



Saint Mary Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of America

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Church Office Hours : Monday - Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Sunday, January 26th 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

Venerable Xenophon

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!

هَلُمَّ لِنَسْجُدْ وَنُرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكُنَا وَالْهَنَا، خَلَصَنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِ لَكَ هَلْلُويَا!

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 بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّالِحِينَ الْفَرْدُوسَ. وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فَرْحٍ. وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا مُنْذِرِينَ، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ. مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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.

فِي مِيلَادِكَ حَفِظْتَ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَنْتَهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكَتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهَ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ أُمَّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ (Tone One)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in peace, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ الْبَتُولِيَّ، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لَاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصَنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ وَأَيِّدِ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبٌّ لِلبَشَرِ.

Epistle for the Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

*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 the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (4:9-15).

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِّشَعْبِهِ!

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا ابْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَعِزًّا!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى تيموثاوس (١٥-٩:٤).

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صادقة هي الكلمة وجديرة بكل قبول* فإننا لهذا نتعب ونُعير لأننا ألقينا رجاءنا على الله الحي الذي هو مخلص الناس أجمعين ولا سيما المؤمنين* فوص بهذا وعلم به* لا يستهن أحد بفثوتك بل كن مثالا للمؤمنين في الكلام والتصرف والمحبة والإيمان والعفاف* واظب على القراءة إلى حين قدومي وعلى الوعظ والتعليم* ولا تهمل الموهبة التي فيك التي أوتيتها بنبوّة بوضع أيدي الكهنة* تأمل في ذلك وكن عليه عاكفا ليكون تقدمك ظاهرا في كل شيء.

Gospel for the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus Sunday)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10).

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر (١٠-١٩:١).

في ذلك الزمان فيما يسوع مجتاز في أريحا إذا برجل اسمه زكا كان رئيسا على العشارين وكان غنيا* وكان يلتمس أن يرى يسوع من هو فلم يكن يستطيع من الجمع لأنه كان قصير القامة* فتقدم مسرعا وصعد إلى جميزة لينظره لأنه كان مزمعا أن يجتاز بها* فلما انتهى يسوع إلى الموضع رفع طرفه فراه فقال له يا زكا أسرع انزل فاليوم ينبغي لي أن امكث في بيتك* فأسرع ونزل وقبله فرحا* فلما رأى الجميع ذلك تذمروا قائلين إنه دخل ليحل عند رجل خاطئ* فوقف زكا وقال ليسوع هاءنذا يا رب أعطي المساكين نصف أموالي. وإن كنت قد غبنت أحدا في شيء أرد أربعة أضعاف* فقال له يسوع اليوم قد حصل الخلاص لهذا البيت لأنه هو أيضا ابن إبراهيم* لأن ابن البشر إنما أتى ليطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك.

SOYO

Parents Bible Study January 29th at 6:30pm

LAR - February 12th at 6:30pm (SOYO and Parents are invited to attend)

YAM

Adult Sunday School every Sunday after Liturgy

Catechism Class every Saturday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Antiochian Women

Arabian Night Party - February 8th at 6:00pm

Sunday School

St. Mary's Got Talent returns Sunday, February 16th. Please see Kh. Elizabeth to sign up before February 1st!

Spring Gathering—February 20th-23rd

St. Mary's is hosting the Diocesan Spring Gathering. Please mark your calendars and register online! All of the information is on our website. See Fabiola Sweis with questions.

1 Year Memorial

Mary Tannous

Epistle Readers

1/26/20- Subdn. Matthew & Lily Sweiss

2/2/20- Angela Haddad & Danny Haddad

Coffee Hour

1/26/20- Saeid & May Sweis & Family

2/2/20- Rouzin Sweiss & Family

2/9/20- Elia & Lily Sweiss & Family

House Blessing

House Blessings will begin January 6th! The office will be calling you to schedule it. If you would like to schedule your house blessing sooner, please call the church office.

** Please visit*

www.stmaryoc.org to view the complete online bulletin which includes all of the events and details.

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
1/25/2020	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Adult Catechism
1/26/2020	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		Sunday School
1/29/2020	10:00am	Morning Prayers & Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
		Parents Bible Study - Teen SOYO
1/30/2020	9:00am	Orthros for Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs
	10:00am	Liturgy for Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs
2/1/2020	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers for the Presentation of Christ w/Artoklasia
	6:00pm	Adult Catechism
2/2/2020	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ
		Sunday School
2/5/2020	10:00am	Morning Prayers & Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
2/8/2020	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Adult Catechism
	6:00pm	Arabian Night Party
2/9/2020	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		Sunday School

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.

Odeh and Jamileh Akkawi Foundation

The Odeh and Jamileh Akkawi Foundation is now accepting applicants for its annual scholarship.

This scholarship is intended to provide our young men and women the resources they need to reach their God-given potential. The future well-being of our beloved community depends on educated leaders who are well rounded, and are not afraid to take risks in order to advance themselves – and all of us – to the highest levels possible.

