُ إلى أمه* فأخذ الجميعَ خوفٌ ومجّدوا الله قائلين لقد قام فينا نبيٌّ عظيمٌ وافتقد الله شعبه.

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

10/6: Romel and Nabeela Sweis & Family

10/13: Luai and Suha Sweis & Family

10/20: Refqa Sweis & Family



7 Year Memorial
Nizar Odeh Alnaser
Memory Eternal!

Epistle Reading

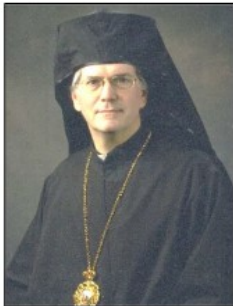
10/6: Kristina Alnemri & Danny Haddad
10/13: Leah Haddad & Subdn. Wajih Haddad

Oh Snap! St. Mary's Sunday School



Its time for our 2nd Annual
Class Picture
Sunday, October 20th
after Communion

St. George Church ~ Akron, Ohio is honored to host the
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
2019 CLERGY RETREAT AND FALL GATHERING
With His Grace Bishop ANTHONY Presiding
Thursday, October 24 -- Sunday, October 27



◆ Accommodations: Double Tree Hilton Hotel 3150 W. Market Street, Fairlawn, OH 44333
Special room rate: \$100 daily plus food vouchers
Call 300-869-9000 to make your reservation and mention *St. George Fall Gathering* for discount!

Activities include:

- ◆ Clergy Retreat ◆ Daily Services and Prayer Sessions ◆ Teen and Young Adult Activities
- ◆ Service Projects ◆ Antiochian Women meetings ◆ Meals
- An inspiring blending of worship, service, and fellowship!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

For questions, please contact Coordinators: Julia Shaheen (jmshaheen@gmail.com) or Bob Snyder 330-285-3688.

Thank you and God bless you

Very Rev. John Alassaf, Pastor

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All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2019

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing summer and are working hard as we begin a new ecclesiastical year. 2020 will mark the 125th anniversary of the arrival of St. Raphael of Brooklyn and the establishment of our Antiochian presence on this continent. The seeds he planted have grown, thanks in large part to the educated clergy that serve our God-protected archdiocese.

With that in mind, we bring to your attention that October in the Antiochian Archdiocese is “Youth Month and Seminary Month”. This year we have 22 seminarians, and most, if not all, will serve this Archdiocese as priests. They will baptize the catechumens, raise up the youth in the Faith, educate the faithful, comfort the sorrowful, visit the sick, restore the penitent, and heal the broken-hearted. Supporting our future clergy and the institutions that are providing their education and formation is vital to the spiritual health of the parishes and ministries of our Church.

As Christian values and morals society are increasingly called into question and truth becomes more and more relative in our contemporary society, we must strive to educate our clergy to teach and defend the faith properly. To that end, we ask for your generous donations today in order to support our seminarians and the institutions that educate them.

May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name and those theological schools that train our future clergy for this high calling.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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Upcoming Events

Sat Oct 5	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 6	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
Mon Oct 7	7:00pm	Open Gym
Wed Oct 9	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	Teen SOYO
Sat Oct 12	9:00am	Marriage Retreat
	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 13	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
Mon Oct 14	7:00pm	Open Gym
Wed Oct 16	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	Teen SOYO
Fri Oct 18	7:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Sat Oct 19	9:00am	Chicago Synergy Symposium St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
Sun Oct 20	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School/ Godparents Day/Picture Day
	12:00pm	Fall Harvest Festival

Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage



Building Hope for Boys Without Families and Families Without Homes

~ FALL NEEDS LIST ~

Food Needs:

