



Saint Mary Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 9th, 2025

Nektarios of Aegina and Pentapolis, the Wonderworker & Seventh Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus; Venerable Matrona of Constantinople

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

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.

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدْ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمَسَاوِي لِأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَدْرَاءِ
لِخَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَغْلُوَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

Troparion of St. Nektarios of Aegina (Tone One)

The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who didst appear in the last years, O Nektarios, we faithful honor thee as a Godly servant of Christ, for thou pourest forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee.

أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِنَكْرِمَنَّ نِكْتَارِيُوسَ مَوْلُودَ سِيلِيفْرِيَا وَرَايَةَ آيِينَا، مَنْ آخَرَ الْأَزْمِنَةِ ظَهَرَ. مُجِبُّ لِفَضِيلَةِ أُصِيلِ،
وَخَادِمٌ وَقَوْرٌ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مُنْبَعٌ فِي كُلِّ حَالٍ أَشْفِيَّةً لِمَنْ إِلَيْهِ يَصْرُخُونَ: الْمَجْدُ لِلَّذِي قَدْ مَجَّدَكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِمَنْ
أَعْطَاكَ الْمُعْجَزَاتِ، الْمَجْدُ لِلَّذِي يَصْنَعُ بِكَ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ لِلْجَمِيعِ.

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 وَصَنَّتْهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرْكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى
الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ 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, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on 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 الهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمَخْلُصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَذْرَاءُ الْخِذْرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الْإِلَهِ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةً الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتَسْبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّة.

The Epistle for St. Nektarios

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

كريمٍ لدى الربِّ موتُ أبراره.

بماذا نكافئُ الربَّ عن كلِّ ما أعطانا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أَفَسَسِ.

يا إِخْوَةَ، اسْلُكُوا كَأَوْلَادٍ لِلنُّورِ (فَإِنَّ ثَمَرَ الرُّوحِ هُوَ فِي كُلِّ صَلاَحٍ وَبِرٍّ وَحَقٍّ) مُخْتَبِرِينَ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى الرَّبِّ وَلَا تَشْتَرِكُوا فِي أَعْمَالِ الظُّلْمَةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى وَبِخَوْا عَلَيْهَا. فَإِنَّ الْأَفْعَالَ الَّتِي يَفْعَلُونَهَا سِرًّا، يَتَّبَعُ ذِكْرُهَا أَيْضًا. لَكِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يُوبَّخُ عَلَيْهِ، يُعْلَنُ بِالنُّورِ، فَإِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يُعْلَنُ هُوَ نُورٌ وَلِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: اسْتَيْقِظْ أَيُّهَا النَّائِمُ وَقُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَيُضِيءُ لَكَ الْمَسِيحُ. فَانظُرُوا إِذَنْ أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا بِحَذَرٍ، لَا كَجُهَلَاءَ، بَلْ كَحُكَمَاءَ، مُفْتَدِينَ الْوَقْتَ فَإِنَّ الْأَيَّامَ شَرِيرَةٌ. فَلِذَلِكَ لَا تَكُونُوا أَعْيَاءَ، بَلْ افْهَمُوا مَا مَشِيئَةُ الرَّبِّ. وَلَا تَسْكُرُوا بِالْخَمْرِ الَّتِي فِيهَا الدَّعَارَةُ، بَلْ امْتَلِئُوا بِالرُّوحِ، مُكَلِّمِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِمَزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحَ وَأَغَانِيٍّ رُوحِيَّةٍ مُرْتَمِينَ وَمُرْتَلِينَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ لِلرَّبِّ.

The Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ
وَالْتَمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ اسْمُهُ يَائِرُسَ، وَهُوَ رَئِيسٌ لِلْمَجْمَعِ، وَخَرَّ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ، وَطَلَبَ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ، لِأَنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَحِيدَةً لَهَا نَحْوُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً فَذُ اشْرَفَتْ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ. وَبَيْنَمَا هُوَ مُنْطَلِقٌ، كَانَ الْجُمُوعُ يُزْحَمُونَ. وَإِنَّ امْرَأَةً بِهَا نَزْفٌ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَكَانَتْ قَدْ أَنْفَقَتْ مَعِيشَتَهَا كُلَّهَا عَلَى الْأَطْبَاءِ وَلَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ خَلْفِهِ وَمَسَّتْ هُدْبَ ثَوْبِهِ، وَلِلْوَقْتِ وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دَمِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟" وَإِذْ أَنْكَرَ جَمِيعُهُمْ، قَالَ بَطْرُسُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يُضَايِقُونَكَ وَيَزْحَمُونَكَ، وَتَقُولُ، مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟" فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّهُ قَدْ لَمَسَنِي وَاحِدٌ. لِأَنِّي عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي." فَلَمَّا رَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ أَنَّهَا لَمْ تَخْفَ، جَاءَتْ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَخَرَّتْ لَهُ، وَأَخْبَرَتْ أَمَامَ كُلِّ الشَّعْبِ لِأَيَّةِ عِلَّةٍ لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكَيْفَ بَرِنَتْ لِلْوَقْتِ. فَقَالَ لَهَا: "ثِقِي يَا ابْنَةُ. إِيْمَانُكَ أَبْرَأُكَ، فَادْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ." وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، جَاءَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْ ذَوِي رَئِيسِ الْمَجْمَعِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِنَّ ابْنَتَكَ قَدْ مَاتَتْ، فَلَا تُتَعِبِ الْمُعَلِّمَ." فَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ، فَأَجَابَهُ قَائِلًا: "لَا تَخَفْ. آمِنْ فَقَطْ فَتَبْرَأَ هِيَ." وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدْخُلُ إِلَّا بَطْرُسُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ، وَيُوحَنَّا وَأَبَا الصَّبِيَّةِ وَأُمَّهَا. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَبْكُونَ وَيَلْطَمُونَ عَلَيْهَا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لَا تَبْكُوا. إِنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ وَلَكِنَّهَا نَائِمَةٌ." فَضَحِكُوا عَلَيْهِ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بِأَنَّهَا قَدْ مَاتَتْ. فَأَمْسَكَ بِيَدِهَا وَنَادَى قَائِلًا: "يَا صَبِيَّةُ قُومِي." فَرَجَعَتْ رُوحُهَا وَقَامَتْ فِي الْحَالِ. فَأَمَرَ أَنْ تُعْطَى لِتَأْكُلَ. فَدَهَشَ آبَاؤُهَا، فَأَوْصَاهُمَا أَنْ لَا يَقُولَا لِأَحَدٍ مَا جَرَى.



Engagement
David Bassam Haddad
and
Olivia DeBenedictis
Congratulations!



Churching
Ann
Parents: Jeff and Meredith Calhoun
Congratulations!

Upcoming Services & Events

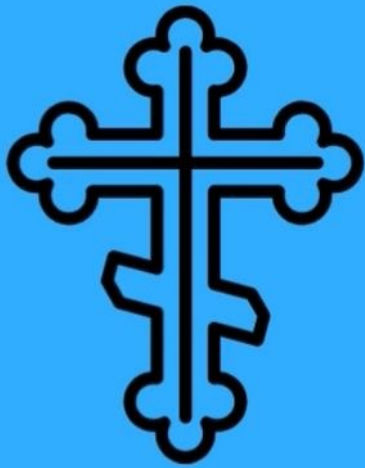
Date	Time	Event
11/9/2025	8:15am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
11/11/2025	9:00am	Orthros
	6:30pm	Catechism Class
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
11/12/2025	7:00am	Orthros
	6:00pm	Vigil at St John Chrysostom Monastery - Wisconsin
11/13/2025	7:30am	Liturgy at St John Chrysostom Monastery - Wisconsin
	6:00pm	Brotherhood Hangout
11/14/2025	8:30am	Prayers Before Holy Communion
	9:00am	Divine Liturgy for St Philip
	6:00pm	Kids SOYO
11/15/2025	9:30am	Prayers Before Holy Communion
	10:00am	Liturgy for the beginning of the Nativity Fast
	10:00am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Compline with Canon for Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Bible Study

Advent Fast & Christmas Reminder!

The Nativity Fast (Advent) begins Saturday, 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. Matins will begin at 8pm followed by Liturgy at 9:30pm, Wednesday 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 all at Christmas Liturgy. God bless!



Upcoming events

St Mary's Young Adult Ministry

TUES
NOV **25**

YAM Movie Night: St Luke the Surgeon

6:00pm

WED
NOV **26**

SOYO & YAM Friendsgiving

6:00pm

TUES
DEC **30**

YAM Christmas Party

6:30pm

SAT
JAN **3**

Deanery Puttshack Social

7:00pm-9:00pm

1828 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL 60523

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"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 have been distributed. 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 30th

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.

