



Saint Mary Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 15th, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE MARTYRS GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB THE DEACON OF EDESSA

THOMAS THE NEW, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE PAISIOS VELICHKOVSKY

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!

هَلُمُّ لِنَسْجِدْ وَنَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكُنَا وَالْهَنَا، خَلَصَنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِ لَكَ هَلْلُويَا!

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.

إِنَّ الْقُوَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً
جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

Troparion for Sts. Guria, Shamuna, and Habib (Tone Five)

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

عَجَائِبُ قَدِّيسِكَ الشُّهَدَاءِ غُورِيَا وَسَامُونَا وَحَبِيبِ، إِذْ قَدْ مَنَحْتَنَا إِيَّاهَا سَوْرًا لَا يُحَارَبُ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ
الِإِلَهَ، فَبِتَوْسُلَاتِهِمْ شَتَّتَ مَشُورَاتِ الْأُمَمِ، وَأَيَّدَ صَوَالِجَةَ الْمَمْلَكَةِ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

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 وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهَ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى
الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

اليَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخْلِصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَذْرَاءُ الْخِذْرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الْإِلَهِ،
إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتُسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

Epistle for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. .

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَ بَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَفَسَسِ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اللَّهُ الَّذِي هُوَ غَنِيٌّ فِي الرَّحْمَةِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الْكَثِيرَةِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَنَحْنُ أَمْوَاتٌ بِالْخَطَايَا أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ - بِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ - وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ، وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الدُّهُورِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقِ، بِاللُّطْفِ عَلَيْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِأَنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ، وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ. هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. لَيْسَ مِنْ أَعْمَالٍ كَيْلًا يَفْتَخِرُ أَحَدٌ. لِأَنَّنا نَحْنُ عَمَلُهُ، مَخْلُوقِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِأَعْمَالٍ صَالِحَةٍ، قَدْ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكَيْ نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

Gospel for the Eighth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ
وَالْتَلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ نَامُوسِيٌّ وَقَالَ، مُجْرِبًا لَهُ: يَا مُعَلِّمٌ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأُرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ * فَقَالَ لَهُ: مَاذَا كُتِبَ فِي النَّامُوسِ؟ كَيْفَ تَقْرَأُ؟ * فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: أَحْبِبِ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ نَفْسِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ قُدْرَتِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ ذَهْنِكَ، وَقَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ * فَقَالَ لَهُ: بِالصَّوَابِ أُجِبْتُ. إِعْمَلْ ذَلِكَ فَتَحْيَا. * فَأَرَادَ أَنْ يُرَكِّي نَفْسَهُ فَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: وَمَنْ قَرِيبِي؟ * فَعَادَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مُنْحَدِرًا مِنْ أورشَلِيمَ إِلَى أريحا، فَوَقَعَ بَيْنَ لُصُوصٍ. فَعَرَّوهُ وَجَرَّحُوهُ وَتَرَكَوهُ بَيْنَ حَيٍّ وَمَيِّتٍ * فَاتَّقَى أَنْ كَاهِنًا كَانَ مُنْحَدِرًا فِي ذَلِكَ الطَّرِيقِ، فَأَبْصَرَهُ وَجَارَ مِنْ أَمَامِهِ * وَكَذَلِكَ لَاقِيٌّ، وَاتَى إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، فَأَبْصَرَهُ وَجَارَ مِنْ أَمَامِهِ. * ثُمَّ إِنَّ سَامِرِيًّا مُسَافِرًا مَرَّ بِهِ، فَلَمَّا رَأَهُ تَحَنَّنَ * فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ وَضَمَدَ جِرَاحَاتِهِ، وَصَبَّ عَلَيْهَا زَيْتًا وَخَمْرًا، وَحَمَلَهُ عَلَى دَابَّتِهِ، وَاتَى بِهِ إِلَى فُنْدُقٍ، وَاعْتَنَى بِأَمْرِهِ * وَفِي الْغَدِ، فِيمَا هُوَ خَارِجٌ، أَخْرَجَ دِينَارَيْنِ وَأَعْطَاهُمَا لِصَاحِبِ الْفُنْدُقِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: اعْتَنِ بِأَمْرِهِ، وَمَهْمَا تَتَّفَقَ فَوْقَ هَذَا فَأَنَا أَدْفَعُهُ لَكَ عِنْدَ عَوْدَتِي. * فَأَيُّ هَؤُلَاءِ الثَّلَاثَةِ تَحْسَبُ صَارَ قَرِيبًا لِلَّذِي وَقَعَ بَيْنَ اللَّصُوصِ؟ * قَالَ: الَّذِي صَنَعَ إِلَيْهِ الرَّحْمَةَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: امْضِ قَاصِّنِعْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا كَذَلِكَ.



Baptism
 Nicholas & Noah
 Parents: Elias & Manar Namroud
Congratulations!



Churching
 Ameer
 Parents: Adib & Sammar Tadros
Congratulations!



Churching
 Alana
 Parents: Tarek & Haifa Fakhoury
Congratulations!

Upcoming Services & Events

Date	Time	Event
11/12/2020	6:30pm	Adult Sunday School (Virtual)
	7:00pm	YAM: OCF at Home (Virtual)
11/13/2020	10:00am	Liturgy for St John Chrysostom
11/14/2020	5:00pm	Great Vespers
11/15/2020	8:45am	Orthros (Church)
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy (Church/Gym)
	1:00pm	Virtual Sunday School
	6:30pm	YAM: Chai Chat
11/17/2020	6:00pm	Nativity Compline
11/18/2020	10:00am	Morning Prayers (Virtual)
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study (Virtual)
	6:30pm	Teen SOYO
11/19/2020	6:00pm	Nativity Compline
	6:30pm	Adult Sunday School (Virtual)
	7:00pm	YAM: OCF at Home (Virtual)

Advent Fast & Christmas Reminder!

