



# Saint Mary Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost & Fifth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and Anempodistos of Persia

## 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 نَسْجُدْ وَنَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكْنَا وَالْهَنَا، خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِ لَكَ هَلْلُويَا!

## Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Four)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تَلْمِيذَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكَرَّرَ بِالْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهْجِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرَّسُلَ  
مُفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سُبِّي الْمَوْتُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

## Troparion of the Persian Martyrs (Tone Two)

Blessed is the earth that drank your blood, O prizewinners of the Lord, and holy are the tabernacles that received your spirits; for in the stadium ye triumphed over the enemy, and ye proclaimed Christ with boldness. Beseech Him, we pray, since He is good, to save our souls.

مَغْبُوطَةٌ الْأَرْضُ الْمُخْصِبَةُ بِدِمَائِكُمْ يَا مُجَاهِدِي الرَّبِّ، وَمَغْبُوطَةٌ الْمَظَالُّ الَّتِي أَقْتَبَلْتِ أَرْوَاحَكُمْ. لِأَنَّكُمْ فِي  
الْمِيدَانِ قَهَرْتُمْ الْعَدُوَّ، وَكَرَّرْتُمْ بِالْمَسِيحِ بِدَالَةٍ. فَتَضَرَّعُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَبْتَهَلُوا إِلَيْهِ، بِمَا أَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، لِيُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

## 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 حَفِظْتِ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَنْتِهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى  
الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

## 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 شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِّ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا  
نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَتَيْتِ صَالِحَةَ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَيَّ الشَّفَاعَةَ  
وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

## The Epistle for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.*

*In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ. بَارِكِي  
يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ  
غَلَاطِيَةَ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِذْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ  
النَّامُوسِ، بَلْ إِنَّمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَّا نَحْنُ  
أَيْضًا بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، لَا  
بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، إِذْ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ أَحَدٌ  
مِنْ ذَوِي الْجَسَدِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا وَنَحْنُ طَالِبُونَ التَّبَرِيرَ  
بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَجِدْنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا خُطَاةَ، أَفَيَكُونُ الْمَسِيحُ  
إِذَنْ خَادِمًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ؟ حَاشَى. فَإِنِّي إِذْ عُدْتُ أَبْنِي مَا  
قَدْ هَدَمْتُ، أَجْعَلُ نَفْسِي مُنْعَدِيًا. لِأَنِّي بِالنَّامُوسِ مِتُّ  
لِلنَّامُوسِ لِكَيْ أَحْيَا لِلَّهِ. مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ صُلِبْتُ فَأَحْيَا، لَا  
أَنَا، بَلْ الْمَسِيحُ يَحْيَا فِيَّ. وَمَا لِي مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ فِي  
الْجَسَدِ أَنَا أَحْيَا فِي إِيمَانِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَحَبَّنِي، وَبَدَّلَ  
نَفْسَهُ عَنِّي.

## The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Luke

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِي  
الْبَشِيرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَزْجُونَ وَالْبَزَّ،  
وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ تَتَعَمًّا فَاخِرًا. وَكَانَ مِسْكِينٌ اسْمُهُ  
لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ مُصَابًا بِالْفُرُوجِ. وَكَانَ  
يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الَّذِي يَسْقُطُ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ  
الْغَنِيِّ. بَلْ كَانَتْ الْكِلَابُ تَأْتِي وَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. ثُمَّ  
مَاتَ الْمِسْكِينُ، فَنَقَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ.  
وَمَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ أَيْضًا، فَدُفِنَ فَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ فِي الْجَحِيمِ وَهُوَ  
فِي الْعَذَابِ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ وَلَعَازَرُ فِي  
حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى قَائِلًا: "يَا أَبَتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ارْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ  
لَعَازَرَ لِيُعْمَسَ طَرْفَ إصْبَعِهِ فِي الْمَاءِ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي،  
لَأْتِي مُعَذَّبٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهيبِ." فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: "تَذَكَّرْ يَا  
ابْنِي أَنَّكَ نَلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ كَذَلِكَ  
بَلَايَاهُ. وَالآنَ فَهُوَ يَتَعَزَّى وَأَنْتَ تَتَعَذَّبُ. وَعِلَاوَةً عَلَى  
هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَبَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ قَدْ أُثْبِتَتْ، حَتَّى إِنَّ  
الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ،  
وَالَّذِينَ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَعْبرُوا إِلَيْنَا." فَقَالَ: "أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَنْ يَا  
أَبَتَ أَنْ تُرْسِلَهُ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي. فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ،  
حَتَّى يَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ لِكَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَوْضِعِ  
الْعَذَابِ هَذَا." فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: "إِنَّ عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى  
وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا مِنْهُمْ." قَالَ: "لَا يَا أَبَتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ،  
بَلْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ." فَقَالَ  
لَهُ: "إِنَّ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا مِنْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَا إِنْ  
قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يُصَدِّقُونَهُ."