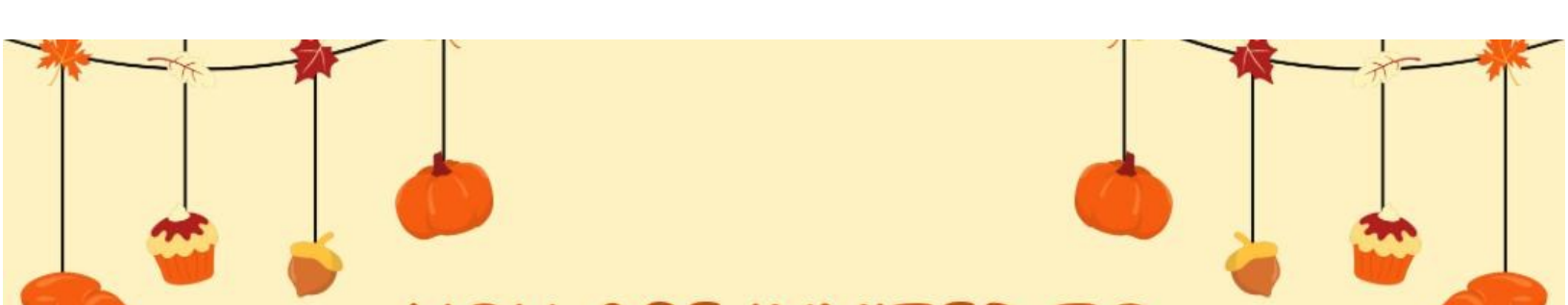
Thanks and God bless!

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 text 'TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25 @ 6:00PM HEALING FEAR: ST LUKE THE SURGEON' is centered in the lower half of the poster. At the very bottom, the location 'ST MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL' is written in a dark green, sans-serif font.


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."*

6330 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463 708-239-0004

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.

**6330 W 127TH ST
PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463**

Purchase Online



For tickets call
Danny Haddad: 708-927-3608
Elias Zaboura: 708-296-5394
Saed Khoury: 708-769-3993

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/252690959850168>

All proceeds go to St. Mary's Building Fund

December 31 At 7:30 Pm

Star Singer

SAED KHOURY

DJ SULTAN



ODEH and JAMILEH

– AKKAWI FOUNDATION –
SINCE 2015

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.

PLEASE APPLY HERE: <https://forms.gle/su55m6iy5vRj3pPD7>

Important Notes:

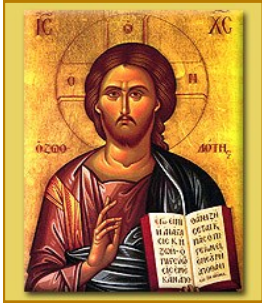
1. Each student selected to participate in the scholarship program will be awarded a \$1,000 annually through the 12th grade, as long as the requirements are met each year.
2. The scholarship includes \$500 for tuition, books, school supplies, \$500 for extra-curricular activities, and access to a curated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

Questions? Please email Dr. Kayed Odeh Akkawi at akkawifoundation@gmail.com
Learn more about the Akkawi Foundation at www.akkawifoundation.org





Weekly Synaxarion



On November 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Nektarios of Aegina, Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt, the wonderworker. Verses Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. Because of his brilliance and holiness, Nektarios ascended in the Church of Alexandria from monk to metropolitan of Pentapolis in eastern Libya. His flock loved him. Nektarios' swift ascent aroused the envy of lesser clergy and laity. In 1890, Patriarch Sophronios relieved the innocent Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties and commanded him to leave Egypt. He became a provincial preacher and teacher around Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his untiring labors to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms and deeds despite his own poverty, and the meekness and fatherly love that were manifest in him, Nektarios became a spiritual guide to many. In 1904, he began the building of Holy Trinity Convent on the island of Aegina. Nektarios spent the rest of his life there, and through his prayers delivered the island from drought, healed the sick, and cast out demons. The saint's relics continue to work miracles since his entry into eternal life on this day in 1920. He was canonized in 1961. In 1998, Patriarch Petros VII and the Holy Synod of Alexandria begged the saint to forgive them and their predecessors. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus; and Venerable Matrona of Constantinople. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.