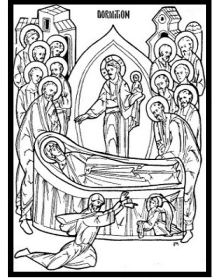




St. Mary Orthodox Church

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

كنيسة العذراء مريم الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية



"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26)

September 16, 2012

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

الأحد الذي بعد عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:30 p.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)*

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

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. Please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet" for more information. May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

أهلاً بكم في كنيسة العذراء مريم الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية! يُسعدنا أن نُقدّم لكم ولعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارّة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الأولى لكنيستنا، نرجو أن تشعروا بأنكم في بيتكم الذي هو بيت أبينا جميعاً. ألرجاء أن تسألوا أحد المساعدين في الكنيسة في نهاية الخدمة الالهية عن "رزمة معلومات الترحيب" التي تحتوي على المعلومات المطلوبة. الله يبارككم وينعم عليكم بالصحة لسنين عديدة في خدمة الرب.

Clergy, Parish Council, Committees, and Ministries

Parish Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani
Subdeacon Matthew Sweis
Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

Parish Council:

Presiding Officer

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad

Chairman

Fadi Abu Manneh

Vice Chairman

Rashid Sweis

Treasurer

Abdullah Tadros

Financial Secretary

Samer Tadros

Secretary

Abeer Khouri

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George Barakat

Maher Ibrahim

CJ Kari

Bassam Salman

Faris Samawi

Ramzi Sweis

Committees:

Altar / Liturgics

Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani

Expansion & Maintenance

Luai Sweiss

Fundraising & Stewardship

Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman

Financial

Abdullah Tadros

Communication

Abeer Khouri

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Shireen Salman

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Fadi Abu Manneh

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Sana Sweis

Office Administrator

Katia Haddad

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Sunday School Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

Ladies Guild President

Kholoud Swais

Ladies Guild Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

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Khalil Haddad

Fellowship Spiritual Director

Fr. Mousa Haddad

SOYO President

Hadeel Sweis

SOYO Advisor

Orieb Sweis & Steve Rihani

SOYO Spiritual Director

Fr. Malek Rihani

Handmaids of the Lord

Mansoura Khouri & Lina Haddad

Handmaids Spiritual Director

Fr. Malek Rihani

Choir Director

Michael Rascia

Chanter

Khaled Salman & Faris Samawi

Church Hall Rental - Call the church office or email: katiahaddad@virginmaryoc.org

Changes in the Liturgy

تغييرات في القداس

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!

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا!

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.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر . والحراس صاروا كالأموات . ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر . فسيبت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادفت البتول يا مانحاً الحياة . فيامن قُمت من بين الأموات ياربُّ المجدلِّك .

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone One)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, and to thy faithful people grant victory over their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross protect all those who follow Thee.

خلص ياربُّ شعبك وبارك ميراثك وامنح المؤمنين الغلبة على الأعداء . واحفظ بقوة صليبك جميع المختصين بك .

Troparion of St. Euphemia (Tone Four)

Thy ewe-lamb, Euphemia, O Jesus, doth cry unto Thee with a loud voice: My Bridegroom, I do long for Thee and in struggles seek Thee. I am crucified and buried with Thee in Thy Baptism, and for Thee I do suffer until I reign with Thee. I die for Thee that I may live in Thee. Then as a sacrifice without blemish, receive her who for Thy sake was slain. Through her intercessions, therefore, since Thou art merciful, save our souls.

أَنْ نَعجَتِكَ يا يسوع تصرخ اليك بصوتٍ عظيم قائلةً: اليك اصبو يا عروسي . وإياك اطلب بجهادي . وأصلب وأدفن معك بمعموديتك . واكابد الآلام من اجلك لكي املك معك . واموت فيك لكي احيا بك . فتقبل التي ضحَّت لك عن ارتياح كذبيحة لا عيب فيها . وبشفاعاتها خُص يا رحيم نفوسنا .

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.

في ميلادك حفظت البتولية وصنتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركتيه يا والدة الإله . لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة . فبشفاعاتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا .

Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Tone Four)

Do thou, who of thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by thy Name; make glad in thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries. Having in thine aid a weapon of peace and trophy invincible.

يا من ارتفعت على الصليب مختاراً أيها المسيح الإله . إمنح رافاتك لشعبك الجديد المسمى بك . وفرح بقوتك الحكام الحسني العبادة . مانحاً إياهم الغلبة على الشرور . ولتكن لهم معونتك سلاحاً للسلامة وظفراً غير مقهور .

