



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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November 17th, 2019

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Gregory the wonderworker, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea

الأحد الثاني والعشرون بعد العنصرة والأحد التاسع من لوقا



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 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.

لنُسَبِّحْ نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة. المساوي للأب والروح في الأزليّة وعدم الابتداء. المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه سرّ وارتضى بالجسد أن يعلو على الصليب. ويحتمل الموت وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

Troparion of St. Gregory the Wonder-Worker (Tone Eight)

By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

أيها الأب غريغوريوس، لقد نلت لقبك بتقويماتك، لتيقظك في الصلوات ومواعيظك على صنع العجائب، فتنشفع إلى المسيح الإله أن ينير نفوسنا، لئلا ننام في الخطايا إلى الموت.

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 وتركتيه يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فبشفاعاتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the Divine Spirit, whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

إن الهيكل الكلي النقاوة هيكل المخلص. البتول الخدر الجزيل الثمن والكثُر الطاهر لمجد الله. اليوم تدخل إلى بيت الرب وتدخل معها النعمة التي بالروح الإلهي فلتسبحها ملائكة الله لأنها المظلة السماوية.

Epistle for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

الرسالة للأحد الثاني والعشرين بعد العنصرة

Thou, O Lord, shall preserve us and keep us from this generation!

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18).

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ!

خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (١٨-١١:٦).

يا اخوة انظروا ما أعظم الكتابات التي كتبتها إليكم بيدي * إِنَّ كَلَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُرْضُوا بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يُلْزِمُونَكُمْ أَنْ تَخْتَنُوا وَإِنَّمَا ذَلِكَ لئَلَّا يُضْطَهَدُوا مِنْ أَجْلِ صليبِ المسيح * لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْتَنُونَ هُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ لَا يَحْفَظُونَ الناموسَ بل إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَخْتَنُوا لِيَفْتَخَرُوا بِأَجْسَادِكُمْ * أَمَّا أَنَا فَحَاشَى لِي أَنْ افْتَخِرَ إِلَّا بِصليبِ رَبِّنَا يسوعِ المسيحِ الذي بِهِ صُلبَ الْعَالَمُ لِي وَأَنَا صُلِبْتُ لِلْعَالَمِ * لِأَنَّهُ فِي الْمسيحِ يسوعِ ليسِ الْخِتَانُ بشيءٍ وَلَا الْقَلْفُ بل الْخَلِيقَةُ الْجَدِيدَةُ * وَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ بِحَسَبِ هَذَا الْقَانُونِ فَعَلَيْهِمْ سَلَامٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ اللهُ * فَلَا يَجْلِبُ عَلَيَّ أَحَدٌ أَتْعَاباً فِيمَا بَعْدُ فَأَنِي حَامِلٌ فِي جَسَدِي سَمَاتِ الرَّبِّ يسوعِ * نِعْمَةٌ رَبِّنَا يسوعِ الْمسيحِ مَعَ رُوحِكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ. آمين.

Gospel for the Ninth Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد التاسع من لوقا

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (12:16-21).

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

فصلٌ شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (١٢: ١٦-٢١).

قال الربُّ هذا المثل. إنسانٌ غنيٌّ أخصبتْ أرضُهُ * ففكَّرَ في نفسه قائلاً ماذا أصنع. فإنه ليس لي موضعٌ أحرزُ فيه أثماري * ثمَّ قال أصنعُ هذا. أهدمُ أهراي وأبني أكبرَ منها وأجمعُ هناكُ كلَّ غلاتي وخيراتي * وأقولُ لِنفسي يا نفسُ إنَّ لكِ خيراتٍ كثيرةً فاستريحِي وكُلِّي واشربِي وافرحِي * فقال له اللهُ يا جاهلُ في هذه الليلةِ تُطلبُ نفسك منك. فهذه التي أعددتها لمن تكون * فهكذا من يدخِرُ لنفسه ولا يستغني بالله * ولمَّا قال هذا نادى من له أذنانِ للسمعِ فليسمع.

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

11/17: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

11/24: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

12/01: Ghaleb and Rita Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

11/17: Angela Haddad & Lily Sweiss

11/24: Marram Salman & Danny Haddad



Baptism Christian

Parents: Ziyad & Daisy Fakhoury
Congratulations!

Pledge Envelopes

Please pick up your 2020 pledge envelopes from the back of the church after Liturgy today.

Holy Bread & Coffee Hour

The sign up sheet for 2020 Holy Bread and Coffee Hour is posted in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.



Annunciation Gift Shop & Bookstore



Glory be to God! Glory Forever!