The Nativity Fast (Advent) begins today Sunday, 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, Thursday 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!



Antiochian Women Thanksgiving Raffle

In lieu of our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, the Antiochian Women of St. Mary's are having a raffle with cash prizes. We appreciate your support over the past years, and we are hoping this year you can continue your support of our Antiochian Women and parish through this raffle.

\$10 per raffle ticket

Drawing will be live-streamed
Sunday, November 22nd
at 2:00pm on the church's
Facebook Page

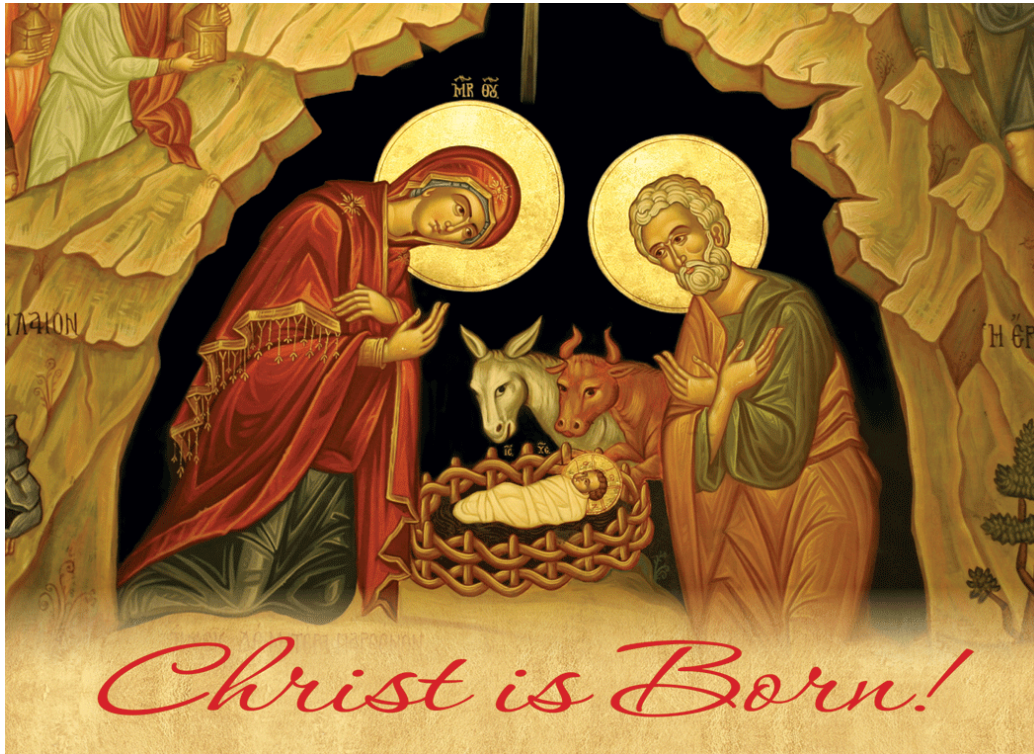
PRIZES

1st Prize: \$1,000
2nd Prize: \$500
3rd Prize: \$300
4th Prize: \$200

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!" - Psalm 107:1

Teen SOYO Christmas Card



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary Orthodox Church,

We are quickly approaching the Christmas season and many of you are already thinking of when you will send your Christmas cards to your friends and family. The SOYO of St. Mary's would like to help you with that task to allow you to do more precious things with your time during this joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As you know, it is time for our annual Community Christmas Card. **Proceeds go to help fund our Teen SOYO Activities.** This annual event gives you the chance to come together as family and friends to wish each other a Merry Christmas. Everyone in the Christian community is welcome to be part of this one of a kind Christmas card. You and your family's name will appear on the card, and it will be sent out to the entire community before Christmas. Please click on the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/202746708388971>

**Note: Your submission will not be complete until you make your donation.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

FOOD DRIVE

**NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS ONLY**

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Beans, Chili, Cereal, Pasta,
Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Rice, Dry Milk, Soup,
Tuna, Canned Vegetables,
Canned Fruit, Mac & Cheese,
Juice.



**Nov. 3rd
to Jan. 31st**

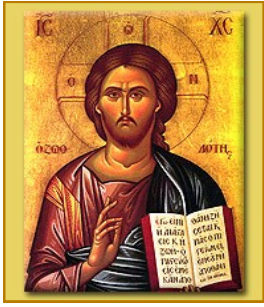
Drop Off Times

**Sunday Mornings &
Mon. - Fri. 10am - 3pm**

**HELP DONATE
TO THOSE IN
HUNGER!**

*Remembering
the words of
St. John
Chrysostom: "It
is a better thing
to feed the
hungry than to
raise the dead."*

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Weekly Synaxarion



On November 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa in Syria: Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon. Guria and Shamuna contested during the reign of Diocletian, in 288; Habib contested in the days of Licinius, in 316; he was buried with Guria and Shamuna. The three have one common feast and they are always portrayed together in icons. They are invoked for help in marital difficulties. A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa and was quartered in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Goth asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia; reluctantly, Sophia at last agreed. She made the Goth vow by the power of the holy Martyrs Shamuna, Guria, and Habib to keep Euphemia as the apple of his eye. As he was nearing his home, however, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. Euphemia became the Goth couple's slave which dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, which included being sealed alive in a tomb and left there to die, Euphemia begged the Saints to save her, and they miraculously conveyed her to Edessa, to the very shrine of the holy Martyrs. Euphemia was reunited with her mother through their holy prayers. On this day, we also commemorate Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Paisios Veli-chkovsky. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.