



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

## St. Mary Parish Clergy

Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad, Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani

Subdeacon Matthew Sweis

Subdeacon Ameer Tadros

## Parish Council

Fr. Mousa - Presiding Officer

Fadi Abu Manneh - Chairman

Feras Sweis - Vice Chairman

Abdullah Tadros - Treasurer

Constantin Kari - Financial Sec.

Abeer Khouri - Secretary

Nidal Al-Farah

George Barakat

Bassam Salman

Feras Salman

Faris Samawi

Samer Tadros

## Parish Ministries

Sunday School - Omar Sweis

SOYO - Marram Salman

Fellowship - Khalil Haddad

Antiochian Women - Susan Sweis

Handmaids - Mansoura Khouri and

Lina Haddad

Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

OCLife - Nancy Cannon

Fishers of Men - John Eannace

Athletics - Melad Qodsi

Choir - Michael Rascia

Chanters - Khaled Salman and

Faris Samawi

Webmaster - Sana Sweis

## Office Administrator

Katia Haddad

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## Parish Administrator

Rachel Kari

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## Church Hall Rental

Call the church office or email our

Office Administrator

## October 6, 2013 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## 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)

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.

# Hymns of the Day

## **Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)**

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 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.

## **Troparion of St. Thomas (Tone Three)**

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

## **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 Theotokos (Tone Four)**

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.

# Epistle for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance!*

*Unto thee have I cried, O Lord my God!*

**The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:6-15).**

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shown in our hearts the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people, it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## Gospel for the Third Sunday of St. Luke

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (7:11-16).**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people."

# 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*

**10/6:** Jamal and Kholoud Swais & Family

**10/13:** Luai and Suha Sweiss & Family

**10/20:** Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

## Epistle Reading

10/6: Josephine Tadros & Marram Salman

10/13: Mansoura Khouri & Jordan Rihani

## St. Mary Orthodox Church **Sunday School Parents' Day Open House** **Sunday, October 6, 2013**

Parents are invited to attend  
Sunday School classes  
Refreshments will be served



## "Bible Verse of the Week"

The fear of man brings a snare,  
But whoever trusts in the Lord  
shall be safe. [Proverbs 29:25](#)

Co-Ed Volleyball League  
Open Gym on Tuesdays and  
Fridays at 7:00pm

**Saturday, October 5th, 2013**

**10:00 a.m.**

St. Mary's Fishers of Men  
Monthly Breakfast



**Bulletin Blurb for  
Sunday October 6, 2013  
OCCHY Quiz**

## QUESTION:

The man-made drug, "Molly," an illegal stimulant frequently sold in pill form, has an array of dangerous side effects. Which of these side effects are directly related to the use of "Molly"?

- A. Hyperthermia
- B. Heart Failure
- C. Kidney Failure
- D. Death

ANSWER: All of the Above

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/drug-facts/mdma-ecstasy-or-molly>

# Upcoming Events

Fri Oct 4	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Oct 5	10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 6	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Parents Day - Sunday School
	11:30am	SOYO Sub Sandwich Sale
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games
Tue Oct 8	6:30pm	"Gospel in an Hour"
	7:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Wed Oct 9	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri Oct 11	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Oct 12	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 13	All day	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Sunday School
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games





*St. Mary's*  
*Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*

*(Hosted by Our Antiochian Women)*

*Saturday*  
*November 9th, 2013*

*Saints Constantine and Helen Church*

*11025 S Roberts Road*  
*Palos Hills, IL 60465*

*Ticket: Adults - \$30*  
*Children (6-12yrs) - \$15*  
*Doors open at 6:00pm*

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

*Please contact Rita Sweis 773-510-4303 or*  
*Yasmin Sweis 708-712-9502 for Tickets.*



# **St. Mary's Co-Ed Volleyball League Games Every Sunday**

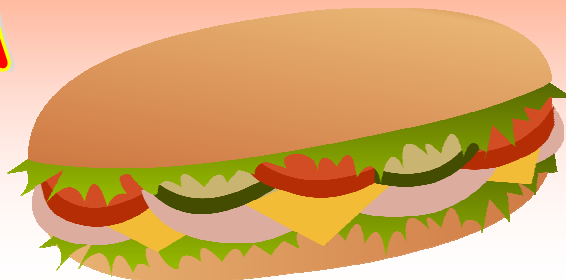
**3:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Come out and show your support!**

# **Teen SOYO Sub Sandwich SALE**

**Sunday**

**October 6th**





St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

**Fellowship of St. John the Divine  
- ELECTIONS -**

**Sunday, October 20th 2013  
6:00 p.m. in the Nadi**

President—Vice President—Treasurer—Secretary—Public Relations

To submit a nomination or to have your name listed on the ballot please contact Khalil Haddad 708.653.7067 by Sunday October 13, 2013

**Make your voice heard and VOTE!**

*This is a potluck event.*

*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17*





To register for the AAFS Walk, please see Kholoud Swais

# CANCER & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK

Saturday, October 26, 2013  
9 AM - 12 PM

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2013 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
WALK IN FAITH  
NOT IN FEAR!



**CONTACT INFO:**

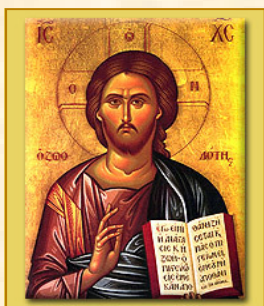
9044 S. OCTAVIA  
BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455  
708.599.AAFS (2237)

**EVENT LOCATION:**

LAKE KATHERINE NATURE CENTER  
7402 W. LAKE KATHERINE DR.  
PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

\$20.00 ADULTS & \$10.00 CHILDREN  
WHICH WILL INCLUDE A  
COMPLEMENTARY T-SHIRT &  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



## Weekly Synaxarion



On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas. Thomas was also called “The Twin”, one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyric death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos’ body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief. On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus; and Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.