



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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Parish Council

Fr. Mousa - Presiding Officer

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Sunday School - Omar Sweis

SOYO - Marram Salman

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Antiochian Women - Susan Sweis

Handmaids - Mansoura Khouri and

Lina Haddad

Humanitarian - Shireen Salman

OCLife - Nancy Cannon

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October 13, 2013

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



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 Seven)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Troparion of the Fathers (Tone Eight)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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 Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Blessed are thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers!

For Thou are just in all that Thou hast done to us!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to Titus (3:8-15).

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15).

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

10/13: Luai and Suha Sweiss & Family

10/20: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

10/27: Elias Tadros & Family



1 Year Memorial



Said Sousan

May his memory be Eternal!



Baptism

Gabriella

Parents: Beau & Lamese Grunstad

Congratulations!

Epistle Reading

10/13: Mansoura Khouri & Jordan Rihani

10/20: Diana Qudsi & Murad Salman



Antiochian Women Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2013
7:00 pm

“Bible Verse of the Week”

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. Deuteronomy 13:4



**Bulletin Blurb for
Sunday October 13, 2013
OCCHY Quiz**

True or False:

Lending a license or state ID to a friend or knowingly allowing someone to use it can lead to a conviction of a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and fines up to \$2,500.00.

ANSWER: True

Also, possessing a fraudulent Illinois driver's license or ID card can lead to a \$25,000 fine and punishable by one to three years imprisonment.

<http://www.state.il.us/lcc/under21/FakeID.htm>

Upcoming Events

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	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Sunday School
	11:30am	Bagel sale - Teen SOYO
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games
Tue Oct 15	6:30pm	Gospel in an Hour
Wed Oct 16	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Fri Oct 18	7:30pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Open Gym
Sat Oct 19	11:00am	Arabic School
	1:30pm	Youth Sports League
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Oct 20	All day	Godparents' Sunday
	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy / Sunday School
	3:00pm	Co-Ed Volleyball League Games
	7:00pm	Fellowship Elections & Potluck in the Nadi!



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.



Teen SOYO Bagel Sale

Help support your Teen
SOYO by enjoying a BAGEL!
All money collected will help
pay for our Annual High
School Christmas Retreat!

Thank you for your continuous
support!!



This Sunday
10/13/2013

Bagel Sale

St. Mary - Fellowship Hall
6330 W. 127th St.,
Palos Heights, IL 60463

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



Teen SOYO

Cold Stone Ice-Cream PIE Sale

Sale Going on NOW!!!

S'more Some More Pie
There's Chocolate on my
Peanut Butter Pie
Cookie Dough Pie
Caramel Turtle Treat
Mintastic Chip Pie
Caramel Apple Pie

Homemade Ice Cream Pies

S'more Some More Pie™
Dark Chocolate Ice Cream with Marshmallows in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust, covered in Creamy White Frosting

There's Chocolate on my Peanut Butter Pie™
Peanut Butter Ice Cream with Reese's™ Peanut Butter Cups® and Fudge in an OREO® Pie Crust, covered in Rich Fudge Ganache

Cookie Dough Pie
Cake Batter Ice Cream® with Cookie Dough, Caramel and Fudge in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust, covered in Creamy White Frosting

Caramel Turtle Treat™
Sweet Cream Ice Cream with Pecans, Caramel and Fudge in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust, covered in Creamy White Frosting

Mintastic Chip Pie™
Mint Ice Cream with Chocolate Shavings and Fudge in an OREO® Pie Crust, covered in Creamy White Frosting

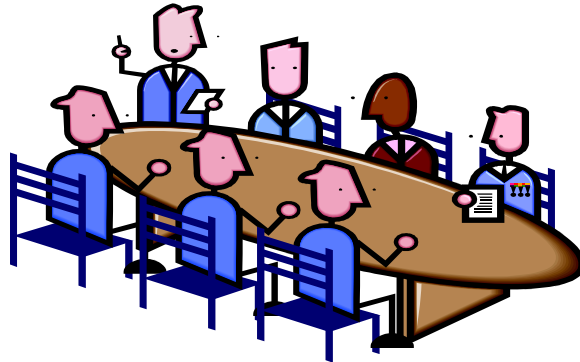
Caramel Apple Pie
Sweet Cream Ice Cream with Caramel and Apple Pie Filling in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust, covered in Creamy White Frosting

COLD STONE
CREAMERY

Please see any of the Teen SOYO members to put in you order for your Holiday PIE!!!

\$15 each

Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations



If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let Fr. Mousa or Fadi Abu Manneh know by Sunday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, January 12th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your 2013 pledge is paid in full by Sunday, December 29th, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

Thanks and God bless!

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 6TH 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 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Martyrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros and Agathonika at Pergamos; Martyr Benjamin the deacon of Persia; Martyr Florentios of Thessalonica; and the New Virgin-martyr Zlata of Meglin in Bulgaria. On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons. The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.