St. Mary Orthodox Church would like to inform all its parishioners to take advantage of the materials that are offered at our Gift Shop & Bookstore. If you have not had the opportunity to stop by and check out our various selections, we ask that you please do. If you are looking for that perfect gift for birthdays, graduation, house warming, baptism, etc... we have many items to choose from. If there is something you would like but do not see, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Nader or Angela Haddad at 989.780.2751 or naderemile3@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Sat Nov 16	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Nov 17	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School/Pageant Practice
Mon Nov 18	7:00pm	Open Gym
Tues Nov 19	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Wed Nov 20	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	Teen SOYO Night
	6:30pm	Great Vespers w/ Artoklasia for the Entrance of the Theotokos
Thurs Nov 21	9:00am	Orthros for the Entrance of the Theotokos
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos
	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Fri Nov 22	6:00pm	Antiochian Women Meeting
Sat Nov 23	10:45am	Arabic School
	3:00pm	Feed My Starving Children
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:30pm	Chai Chat
Sun Nov 24	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 25	7:00pm	Open Gym
Tues Nov 26	5:00pm	Nativity Compline

Upcoming Services

Fri. Nov 15th	10:00am	Liturgy for the beginning of the Nativity Fast
Tues. Nov 19th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Wed. Nov 20th	6:30pm	Great Vespers w/ Artoklasia for the Entrance of the Theotokos
Thurs. Nov 21st	9:00am	Orthros for the Entrance of the Theotokos
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos
	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Tues. Nov 26th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Thurs. Nov 28th	9:00am	Liturgy for Thanksgiving
	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Tues. Dec 3rd	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Thurs. Dec 5th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Fri. Dec 6th	10:00am	Liturgy for St. Nicholas
Tues. Dec 10th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Thurs. Dec 12th	10:00am	Liturgy for St. Spyridon
	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Tues. Dec 17th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Thurs. Dec 19th	5:00pm	Nativity Compline
Fri. Dec 20th	10:00am	Liturgy for St. Ignatius
Tues. Dec 24th	10:00am	Royal Hours and Typika for the Nativity
	4:30pm	Orthros for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
	6:00pm	Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Upcoming Events

YAM

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

December 14th - Theology and Iconography

Annual Christmas Toy Drive

If you signed up for the Christmas Toy Drive .

ALL GIFTS ARE DUE NOW

You can also drop off your gifts at the church office during regular business hours: Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

Advent Fast & Christmas Reminder!

The Nativity Fast (Advent) begins Friday, November 15th and will end December 24th (after Christmas Eve Liturgy). We are to fast from meat and dairy. In order for fasting to be effective, it must be accompanied with prayer and acts of mercy and love. St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "What good is it to fast from meat and dairy, if we devour and eat one another." Please remember to love and forgive in this special time in which we prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Important: Mark your Calendars for Christmas Liturgy

Important! Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Liturgy. It will begin at 6pm, Tuesday December 24th. How can we truly celebrate Christmas if we skip out on Christmas Liturgy? The Christmas season is a very busy time, & we have plans to be with friends & family. But, we must learn to set our priorities straight, so schedule your gatherings around the Christmas Liturgy. Can you imagine having a birthday party without the birthday boy?! That's exactly what we do when we don't attend Christmas Liturgy. Let us begin to change the secularization of Christmas & bring Christ back into the picture by remembering the reason for the season. We look forward to seeing you at Christmas Liturgy. God bless!



Help Feed My Starving Children spread HOPE this holiday season.

Our goal is to raise \$220,000 and pack 1 million meals. We cannot do this without your help! We encourage businesses, churches, families and local communities groups to join us in these efforts. Please consider supporting our event and making a difference in the lives of starving children around the world.

Join us this holiday season to bring HOPE to children like Jane.

In Uganda, 1-year-old Jane was suffering. She'd been left in the care of her uncle who had other children and little food to share with his niece. Jane grew weaker and unresponsive. Her uncle felt helpless. Thankfully our food partner had nourishing FMSC MannaPack meals for Jane's uncle. Jane grew stronger. Now Jane is crawling and healthy!



Jane before MannaPack



Jane after MannaPack™

"I never thought a change this beautiful could happen because of food." –Jane's uncle

A volunteering event like no other - pack alongside 500 other volunteers!