Epistle for the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

الرسالة للأحد الذي بعد عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

*O Lord, how magnificent are thy works. Thou hast made all things in wisdom!
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter 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.

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، كلها بحكمة صنعته!

باركي يا نفس الرب!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (2:16-20).

يا إخوة إذ نعلم أن الإنسان لا يُبرَّرُ بأعمالِ الناموسِ بل إنَّما بالإيمانِ بيسوع المسيح آمناً نحنُ أيضاً بيسوع المسيح لكي نُبرَّرَ بالإيمانِ بالمسيحِ لا بأعمالِ الناموسِ إذ لا يُبرَّرُ بأعمالِ الناموسِ أحدٌ من ذوي الجسدِ * فإن كُنَّا ونحنُ طالبونَ التبريرَ بالمسيحِ ووجدنا نحنُ أيضاً خطاةً أفيكونُ المسيحُ إذنُ خادماً للخطيئة. حاشى * فإني إن عدتُ أبنياً ما قد هدمتُ أجعلُ نفسي مُتعدياً * لأني بالناموسِ مُتُّ للناموسِ لكي أحيأُ الله * مع المسيحِ صُلبتُ فأحيا لا أنا بل المسيحُ يحيا فيَّ. ومالي من الحياة في الجسدِ أنا أحيأُ في إيمانِ ابنِ الله الذي احبَّنِي وبذلَ نفسه عني.

Gospel for the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

الإنجيل للأحد الذي بعد عيد رفع الصليب المقدس

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(8:34-38; 9:1).

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

*فصل شريف من بشارة القديس مرقس الإنجيلي البشير، التلميذ الطاهر

(8:34-38; 9:1)

قال الرب مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي فَلْيَكْفُرْ بِنَفْسِهِ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعْنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يُهْلِكُهَا وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ يُخَلِّصُهَا * فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْتَفِعُ الْإِنْسَانُ لَوْ رِيحَ الْعَالَمِ كُلَّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ * أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنِ نَفْسِهِ * لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحْيِي بِي وَبِكَلَامِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْفَاسِقِ الْخَاطِئِ يَسْتَحْيِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ مَتَى أَتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ * وَقَالَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ قَوْمًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُوقُونَ الْمَوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ قَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ.



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.

Hospitality Teams

“Let us love one another that with one mind we may confess, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Trinity one in essence and undivided.” - From the Divine Liturgy

<i>Holy Bread and Coffee Hour</i>	القداس والقهوة
09/16: Jamileh Zedan & Family	09/16: جميلة زيدان والعائلة
09/23: Faysal and Suhair Sweis & Family Emad & Issam Haddad & Family	09/23: فيصل وسهير صويص والعائلة عماد وعصام حداد والعائلة
09/30: Wajih Tadros & Family	09/30: وجيه تادرس والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English - Fabiola Sweis, Arabic - Mazen Ammari
Next Week: English - Delia Haddad, Arabic - Khaled Salman

Altar Server Ministry:

09/16: Team A (Captain Jordan Rihani): Odeh Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al-Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis

09/23: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi): Rami Sweis, Yazen Swais, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel Samawi, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey

09/30 Team C (Captain Murad Salman): Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis, Elia Sweis, Simon Tadros, George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis

“Bible Verse of the Week”

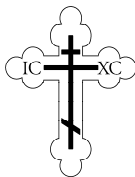
“I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.” [Psalm 138:2](#)

أَسْجُدُ فِي هَيْكَلِ قُدْسِكَ، وَأَحْمَدُ اسْمَكَ مِنْ أَجْلِ رَحْمَتِكَ وَحَقِّكَ، لِأَنَّكَ عَظَّمْتَ كَلِمَتَكَ وَأَسْمَكَ فَوْقَ كُلِّ

شَيْءٍ. المزامير 138:2

Parish News

May their memory be eternal!



Kiblan Azroui

40th Day Memorial - Dama Sayegh

ليكن ذكرهم مؤبداً!

قبلان أزروي

الاربعين - دمة صايغ

Congratulations!

Wedding

Alla Atef Sweis & Wajdan Issa Jreisat

Jeff Cogswell & Christine Mtanios Khodeir

Engagement

Ibrahim Marji & Linda Jafilan



مبروك !

زواج

علاء عاطف صويص ووجدان عيسى جريسات

جيف كوجسول وكريستين مطانيوس خضير

خطوبة

ابراهيم مرجي وليندا جفيلان

Today, Sunday, September 16, 2012

!!!IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY!!!

