



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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Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

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Call the church office or email our
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September 6th, 2015

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost &

Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration of Archangel Michael's miracle in Colossae



Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:00p.m. -- Great Vespers

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Matins -- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Matins -- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
(Confessions by Appointment)

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

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!

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.

Troparion of the Archangel Michael (Tone Four)

Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

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.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, the barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life.

Epistle for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us!

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (1:21; 2:1-4).

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel of the Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (22:2-14).

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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!

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

September is recognized as Fellowship month in our Archdiocese.

We participate in ushering, reading the Epistles, and organizing events to help raise money for committees. We would like to give a big thank you to all those who continue to support the Fellowship! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events of the month.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Sunday, September 6th- Ice Cream Sale
- ◆ Sunday, September 13th- Spaghetti Sale
- ◆ Sunday, September 20th- Baked Potato Sale
- ◆ Saturday, September 26th- First Annual Gala
 - ◆ Sunday, September 27th- Pizza Sale

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

09/06: Bishara Sweis & Family

09/13: Jamileh Zedan Sweis & Family

09/20: Rifqa Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

09/06: Reem Sweis & Lily Sweis

09/13: Ramzi Abudayyeh & Khaled Salman

Annunciation Bookstore

Open every Sunday after Liturgy
Monday -Friday
11:00am - 2:00

Please email Nader Haddad at naderemile3@yahoo.com with any requests.



Newborn

Musa

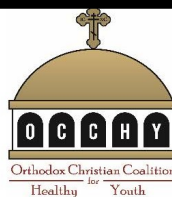
Parents: Ibrahim and Mirna Issa

Congratulations!

Nativity of the Theotokos

September 8th, 2015

Liturgy will be held at 10 a.m.
Followed by Arabic Bible Study
at 11 a.m.



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SUBSTANCE USE AMONG AMERICANS



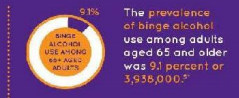
IN 2013

6.6 percent of youth aged 12 to 17 were current illicit drug users¹ and 11.6 percent were current alcohol users.²

5.2 percent of this age group was considered to have a substance use disorder in the past year.³



22.3 percent of full-time college students aged 18 to 22 were currently using illicit drugs⁴ and 59.4 percent were current drinkers.⁵



The prevalence of binge alcohol use among adults aged 18 and older was 9.1 percent or 3,958,000.⁶

1. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2014). 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables. Retrieved from <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k14/nsduh2012det/>

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Understanding the TEN COMMANDMENTS

Eighth Commandment

“Thou shall not steal”



Have I stolen anything or wished to do so? Have I kept anything that did not belong to me? Have I tried honestly to find owners of lost articles I have found? Have I cheated anyone? Have I paid my debts? Have I lived within my income, and not wastefully and extravagantly? Have I given to charitable causes in proportion to my means? Have I been honest and upright?

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY

Diocese of Toledo and
The Midwest



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

September 1, 2015
Church New Year or Indiction

Our own family circle is stronger and closer and as in a family, our lives revolve around and are involved with the cycle of feasts and fasts of the church. The beginning of the Liturgical year, September 1st, puts us into this rhythm of worship.

The church has established twelve great feasts, including Pascha (Easter), called the "Feast of Feasts". There are eight Feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ and four great Feasts of the Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos. There are also many important secondary feasts, such as the feast day for St. Nicholas on December 6th and St. Elias on July 20th. There are special Saints days for local churches like St. Herman of Alaska on December 13th, or St. Raphael of Brooklyn (1st Saturday of November) or St. John of San Francisco on July 2nd.

Each day of the year commemorates different saints. The date of celebration is determined by: day of death and their glorification or recognition by the Church of their saintliness. Some saints are remembered on the day their relics are moved from one location to another. We honor, therefore, the day of their "translation" or transfer. Certain wonderworking Icons also have days of remembrance.

Every day of the week is dedicated to a specific theme or meditation on Christ's life, the Kingdom of God, the saints, and the angels. On Sunday we remember the Resurrection of Christ, and every Sunday is a little Pascha. On Monday we dedicate the day to the angels and all the host of heaven. On Tuesday we remember St. John the Baptist. We contemplate Jesus' betrayal on Wednesday. Thursday is reserved for the remembrance of the Holy Apostles and St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, the great example of an archpastor who expresses the sacred calling of the Apostolic Succession. On Friday, we enter into the drama of the day Jesus Christ was crucified. Saturday is set aside to honor the Holy Martyrs and all of our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the faith, and most especially, the Holy Theotokos.

So hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly throughout the year we set the rhythm, the ticking of our heart to the clock's own movement and we set our time around God's timing. *For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.* (Ephesians 1:9-10)

As we walk through the calendar year and have our eyes on the spiritual path, on our way to the Kingdom of God, we keep looking at Christ, the Holy Mother of God, the saints and angels. St. Basil the Great put it wonderfully: *"Just as painters in working from models constantly gaze at their model and strive to transfer the expression of the original to their own artistry, so too he who is anxious to make himself perfect in all kinds of virtue, must gaze upon the life of the Saints as upon statues, so to speak, that move and act, and must make their excellence his own by imitation."*

May God grant us a blessed and fruitful year.