**3rd & 9th Day Memorial**  
Kamal Haddad  
**Memory Eternal!**



**1 Year Memorial**  
George Tadros  
**Memory Eternal!**



**10 Year Memorial**  
Fr. Elias Sweiss  
**Memory Eternal!**



**Wedding**  
Saif Ziadat  
and  
Sally Madanat  
**Congratulations!**

## Upcoming Services & Events

Date	Time	Event
11/2/2025	8:15am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	12:00pm	YAM Coffee Hour
11/4/2025	9:00am	Orthros
	6:30pm	Catechism Class
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
11/5/2025	7:00am	Orthros
	6:00pm	Paraklesis
	6:00pm	Teen SOYO
11/6/2025	9:00am	Orthros
11/7/2025	9:00am	Orthros
	7:30pm	Prayers Before Holy Communion
	8:00pm	Compline
	8:30pm	Great Vespers & Artoklasia
	9:45pm	Orthros
	11:00pm	Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Archangels
11/8/2025	10:00am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Compline with Canon for Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

ST MARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

THURS  
SEPT 25

YAM PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST

SUN  
OCT 5

YAM COFFEE HOUR

OCT  
18

YAM DEANERY RETREAT

SAT  
OCT 25

BENGTSON'S FARM OUTING

SUN  
NOV 2

YAM COFFEE HOUR

TUES  
NOV 25

YAM MOVIE NIGHT



# "Liturgy after the Liturgy"

*Taking our faith outside the church walls*

## **Annual Christmas Toy Drive**

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

It is that time of the year again to begin preparing for our Annual Christmas Drive. The wish lists for 100 children given to us by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services will be distributed this Sunday. For most of these children, these will be the only Christmas gifts they receive.

**Please drop off your gifts on Sundays or at the church office during regular business hours:  
Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm**

**Due November 30<sup>th</sup>**

# *St. Mary's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Hosted by Our Antiochian Women*

*Saturday, November 8, 2025*

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

*Join us for food, music, and raffle!  
Doors open at 6:00pm*

*Live entertainment by our very own  
Saed Khoury*

*Tickets: Adults - \$40  
Children (5-12yrs) - \$20  
(Tickets are non –refundable)*

*Scan the QR code or  
[click here](#) to purchase  
your tickets*



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

*Psalm 92:1*

*Please contact Shireen Salman 708-717-9640,  
Kholoud Swais 708-431-0084,  
Nina Atiyeh 708-768-4614,  
Rita Sweis 773-510-4303  
or any of the Antiochian Women for tickets.*



# Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations



Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, November 16th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your up to date on your 2025 pledge, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

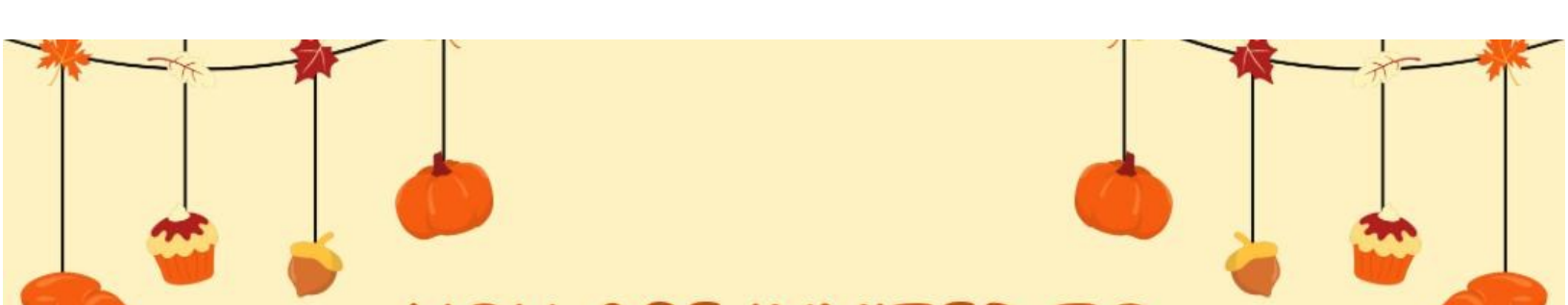
Thanks and God bless!