**JOIN US & HELP SUPPORT YOUR LADIES GUILD
BY ENJOYING SOME KUNAFSA**



Maha Al-Asaker

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

Calendar of Events

Every Week (unless otherwise noted)

Sun - 8:45am Matins, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wed - 10:00am Morning Prayers, 10:30am Parish Bible Study

Sat - 1:30pm, Youth Sports League

3:30pm, Arabic School

5:30pm, Great Vespers

September 2012

Sun - 09/16/12

11:30am: Kunafa Sale

Tue - 09/18/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 09/21/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bowling Outing

Sat - 09/22/12

2:00pm: SOYO Trampoline

Sun - 09/23/12

11:30am: SOYO Showerma Sale

Tue - 09/25/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Wed - 09/26/12

10:00am: Liturgy for St. John the Evangelist

Fri - 09/28/12

6:00pm: Ladies Meeting, Elections, and Bible Study

Sat - 09/29/12

8:00am: Annual IOCC Walk

October 2012

Tue - 10/02/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 10/05-07

Midwest Diocese Fall Gathering

Sun - 10/07/12

11:30am: St. Mary Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Tue - 10/09/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Sat - 10/13/12

9:00am: Ladies Guild Monastery Trip

Sun - 10/14/12

11:30am: Ladies Guild Showerma Sale

Tue - 10/16/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Fri - 10/19/12

7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study

Sat - 10/20/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session

Sat - 10/20/12

6:30pm: SOYO Bible Study

Sun - 10/21/12

11:30am: St. Mary Annual Family Health Fair

Mon - 10/22/12

7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of
James the Brother of the Lord

Tue - 10/23/12

6:00pm: Volleyball Open Gym

Thu - 10/25/12

7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

Sat - 10/27/12

6:30pm: SOYO Fall Ball

November 2012

Fri - 11/02/12
Sat - 11/03/12
Sat - 11/03/12
Sun - 11/04/12
Sat - 11/10/12
Sun - 11/11/12
Thu - 11/15/12
Wed - 11/21/12

Thu - 11/22/12
Sat - 11/24/12
Sat - 11/24/12
Fri - 11/30/12

7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Celebration
10:00am: Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Daylight Saving Time Ends
7:00pm: St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh
10:00am: Blood Drive
Nativity Fast Begins
10:00am: Liturgy for the Presentation of the
Theotokos into the Temple
10:00am: St. Mary Annual Turkey Bowl
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
No Youth League & No Arabic School
7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12
Wed - 12/05/12
Fri - 12/07/12
Sun - 12/09/12
Fri - 12/14/12
Sat - 12/15/12
Sat - 12/22/12
Mon - 12/24/12
Wed - 12/26-28
Fri - 12/28/12
Sat - 12/29/12
Sun - 12/30/12
Mon - 12/31/12

2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
7:00pm: SOYO Bible Study
1:00pm: Visit to Hope Children's Hospital
7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study
2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
No Youth League & No Arabic School
6:00pm: Christmas Services
SOYO Christmas Retreat
6:00pm: Ladies After Christmas Party
No Youth League & No Arabic School
No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
7:00pm: Liturgy for the New Year and
Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

January 2013

Sat - 01/05/13
Sun - 01/06/13
Fri - 01/11/13

No Youth League & No Arabic School
No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Game Night

February 2013

Sun - 02/03/13
Sat - 02/09/13

5:30pm: Fellowship Super Bowl Party
7:00pm: Annual St. Valentine's Day Hafleh

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET?



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

- ◆ Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- ◆ Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- ◆ Set your kids on the right path to success!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 23rd

Please see Omar Sweiss or any Sunday School Staff in the Fellowship Hall

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” “ - Matthew 19:14

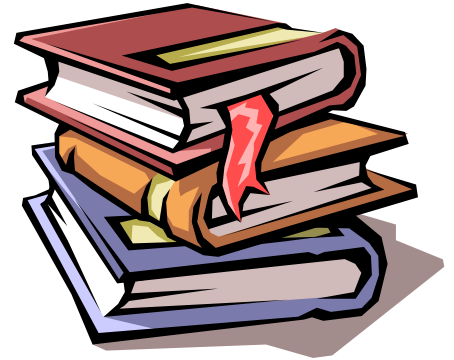
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Arabic School is Back!

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. First day of Arabic School is, September 22nd, 2012, and it will be held on Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Great Vespers from 5:30pm-6:15pm is optional).