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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DodgeBall

What: Dodge Ball Tournament Presented by St. Mary's Orthodox Athletic Ministry

Who: Ages 14 and up, 5 players per team; *1 must be female*

Fee: \$20 per person/\$100 per team

When: TODAY, September 6th 2015 at 3:00 PM

Where: The Gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church at 6330 W, 127th St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463

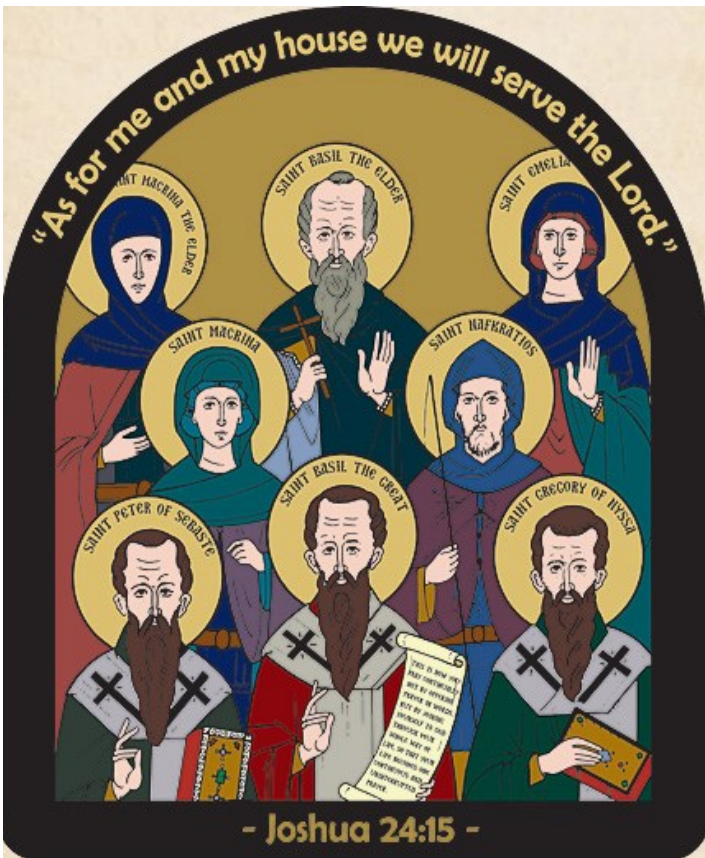


FOR
REGISTRATION
FORMS AND MORE
INFORMATION,
CONTACT US AT
athletics@stmaryoc.org



Sunday School Registration

Online registration is at www.StMaryOC.org/sunday_school.html
OR
Register on a computer outside of the Church Gym.



September

13th: Elevation of the Cross—students leave after communion to prepare for procession at end of Liturgy.

20th: First Day of Sunday School.
Classes meet in Christian Education wing.
PreK-2nd Grades on 1st Floor
3rd-12th on 2nd Floor.

October

4th: God Parent's Sunday—Bring your Godparents with you to Liturgy!

TBA—Middle School Fall Retreat

31st: All Saints Day Feast Celebration

November

15th: 1st Practice for Christmas Pageant at 12noon in Christian Education wing

December

6th: Saint Nicholas Day Celebration

12th: Final Dress Rehearsal for Pageant at 12noon in Christian Education wing

13th: Sunday School Christmas Presentation at the end of Liturgy

21st-23rd: Creative Projects Camp

27th—Jan 3rd, Christmas Break



Upcoming Dates

St. Mary's Arabic School

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school will be starting September 12th and it will be held on Saturdays from 10:45am to 1:00pm. An e-mail with additional information will go out in July.

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!!!Register Today!!!

Please see Lamees Ammari after Liturgy to Register your child or if you have any questions please call the Arabic School Director Elia Sweiss at 708-707-1395.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PAN-ORTHODOX YOUTH GATHERING

TUESDAY SEP. 15

DIALOGUE WITH THE BISHOPS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All Orthodox high school and college students from the Greater Chicago area are invited to participate.

6:00-6:30

Welcome and Orientation

6:30-7:00

Service of Thanksgiving

7:00-8:30

Dialogue with the Bishops
of the Assembly

8:30-10:00

Refreshments

Holy Resurrection
Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
5701 North Redwood Drive
Chicago, IL 60631



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

**The Fellowship of St. John the Divine cordially invites you to
their First Annual**

Gala
A black tie event

Saturday, September 26th 2015

Doors open at 6:00 pm

St. Mary Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St.