A vibrant, stylized illustration for a movie night event. The background is a light green color. At the top left, there's a film reel with a film strip winding through it. To the right of the reel is a clapperboard with a black and white striped top edge and some scribbled text. In the center, a large red popcorn bucket is overflowing with yellow popcorn. The words 'POP CORN' are written in white on the side of the bucket. Below the popcorn bucket, the word 'YAM' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below 'YAM', the word 'MOVIE' is written in even larger, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Underneath 'MOVIE', the word 'Night' is written in a light blue, cursive script. In the bottom left corner, there's a red bowl filled with yellow potato chips, with a few chips scattered around it. In the bottom right corner, there's a red cup with a black lid and a white straw. The overall style is retro and playful.


# YAM MOVIE *Night*

**TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 25  
@ 6:00PM  
HEALING FEAR:  
ST LUKE THE SURGEON**

**ST MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
PALOS HEIGHTS, IL**



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**SOYO &  
YAM**



*Friends Giving*



**NOVEMBER 26, 2025  
@ 6:00PM**

**PLEASE BRING A FASTING DISH FOR OUR POTLUCK!**

**ST. MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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.



**October 5 -  
January 4**

## **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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# Food Drive for Hunger



**It's  
Easy**  
to  
Help !



- Water, Hand Sanitizer, Masks
- Canned Soups (include a can opener)
- Pasta Meals & Canned Sauce
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables

**Most Needed  
Items in 2025:**

- Allergy Friendly Food Options
  - Gluten Free, Nut Free, Dairy Free
- Flour, Cornmeal, Rice, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers
- Shelf Stable Milk, Cereals, Cooking Oils, Boxed Meals
- Pancake & Muffin Mix that Only Require Water, Instant Foods
- Baby Food, Juice Boxes, Apples Sauce & Granola Bars
- Baby Clothes, Baby Diapers & Wipes
- Clothing, Hats, Coats, Gloves, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters
- Blankets, Underwear, Shoes and Socks (Socks #1 requested item)
- Household Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products
- Hand Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Body Wipes, Mouthwash, Gloves, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Hygiene Products, Lotion, Powder, Combs & Brushes
- Backpacks, Duffle bags, Portable Chargers
- First Aid Kit & Flash Lights

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

# NEW YEAR

# 2026

*Family Celebration*

Dinner - Hafleh - Raffle

## TICKETS

ADULTS 12+: \$100

AGES 7-11: \$60

6 & UNDER: \$25

KIDS TICKET INCLUDES THEIR OWN SUPERVISED PARTY DOWNSTAIRS WITH DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT! BUBBLE SHOW, BALLOON TWISTING AND MORE. THE KIDS PARTY WILL END AT 11:30PM IN TIME FOR FAMILIES TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER.

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

This scholarship is intended to provide our children with the resources they need to reach their God-given potential. The future prosperity of our beloved communities 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.

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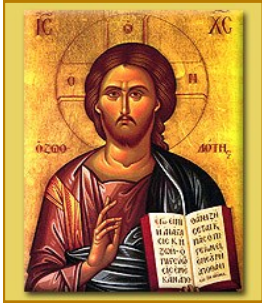
1. Each student selected to participate in the scholarship program will be awarded a \$1,000 annually through the 12th grade, as long as the requirements are met each year.
2. The scholarship includes \$500 for tuition, books, school supplies, \$500 for extra-curricular activities, and access to a curated monthly enrichment program.  
Selected students will receive the funds at the beginning of the following academic year.

Selection is based on three criteria: academic potential, character, and financial need.  
Selected recipients will be notified by email no later than July 1, 2026

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 1, 2026**

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## Weekly Synaxarion



On November 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Anempodistos, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and their companions of Persia. The first three men were servants at the court of King Sapor in 355, but secretly served Jesus Christ. The king gave them over to harsh torture which they endured courageously and prayerfully. Angels and Christ Himself appeared to them. When one of the torturers, Aphthonios, saw that boiling lead did no harm to the martyrs, he believed in Christ. He was then immediately beheaded. Then the king commanded that his three servants be sewn into goat-skins and thrown into the sea. Aphthonios appeared from the other world with three shining angels, took the martyrs to dry land and set them free. Elpidophoros was a courtier. When he revealed that he was a Christian and denounced the king, the king beheaded Elpidophoros along with about 7,000 other Christians. Then the three martyrs named earlier were thrown into a burning furnace, along with 28 soldiers and the king's mother, who had also come to faith in Christ. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.