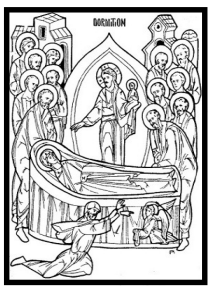
St. Mary Orthodox Church

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 30, 2012

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

الأحد السابع عشر 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

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 نُقَدِّم لكم ولعائلاتكم تحياتنا القلبية الحارَّة. إذا كانت هذه زيارتكم الاولى 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. ألله 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
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Maher Ibrahim
CJ Kari
Bassam Salman
Faris Samawi
Ramzi Sweis

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Altar / Liturgics
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

Organizations and Ministries:

Sunday School Director
Omar Sweiss
Sunday School Spiritual Director
Fr. Mousa Haddad
Ladies Guild President
Kholoud Swais
Ladies Guild Spiritual Director
Fr. Mousa Haddad
Fellowship President
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

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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!

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Eight)

From the heights, thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion, thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

انحدرتَ من العُلى أيها الْمُتَحَنِّن. وقبِلْتَ الدفْنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تعتقَنا من الآلام .

فيا حياتَنا وقيامتَنَا يا ربُّ المجد لك.

Troparion of St. Gregory (Tone Four)

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Martyr among Priests Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

صرتَ مُشابهاً للرسُلِ في أحوالهم, وخليفةً في كراسيهم, فوجدتَ بالعملِ المرقاةَ إلى الثاوريا أيها اللاهج بالله، لذلكَ تتبعتَ كلمةَ الحقِّ باستقامةٍ، وجاهدتَ عن الإيمانِ حتى الدم، أيها الشهيدُ في رؤساءِ الكهنةِ غريغوريوس، فتشفع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خلاصِ نفوسِنا.

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 ميلادِكِ حفِظْتِ البتوليةَ وصنتِها وفي رقادِكِ ما أهمَلْتِ العالمَ وتركتِهِ يا والدةَ الإله. لأنكِ انتقلْتِ إلى الحياة بما أنك أمُّ الحياة. فبشفاعاتِكِ أنقذي من الموتِ نفوسَنا.

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.

يا شفيعَةَ المسيحيينَ غير الخازية، الوسيطةَ لدى الخالِقِ غيرَ المردودة. لا تُعرِضي عن أصواتِ طِلْباتِنا نحنُ الخطأة، بَلْ تدارَكينا بالمعونةِ بما أنكِ صالحة، نحن الصارخينَ نحوكِ بإيمانٍ. بادِرِي إلى الشفاعةِ وأسرعي في الطِلْبَةِ يا والدةَ الإله، المتشفعة دائما في مُكَرميكِ.

Epistle Reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
الرسالة للأحد السابع عشر بعد العنصرة

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them!
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:16-18; 7:1).

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

صَلُّوا وأَوْفُوا الربَّ إلهَنا نُذُورَكُم!

اللهُ معروفٌ في أرضِ يهوذا , واسمه عظيمٌ في إسرائيل!

***فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديسِ بولسَ الرسولِ الثانيةِ إلى أهلِ كورِنْثُوس**

***(6:16-18; 7:1)**

يا إخوةُ أنتُم هيكَلُ اللهِ الحيِّ كما قالَ اللهُ إنّي سأَسكُنُ فيهم وأَسيرُ فيما بينَهُم وأَكونُ لهم إلهاً وهم يكونونَ لي شعباً* فَلِذلكَ اخرُجوا من بينِهِم واعتَزِلوا يقولُ الربُّ ولا تَمَسُّوا نَجِساً* فأَقْبَلُكُم وأكونُ لكم أباً وتكونونَ أنتُم لي بنينَ وبَناتٍ يقولُ الربُّ القديرُ* وإذ لنا هذهِ المواعِدُ أيها الأحبَّاءُ فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنفُسَنا من كلِّ أدناسِ الجَسَدِ والروحِ ونُكَمِّلِ القداسةَ بمخافَةِ الله.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of St. Luke
الإنجيل للأحد الثاني من لوقا

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36). The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

