July 29, 2012
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
الأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة

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

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)
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 نقدّم لكم وعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الأولى للكنيسة، نرجو أن تشعروا بأنكم في بيتكم الذي هو بيت أبينا جميعًا. الرجاء أن تسألوا أحد المساعدين في الكنيسة في نهاية الخدمة الآلهية عن "رزمة معلومات الترحيب" التي تحتوي على المعلومات المطلوبة. الله يبارككم ويعلم 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
- Council Members:
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  - Maher Ibrahim
  - CJ Kari
  - Bassam Salman
  - Faris Samawi
  - Ramzi Sweis

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  - Mazen Ammari & Steve Rihani
- **Expansion & Maintenance**
  - Luai Sweiss
- **Fundraising & Stewardship**
  - Rashid Sweis & Bassam Salman
- **Financial**
  - Abdullah Tadros
- **Communication**
  - Abeer Khouri
- **Constitution**
  - Ramzi Sweis
- **Humanitarian**
  - Shireen Salman
- **Ushering**
  - Fadi Abu Manneh
- **Web Master**
  - Sana Sweis

**Office Administrator**
- Katia Haddad

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- **Sunday School Director**
  - Omar Sweiss
- **Sunday School Spiritual Director**
  - Fr. Mousa Haddad
- **Ladies Guild President**
  - Kholoud Sweiss
- **Ladies Guild Spiritual Director**
  - Fr. Mousa Haddad
- **Fellowship President**
  - Khalil Haddad
- **Fellowship Spiritual Director**
  - Fr. Mousa Haddad
- **SOYO President**
  - Hadeel Sweiss
- **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!

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 the world the Great Mercy.

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 Transfiguration (Tone Seven)
Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God: so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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The Lord will give strength to His people!

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory!

The Reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to Corinthians (1:10-17).

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Epistle of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**الرسالة للأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة**

*Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory!*

The Lord will give strength to His people!
The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22).

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “they need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And Jesus said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

في ذلك الزمان أبصر يسوع جمعاً كثيراً فتحتَن عليهم وأبرَّاً مرضاهم* ولما كان المساء دنا إليه تلاميذه وقالوا إن المكان فقر، والساعة قد فاتت فاصرف الجموع ليذهبوا إلى القرى ويبتاعوا لهم طعاماً* فقال لهم يسوع لا حاجة لهم إلى الذهاب أطعموه أنتم ليأكلوا* فقالوا له ما عندنا هنا إلا خمسة أرغفة وسمكتان* فقال لهم هلم بها إلي إلى هنأ* وآمر بجلس الجموع على العشب. ثم أخذ الخمسة الأرغفة والسمكتين ونظر إلى السماء وبارك* وكسر وأعطى الأرغفة تلاميذه واللامبيد للجماع* فأكلوا جميعهم وشغعوا ورفعوا ما فصل من الكسر اثنتي عشرة قفة مملوءة* وكان الآكلون خمسة آلاف رجل سوى النساء والصبيان* وللوقت اضطر يسوع تلاميذه أن يدخلوا السفينة ويسبقوه إلى الاعي حتى يصرف الجموع.
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

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**Epistle Readers:**

*Today: English – Scott Abdo, Arabic – Khaled Salman*

*Next Week: English – Futien Johnson, Arabic – Lily Sweiss*

**Altar Server Ministry:**

*07/29: Team C (Captain Murad Salman):* Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis, Elia Sweiss, Simon Tadros, George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis

*08/05: Team A (Captain Jordan Rihani):* Odei Sweis, Yousif Saigh, Jimmy Salman, Jai Riske, Sean Rihani, Daniel Al- Nemri, Joseph Sweis, Matthew Ibrahim, Gabe Corey, Sam Corey, David Sweis

*08/12: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi):* Rami Sweis, Yazen Swaiss, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel Samawi, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey

**“Bible Verse of the Week”**

“Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, lest you deceive yourselves.” James 1:22

کُونَوا عَامِلِينَ بِالْكُلُّمَةِ، لَا سَامِعِينَ فَقُطُّ خَادِعِينَ نَفْسُكُمْ. يَعْقُوب 2:22
YOUR KIDS NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF!

Help make a difference in the lives of our youth by teaching and learning along with them!

- Discover a diverse, **FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT** where teachers are empowered to impact young lives through faith, service and scholarship.
- Discover a **SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY** of fellow teachers, parents and students.
- Discover **THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE** in students’ lives.

If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact our Sunday School Director Omar Sweiss at [OmarSweiss@yahoo.com](mailto:OmarSweiss@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your commitment to our children!
Patronal Feast of the Dormition

Come and Celebrate with us Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, which is the feast day of our church.