The fees for 2012 will be as follows:

<u>Pledged Members</u>	<u>Non-Pledged Members</u>
1 st child - \$200	1 st child - 250
2 nd child - \$150	2 nd child - 200
3 rd child - \$100	3 rd child - 150
4 th child - free	4 th child - 100
	5 th free



Adults Class available as well! taught by Professor Maha Dababneh, PhD.

Handmaids of the Lord

The Handmaids of the Lord group is considering putting on a play for our parish. We encourage any member of our parish (over 7 years old boys & girls) who have interest in the Arts and Theater, to contact the Advisors of this group for more information.

Our goal is to provide all of our beloved parishioners an opportunity to nurture their God-given talents in a spiritual environment under the guidance of Christ's Holy Church.

Please contact Mansoura Khouri (708-691-8777) or
Lena Haddad (708-691-7727)

ATTENTION

Ladies & Gents

Are you sick of being in the kitchen, the laundry room, or the workplace?

If you answered yes to any or all of those, then you belong on the court for the

St. Mary Volleyball League!

The Volleyball League is a great way to meet new friends, exercise, and have a great time!

The League is open to experienced and non-experienced players!

Open gym and games are as scheduled

To register see Kati Khouri, come to an open gym, or contact us at saintmaryvolleyball@virginmaryoc.org

Registration deadline :
Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.



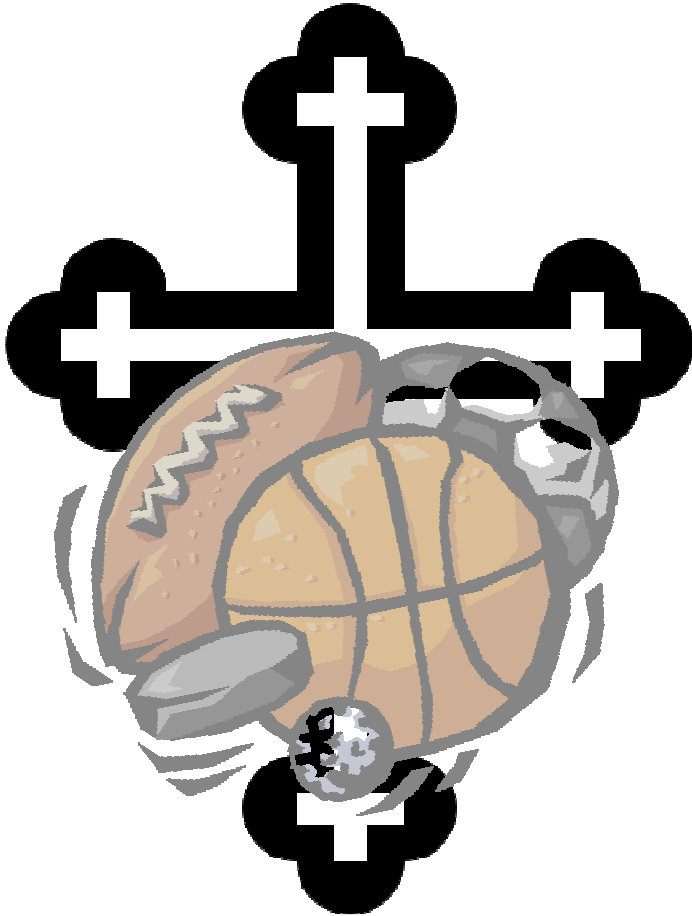
See you on the court!

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights



St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
is proud to present the start of their...

YOUTH LEAGUE



**LEAGUE BEGAN
YESTERDAY**

SAT., SEP 15th

- League will be every Saturday for 8 weeks.
- Ages 5-12
- Cost: \$25 (ages 5-7)
\$40 (ages 8-12)
- All games and open gyms will be held at St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Saturdays at St. Mary will be filled with lots of activities! The day will begin with the Youth League at 1:30 p.m.

Followed by Arabic School at 3:30 p.m. Then ending with prayer at Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

All families are encouraged to participate in our growing community!

If there is anyone interested in volunteering please see Fr. Mousa or Fabiola Sweis.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Contact

Fabiola Sweis

fabiolasweis@gmail.com
with any questions.

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The Fellowship is feeling lucky! Join us at the
**FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF
BOWLING OUTING**
- LUCKY STRIKE LANES -



Friday, September 21st 2012
7:00 pm

Lucky Strike Lanes
100 Yorktown Shopping Center
Lombard, IL 60148

Cost: \$30 per person– includes shoes, games.
Bowling, food and drinks for two hours!

Please see Asimt Sweis or any Fellowship Officer with questions.