- Cereal (low sugar)
- Oatmeal
- Granola
- Pancake Mix
- Honey
- Canned Corn
- Sugar
- RICE
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Spices
(Garlic, Pepper, Salt)
- Chicken Bouillon(Knorr, Chicken broth)
- Flour
- Wheat Flour
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Tomato puree
- Dry fruit
(Banana, Pineapple,
- Almonds,
- Cranberries)
- Olive Oil
- Canola Oil
- Cooking Spray
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Clamato
- Canned Soups
(Mushroom, clam, corn)
- Cooking spray
- Jam
- Yeast
- Gatorade
- Nestea/Minute Maid
- Nesquik
(Chocolate Milk Mix)
- Canned Tuna, Salmon, Mushrooms, Chicken & Albacore
- Popsicles (Otter Pops)
- Granola bars
- Hot Chocolate
- Granulated Coffee
- Juice & Juice boxes
- Brown Sugar
- Bottled Water
- Ramen Soup
- Parmesan Cheese
- Cookies
- Saltine Crackers
- Dressings (Ranch, Blue Cheese)
- Sweetened Condensed Milk

Miscellaneous:

- Auto Oil 10W-40
- Windshield Wiper Fluid
- Blue Paper Towels (for cars)
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C & D)





~ FALL NEEDS LIST ~

Cleaning/Kitchen Supplies:

- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid Soap
- Silverware (sets)**
- Tupperware (containers)
- "Easy Off" Cleaner
- Lysol degreaser
- Liquid hand soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pine Sol
- Fabuloso Cleaner
- Air fresheners
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Windex
- Trash bags (10, 30, 45 & 55 gal)
- Dusters
- Insecticide
- Wax Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Paper
- Plastic Cups & Bowls
- Stain Steel Cleaner
- Grill Cleaning Stone
- Bicarbonate
- Fly Catchers
- Brooms
- Mops & Mop Bucket

Paper Goods:

- Plates**
- Bowls
- Cups
- Paper Towels
- Forks & spoons
- Napkins
- Ziploc bags (sandwich & large size)
- Toilet Paper**
- Styrofoam Coffee Cups

Medicinal:

- Talcum powder
- Body Lotion
- Scope Mouthwash
- Pepto-Bismol
- Foot cream
- Athlete foot spray
- Nyquil/Dayquil
- Sunscreen
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Vick Vaporub
- Disposable razors
- Paracetamol (Bayer Pills)
- Diarrhea pills
- Shampoo
- Combs/Hairbrush

Animals

- Dog Food
- Fish Food
- Cat Food

YAM

Upcoming Events

October 20th - Fall Harvest

October 25th - 26th - Fall Gathering

November 23rd - Chai Chat at Helena Janinah's House

December 14th - Theology and Iconography

SOYO

Upcoming Events

Pantry Partners with St. Innocent Orphanage

October 19th - Chicago Synergy Symposium

October 25th - 26th - Fall Gathering

October 30th - SOYO Parent Bible Study

November 13th - Bowling Night

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**



Fall Harvest Festival

God Parent's Sunday

COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF

GAME



FOOD



FRIENDS



FUN



OCTOBER 20TH

12PM - 8PM

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Join us after Liturgy on God Parent's Sunday

BARBECUE, FRESH BAKED GOODS, BACKGAMMON & HEND

TOURNAMENT, PIE EATING CONTESTS, GAMES, PRIZES, PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES AND A COZY FAMILY FRIENDLY FARMER'S MARKET!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



*St. Mary's
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*

Hosted by Our Antiochian Women

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

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

Join us for music, food, and lots of fun!

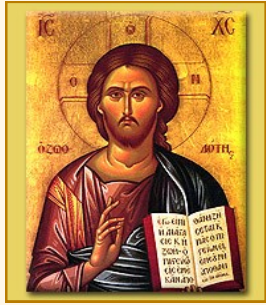
*Ticket: Adults - \$40
Children (6-12yrs) - \$20
Doors open at 6:00pm*

Drawing for Cash Raffle will be held during this event

*Please contact Muna Salman 708-769-5105, Hana Sweis
916-673-8151, Rita Sweis 773-510-4303 or any of the
Antiochian Women for tickets.*

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord"

Psalm 92: 1



Weekly Synaxarion



On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas. Thomas was also called “The Twin”, one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyric death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos’ body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief. On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus; and Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.