**Hope Filled Holiday Illinois
Saturday November 23, 2019**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

at the

**Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 N Thoreau Dr N, Schaumburg, 60173**

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO A

Chai Chat

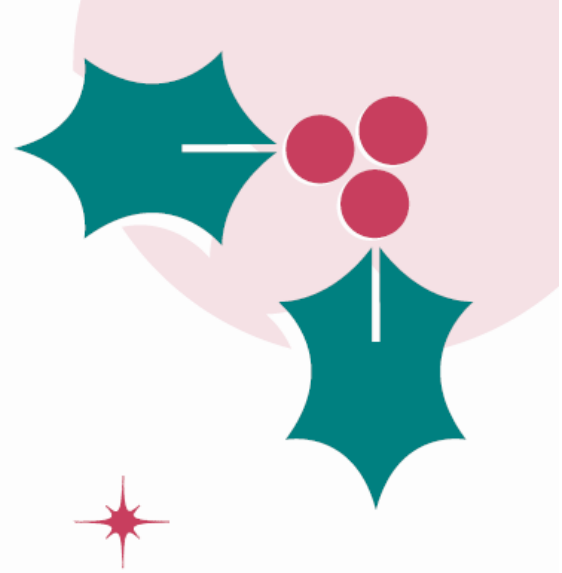
Join us after vespers for tea, refreshments, and
wholesome discussion

NOVEMBER 23, 2019 | 6 PM | THE JANINAH
RESIDENCE:
15641 114TH AVE, ORLAND PARK, IL



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YAM Christmas Retreat!



Topic: Iconography

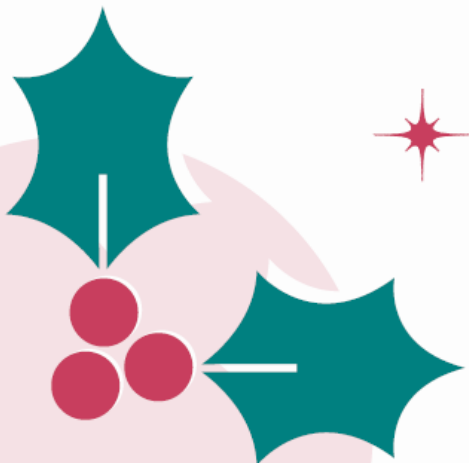
- Join us for a day of education, fellowship, and worship with special guest speaker Fr. Stephen Vernak from Pennsylvania!
- Engage in spiritual and educational talks!
- Enjoy Christmas themed refreshments and activities!



Dec. 14, 2019 | Cost: \$30
9:00am to 5:00pm

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
6330 W 127 St. Palos Heights, IL

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater!



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
- Nesquick
(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

**“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33**



**SOYO MEMBERS ARE INVITED
TO OUR 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT!**

Guest Speaker: Bishop Nicholas of Miami

Ages: 13 - 18 years old

When: Friday, December 27th to Sunday, December 29th

**Where: Dickson Valley Camp and Retreat Center
8250 Finnie Rd., Newark, IL 60541**

Cost: \$150.00

Teens will enjoy Outdoor Laser Tag, Gauntlet, Tubing,
Wall Climbing and many more fun activities.

DEADLINE: December 15, 2019

**December 27th departure time 8:30am
December 29th arrival at church 7:00pm**

For Information Contact: Fr. Jacob Andoun, at 908-370-8632 or
youthpastor@stmaryoc.org

For Scholarship or Financial Assistance.
Please Contact Fr. Jacob Andoun Directly

Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations



If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let any member of the Parish Council know by Saturday, December 14th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, January 12th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your 2019 pledge is paid in full by Tuesday, December 31st, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

Thanks and God bless!



Weekly Synaxarion



On November 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our father among the saints Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea. The miracle-working Gregory was called a second Moses. Although born a pagan, he became aware of the meagerness and insufficiency of pagan philosophy. Gregory then turned to Christian teachers with whom he studied and from whom he received baptism. To dedicate himself solely to Christ God, Gregory withdrew to the wilderness and lived in rigorous asceticism. Bishop Phaedimus of Amasea wanted to consecrate him Bishop of Neo-Caesarea. The clairvoyant Gregory perceived this intention and hid from the bishop's emissaries. Finally, Phaedimus consecrated him in absentia, and Gregory had to accept the office of bishop. The Most-holy Theotokos and St. John the Theologian appeared to him in a vision and gave him the Symbol of Faith—"The Creed"—which the First Ecumenical Council ratified. He died around the year 270 in great old age. When he arrived in Neo-Caesarea as bishop, he found only seventeen Christians in that pagan city. At the end, Gregory left the city Christian, with only seventeen pagans. On this day, we also commemorate Gennadios and Maximos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergios of Radonezh; and righteous mother Hilda, abbess of Whitby. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.