**This event is hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine. It is for ages 19
years old and over.**

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

*Fellowship of St. John
the Divine*

Date: 09/23/12

After Liturgy

**JOIN US IN THE
CHURCH HALL FOR A
HOMEMADE
SHAWARMA LUNCH
ON 9/23/12
SPONSORED BY
ST. MARY FELLOWSHIP**

SHAWARAMA SALE



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



**Join the St. Mary team for the
6th annual Walk the Walk 5K Walk/Run
to support IOCC global humanitarian aid programs!**

RACE INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, September 29th 2012

Time: Registration opens at 8:00 AM
Welcome rally: 8:45 AM
Walk/run begins: 9:00 AM
*Breakfast & celebration follows

Location: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
5649 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660
Route along beautiful Lake Michigan

Cost: \$20 Adults
\$10 for children under 12
\$25 for day of the event registration

To Register: Visit www.iocc.org
Then click on "Events"

**We will be carpooling! If you would like to join us meet us
at St. Mary at 7:00am. We will be leaving at 7:30am
Please see Klodia Haddadin or Fabiola Sweis
with any questions.**

2012

Fall

GATHERING

HOSTED BY: ST. ELIAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
SYLVANIA, OHIO

MIDWEST FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

FRIDAY: REGISTRATION, CAMPFIRE

SATURDAY: MATINS, WORKSHOP, HAFLI
DELEGATE MEETINGS OF:

- SOYO
- ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN
- FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN

SUNDAY: MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
KATRINA BITAR
DIRECTOR OF YES
YESNORTHAMERICA.ORG

OCTOBER 5-7, 2012

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY

GROUP NAME: "ST. ELIAS"

COUNTRY INN & SUITES 419.893.8576
541 WEST DUSSEL DRIVE, MAUMEE, OHIO
OR

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 419.897.0865
521 WEST DUSSEL DRIVE, MAUMEE, OHIO

GROUP RATE - \$80 PER NIGHT
CUT OFF DATE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: steliasofsylvania.org

**Sunday,
October
21st, 2012**

**After
Liturgy
in the
Gym**



Family Health Fair

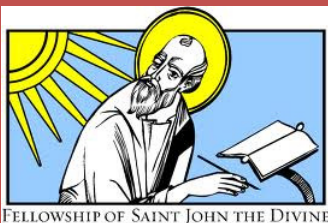
Brought to you by your St. Mary Fellowship

The Fellowship is bringing the doctors to you!

Your health is important. Help us help you by participating in the 1st of many Health Fairs held at St. Mary.

- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Medication Therapy Management
- Flu Shots
- First Aid Consultation

Free samples and breakfast will be available!



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Contact Asimt Sweis or Jennifer Sweis with any questions.

Ladies Guild Spiritual Retreat

Pilgrimage to
St. John Chrysostom Monastery
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Saturday, October 13th

(Leaving Saturday morning, returning Saturday Evening)

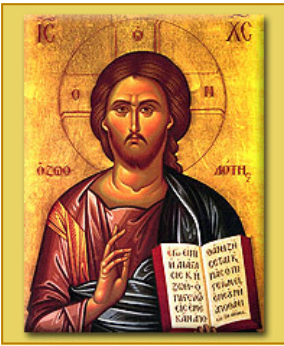
Limited space available.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 30.

Cost of Transportation - To Be Determined

To register, please contact Kholoud Swais (708-431-0084) or
Shireen Salman (708-717-9640). God bless!





Weekly Synaxarion



On September 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We commemorate holy and glorious Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, along with the Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes of Chalcedon, executioners who believed in Christ through her. Euphemia was a beautiful virgin in body and in soul. When the Proconsul Priscus held a feast and offered sacrifices to Ares in Chalcedon, 49 Christians avoided this foul sacrificial offering and hid themselves. However, they were discovered and brought before Priscus, including Euphemia. When the arrogant Priscus asked them why they defied the imperial decree, they replied that they would defy any command given by him or the emperor contrary to the God of Heaven. For 19 consecutive days, Priscus imposed various tortures on them. On the twentieth day he separated Euphemia from the others and began to flatter her for her beauty, attempting to win her over to idolatry. As his flattery was in vain, he ordered that the virgin be tortured again, yet she was preserved by the power of God. Upon seeing this, two soldiers—Victor and Sosthenes—came to believe in Christ, for which they were thrown to the wild beasts, and thus gloriously ended their earthly lives. Euphemia was finally thrown to the wild beasts and, with a prayer of thanksgiving to God, gave up her spirit in the year 304. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis in Thrace. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.