Annual Feast Day Liturgy and Potluck Celebration
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00pm
St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights
ST. MARY TEEN SOYO BIBLE STUDY
WELCOMING THE SOYO OF ST. GEORGE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8th, 2012 AT 7:00PM
LOCATION: ST. MARY CHURCH OF PALOS HEIGHTS
FELLOWSHIP HALL
!!! POT LUCK !!!

Arabic School is Back!
Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. It will start September 15th, 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:

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Adults Class available as well!
Koraes offers a Rigorous Private School Education in a Safe, Secure Orthodox Environment for Prekindergarten – 8th Grade Classes

Greek Language, Greek History/Culture Curriculum

Religion, technology, physical education, music, dance, field trips and enrichment activities

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4th-8th Grade Students test within the 96th-99th percentiles of Standardized Achievement Tests

Illinois Junior Science Academy Gold and Silver medal winners

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8th grade graduates awarded academic scholarships from local high schools

Open Enrollment – Call 708.974.3402 to register your child TODAY!
Where to Turn in the New Testament...

For the Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7
When you are under pressure: Matthew 11:25-30
For Jesus’ teaching on the Second Coming: Matthew 24:3-44
For the distribution of the Holy Eucharist: Matthew 26:26-30
For the Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20
For Jesus’ teaching on servanthood: Mark 10:42-45
For the Annunciation to Mary: Luke 1:26-56
For the earthly birth of Jesus Christ: Luke 2:1-20
For Jesus’ teaching on eternal punishment: Luke 13:24-30
For how one is born again: John 3:1-8
For Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist: John 6:30-59
When you feel estranged from Christ: John 10:7-30
When you need comfort: John 14:1-6
To learn about union with Christ: John 15:1-17
For Jesus’ teaching on the Holy Spirit: John 15:26-16:15
For the coming of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:1-21
For the first Church Council: Acts 15:1-35
For the scriptural teaching on sexual immorality and homosexuality:
   Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 6:15-20
   For St. Paul’s teaching on justification: Romans 5:1-21
   For St. Paul’s teaching on holy baptism: Romans 6:1-11
   When the unexpected happens: Romans 8:28-39
   When you are tempted to break the law: Romans 13:1-10
   To learn of true Christian love: 1 Corinthians 13:1-10
   To learn of sin and righteousness: Galatians 5:19-26
   To learn of faith and works: Ephesians 2:8-10
   To learn of Christian marriage: Ephesians 5:22-33
   To understand the unseen warfare: Ephesians 6:10-18
To learn of the communion of the saints: Hebrews 12:1-3, 22-24
   To learn of Christian healing: James 5:13-16
   For St. Peter’s teaching on marriage: 1 Peter 3:1-9
   For St. Peter’s teaching on false prophets: 2 Peter 2:1-22
   To learn about confession of sin: 1 John 1:5-2:1
   To learn about eternal life: 1 John 5:11-13
To learn of the eternal kingdom: Revelation 21-22
On July 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Kallinikos of Gangra in Asia Minor and Theodota of Bithynia. Kallinikos was born in Cilicia and educated in Christian piety. In Ancyra, a heathen Prince Sarcedos arrested him and cruelly tortured him for refusing to worship the idols. After that, the prince ordered that he be driven into the city of Gangra. The prince was afraid to kill him in Ancyra because many others, observing the heroic patience of this holy man, converted to the Faith of Christ. Along the way the soldiers became thirsty; Kallinikos prayed to God and brought forth water from a stone. When they arrived in the city of Gangra, the torturers threw Kallinikos into a fiery furnace. The saint prayed to God saying: “I give thanks to Thee, O Heavenly Father, for making me worthy of this hour in which I die for Thy Name.” When the fire died down they found his body, whole and unharmed. He entered the eternal Kingdom in about the year 250. Theodota of Bithynia was a young widow with three children. In Thessalonica, together with St. Anastasia, Theodota labored in the work of God completely dedicated to a pious life. The women were arrested during the time of Diocletian’s persecution (284-305). At the trial, the dignitary Leucadius was captivated by the beautiful Theodota and he decided to take her home with him, intending to marry her. Theodota kept herself in purity with the protection of the angels, yielding neither to inducements nor charms, nor threats or assaults by the pagan. Theodota was sentenced to death and, together with her children, was thrown into a fiery furnace. Their holy souls soared into the Heavenly Fatherland. On this day, we also commemorate Theodosios the pious emperor; Constantine, patriarch of Constantinople; and Lupos the Confessor, bishop of Troyes. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.