Important Notes

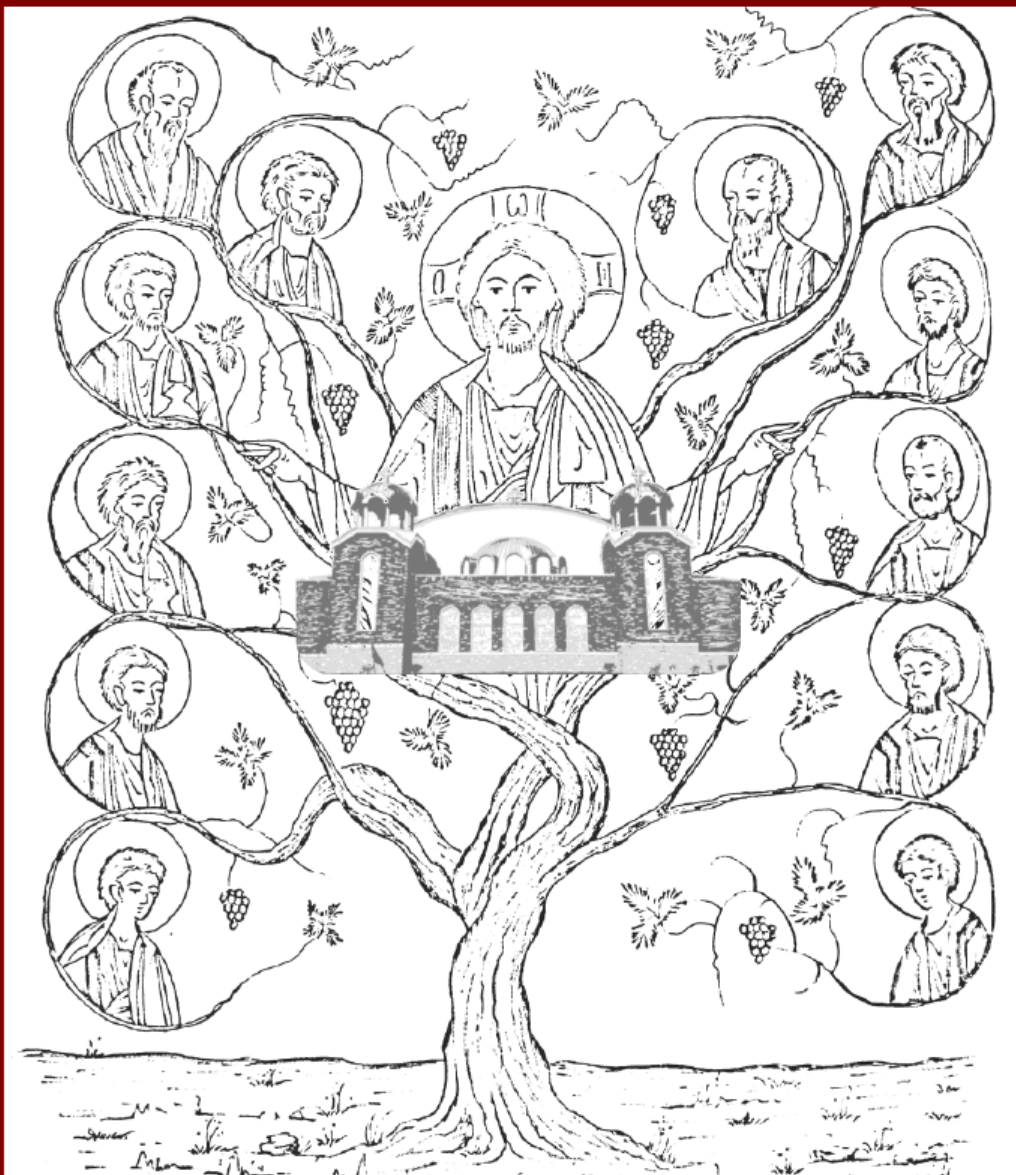
Applicants need to be currently attending the Sixth or Seventh grade.

1. A scholarship of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to each student as follows: \$500 to supplement tuition/books/supplies; and \$500 for extra-curricular activities.
2. If chosen, the student will receive the scholarship beginning the following academic year, and will continue to receive it annually through the 12th grade, as long as the requirements continue to be met.
3. To be considered, applicants are required to:
 - a. Submit academic transcripts from the last 2 years to:
St. Mary Orthodox Church
Scholarship Committee
6330 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
 - b. Complete an online application at: <https://forms.gle/Fwg3mraf0QgCRT9C7>
5. Selection is based on meeting all of the following criteria: Academic potential, character, and Financial need. Selected recipients will be notified by email no later than May 1, 2020

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 16, 2020

Questions? Please reach out to Kayed Akkawi <kayedakkawi@gmail.com>

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
Adult Catechism Class with Fr. Jacob



Know Your Church

*15 talks about the
Orthodox Faith*

*Lectures adapted from
Fr. Josiah Trenham*

Every Saturday
6:00-7:00pm

January 4th–
April 18th 2020

This class is open to all adults who are desiring to learn and grow in the Orthodox Faith. The schedule is listed below. Please contact Fr. Jacob with any questions.