Palos Heights, IL

\$50 per person

This event is for anyone ages 18 and over

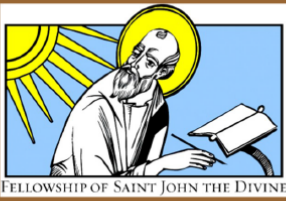
Dinner | Dancing | Open bar | Comedian | Live DJ | Raffle

Comedic performance by Omid Singh

To purchase your tickets contact

Chuck Samawi 952.457.0057 | Danny Sweis 708.638.6796

All proceeds go to the Annual Fellowship retreat sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine.



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

This Fall you do not want to miss the...

Fellowship Retreat

Hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine

October 9th – 11th 2015

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
Kansasville, WI

The Fellowship at St. Mary invites everyone ages 19-99 to experience the weekend of a lifetime! The keynote speaker for the weekend will be our beloved Archdeacon Saed Rihani. During the Fellowship Retreat we will partake in church services, interactive sessions, indoor/outdoor leisure activities, and much more. We will be surrounded by nothing but Orthodoxy and beauty in the newly built retreat center opened by the Greek Archdiocese.

\$200 (per person) will cover the cost of the entire weekend including meals, lodging, and transportation.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\$175 if you sign up and pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit by July 26th!

As with all events at St. Mary, if you would like to participate but need financial assistance, please see Fr. Mousa.

To sign up or address any questions, contact
Fabiola Sweis at fabiolasweis@gmail.com



CLERGY AND LAITY
FALL GATHERING
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
AND THE MIDWEST

INDIANAPOLIS

OCTOBER 16-18

St George Orthodox Church
10748 E 116th St.
Fishers, IN 46037



Village @ Home theme featuring
Fr. Anthony Yazge and staff from
the Antiochian Village

- ◆ Color Wars!
- ◆ Camp-style Services
- ◆ Evening Programs
- ◆ Afternoon Program
- ◆ Hierarchal Liturgy
- ◆ Great Fellowship
- ◆ Much More!

ONLY \$35!*
(\$25 for children 8-11
Children 7 and under
free. Daycare provided)

*if registered by Oct. 1, then
add \$5

Plus special sessions with Fr. Anthony Yazge, the
Antiochian Village Staff, and Bishop ANTHONY

Hotel reservations at the Hampton INN
6817 82nd St. Indianapolis, IN 46250
\$94/night—2 Double or King rooms.
Breakfast included - Reserve by October 1 by
visiting <http://tinyurl.com/mwfall2015>



PROGRAMS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

- ◆ Children 8-12
- ◆ Teens 13-19
- ◆ Young Adults 20+
- ◆ Antiochian Women
- ◆ Men
- ◆ Clergy

Special Clergy meetings Oct.
15-16 with Bishop ANTHONY
and seminars on Youth and Young
Adult ministries by Fr. Anthony
Yazge.

Families, and Diocesan
Organizations, and clergy meet
Oct. 16-18



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

2nd Annual

Humanitarian Walk

Saturday, October 17th 2015

8:00am - 12:00pm

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens

7402 Lake Katherine Dr.

Palos Heights, IL 60463

Registration Fees

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10 (10 & under)

Sponsors

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact
Shireen Salman.

Benefiting

St. Mary's Orthodox Church Humanitarian Fund

Contact

Shireen Salman at 708-717-9640

*Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.
Love unconditionally. Live fully.*

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 2nd Annual Humanitarian Walk

**Saturday, October 17, 2015
8:00am – 12:00am**

**Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
7402 Lake Katherine Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463**

Gold Sponsors - \$1,000

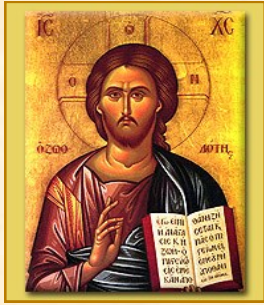
- ◆ Recognition at event as Gold Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 5 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Gold Sponsor.
- ◆ Company logo on St. Mary's web page.
- ◆ Opportunity to distribute promotional items in gift bag provided to all walkers.
- ◆ Recognition in the church weekly bulletin.

Silver Sponsors - \$500

- ◆ Recognition at the event as Silver Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 3 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Silver Sponsor.
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Bronze Sponsors - \$250

- ◆ Recognition at the event as Bronze Sponsor.
- ◆ Opportunity for 2 company team members to participate in walk. Each team member will receive a T-shirt.
- ◆ Recognition as Sponsor with company logo on t-shirt.
- ◆ Listing in all media releases as a Bronze Sponsor.
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Weekly Synaxarion



On September 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the dread miracle of the Chief Commander Michael that took place in Colossae of Phrygia; and we also commemorate Saint Archippos of Hierapolis. The Archangel Michael delivered from destruction a church and a holy, miraculous spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to turn the course of two rivers against the church and the spring. But the Archangel appeared by the prayers of the holy Archippos and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means “funnels” in Greek. Archippos lived there until age 70, when he entered peacefully into Heaven. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.