1/4/20	Starting Down the Royal Path: How to become an O. C.	3/7/20	The Church and the Mother of God
1/11/20	The True God	3/14/20	The Mystery of Holy Baptism & Chrismation
1/18/20	The Human Being	3/21/20	The Mystery of Holy Confession
1/25/20	Sin	3/28/20	The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist
2/1/20	Jesus Christ the Son of God	4/4/20	The Mystery of Holy Unction, Death and the Funeral
2/8/20	Jesus Christ the Savior of the World	4/11/20	The Mystery of Holy Priesthood & Marriage
2/15/20	Repentance and Faith	4/18/20	(Baptism/Chrismation) Holy Saturday
2/29/20	The Holy Spirit		



ARABIAN NIGHT



نقول بقلوب ملوها المحبة وأفئدة تنبض بالموودة
أهلاً وسهلاً بالضيوف الكرام
تتشرف سيدات كنيسة السيده العذراء مريم
دعوتكم لحضور حفل عشاء الفلكلورالعربي والذي سوف يقام

*February 8th, 2020 at 6:00pm
St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
6330 W 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463*

الدعوه خاصه للسيدات يتبرع بقيمه \$50 للشخص
ملاحظة: نتمنى حضوركم باللباس الفلكلوري العربي
*Tickets \$50 for Adults,
\$25 for Children 12 and under*



The Antiochian Women of St. Mary Church would like to invite you to our 3rd Annual Arabian Night Party.

Featuring Singer - Nabil Nemeh and his band

Enjoy a fun night of dinner, music, and dancing.
We will be raffling off gift baskets and three gold pieces.



Please Contact Muna Salman(708)769-5105, Nihad Sweis (708)951-1019, Rita Sweis (773)510-4303 or any of the Antiochian Women for tickets.

If you would like to purchase your ticket or raffle ticket online click on the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/200224299934962>



St. Mary's Presents
2nd Annual

Talent Show



**GOT
TALENT?**

**FEBRUARY 16TH / 12:00PM AFTER LITURGY
IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH GYM**

SHOW AND \$5.00 SPAGHETTI LUNCH

**PRACTICES ARE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 2ND & 9TH / 12:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KH. ELZABETH ANDOUN AT 240-434-9821
OR SUSAN SWEIS AT 916-990-8335**



Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

SPRING GATHERING 2020

Hosted by St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights, IL

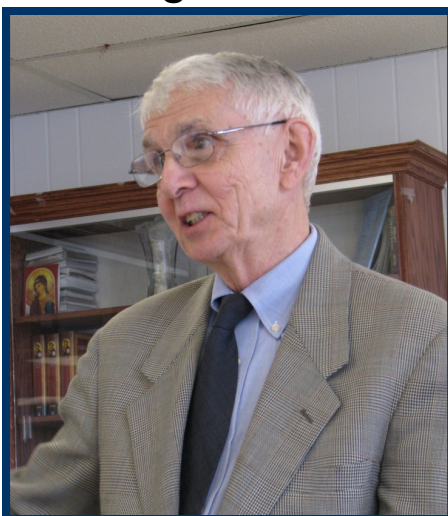
February 20th – 23rd 2020

February 20 –21: Clergy Retreat with keynote speaker Dr. Albert Rossi

February 21-23: Spring Gathering of YAM, SOYO & Antiochian Women



Bishop ANTHONY Michaels



Dr. Albert Rossi - Keynote Speaker

Schedule Overview

Friday night

- SOYO & YAM talk with Bishop Anthony
- Antiochian Women Tea Party with Dr. Rossi

Saturday

- Divine Liturgy
- Kid's Club
- Business Meetings
- Keynote speaker Dr. Rossi to address SOYO & Yam
- Great Vespers
- Evening Events: Hollywood Park (SOYO), Portillo's with Sayidna (YAM)

Sunday

- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- Farewell Lunch

Hotel Information

The [DoubleTree by Hilton](#) is conveniently located just over a mile from St. Mary's and 15 minutes from the Indiana border: 5000 W. 127th St. Alsip, IL 60803

Reserve your room by January 23rd to receive the special rate of \$109/night. To reserve online, visit:

www.alsipdoubletree.com (use group code SAI) or call 1-800-222-8733

Registration Information

Early bird registration fee is \$35. Early bird rate ends January 10th! After January 10th the registration fee goes to \$40. This includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Saturday evening event and a farewell lunch on Sunday!

Register online [here](#) or copy and paste the link in your browser: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#!/1089606>

Questions? Contact us: springgathering@stmaryoc.org

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" For GOD did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" John 3:17

Due By March 8th, 2020

Creative Arts

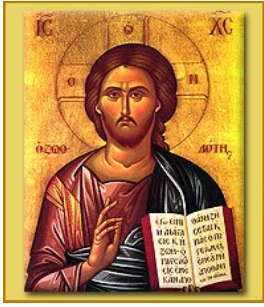
Art, Poetry, Writing, Photo and more
art & creativity

For More INFO Contact:

Manar Janinah: 708-248-0078

Marram Salman: 708-37475





Weekly Synaxarion



On January 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John. Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries. After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both of them were tonsured. Thus the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later on, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy. On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite. By their intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.