***فصلٌ شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (6:31-36) ***

قالَ الربُّ كما تريدونَ أن يفعَلَ الناسُ بِكُم كَذَلِكَ افعلوا أنتُم بِهِم* فَإِنَّكُم إنْ أحبَبتُم الذينَ يُحِبُونَكُم فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لكُم. فَإِنَّ الخطأةَ أيضاً يُحِبُونَ الذينَ يُحِبُونَهُم* وإذا أحسَنتُم إلى الذينَ يُحسِنُونَ إليكُم فأيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لكم. فإنَّ الخطأةَ أيضاً هكذا يَصنَعونَ* وإنَّ أقرضتُمُ الذينَ تَرجُونَ أن تَستَوفُوا مِنهُم فأيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لكُم. فإنَّ الخطأةَ أيضاً يُقرِضُونَ الخطأةَ لكي يَستَوفوا مِنهُمُ المِثلَ* ولكِنْ أحِبُّوا أعداءَكُم وأحسِنوا وأَقرِضوا غيرَ مُؤَمِّلينَ شيئاً فيكونَ أجرُكم كثيراً وتكونُوا بني العَليِّ. فَإِنَّهُ مُنعِمٌ على غيرِ الشاكرينَ والأشرار* فكونوا رُحمَاءَ كما أنَّ أباكُم هُوَ رَحِيمٌ.

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

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour	القداس والقهوة
09/30: Wajih Tadros & Family	**09/30:** وجيه تادرس والعائلة
10/07: Jamal and Kholoud Swais & Family	**10/07:** جمال وخلود صويص والعائلة
10/14: Refqa Sweis & Family	**10:014:** رفقا صويص والعائلة

Epistle Readers:

Today: English – Sub. Dn. Matthew Sweis, Arabic – Lily Sweiss
Next Week: English – Sandra Khour , Arabic – Ameer Tadros

Altar Server Ministry:

09/30 Team C (Captain Murad Salman): *Omar Nemri, Mathew Nemri, Samer Sweis , Elia Sweiss, Simon Tadros, , George Corey, Woody Corey, Mark Sweis*
10/07: 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*
10/14: Team B (Captain Ramiz Riadi): *Rami Sweis, , Yazen Swaiss, Anthony Rihani, Saleem Swais, Sharbel Al-Nasser, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Fallouh, Louis Corey, Alexander Corey*

"Bible Verse of the Week"

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

لأَنِّي عَرَفْتُ مَا رَسَمْتُهُ لَكُمْ. إِنَّهَا خُطَطُ سَلاَمٍ لاَ شَرٍّ لأَمْنَحَكُمْ مُسْتَقْبَلاً وَرَجَاءً.

أرمياء 29:11

The Most Reverend
Metropolitan PHILIP

Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of All North
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TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

September 26th, 2012

To our Esteemed Hierarchs, Clergy, Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, and Faithful of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America:

Greetings and Blessings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We wish to inform you that His Beatitude Ignatius IV, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East will soon visit the United States. His Beatitude will arrive in New Jersey on Tuesday October 16th, 2012, and will reside at the Archdiocese Headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey while he is here. On Thursday October 18th, His Beatitude will preside over a meeting of the executive staffs of the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology of the University of Balamand, and the Antiochian House of Studies. The goal is to finalize a plan by which a cooperative effort will offer the opportunity for students to earn advanced theological degrees. On Friday October 19th, 2012, His Beatitude will attend a ceremony in New York where he will bestow the honor of the Order of Saints Peter and Paul upon His Excellency Issam Fares, the former Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon. This is the highest award granted by the Patriarchate of Antioch. He may be in attendance at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York on Sunday October 21. Following his short stay in New Jersey he will depart for Houston Texas for his regular medical exam and then return home.

We welcome him with joy, and pray that God will grant him many years!

Your father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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

Fri - 09/28/12	6:00pm: Ladies Meeting, Elections, and Bible Study
Sat- 09/29/12	8:00am: Annual IOCC Walk (meet at church at 7:00am to carpool)

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 Shawerma 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

Sat - 11/03/12	10:00am: Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
Sat - 11/03/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sun - 11/04/12	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sat - 11/10/12	7:00pm: St. Mary Annual Thanksgiving Hafleh
Sun -11/11/12	10:00am: Blood Drive
Sun- 11/11/12	5:30pm: Fellowship NADI Bears Game
Thu - 11/15/12	Nativity Fast Begins
Wed - 11/21/12	10:00am: Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
Thu - 11/22/12	10:00am: St. Mary Annual Turkey Bowl
Sat - 11/24/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sat - 11/24/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Fri - 11/30/12	7:00pm: Ladies Guild Meeting

December 2012

Sat - 12/01/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Wed - 12/05/12	7:00pm: Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas
Fri - 12/07/12	7:00pm: SOYO Bible Study
Sun -12/09/12	1:00pm: Visit to Hope Children's Hospital
Fri - 12/14/12	7:00pm: Fellowship Bible Study
Sat - 12/15/12	2:00pm: Bible Bowl Study Session
Sat - 12/22/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Mon - 12/24/12	6:00pm: Christmas Services
Wed - 12/26-28	SOYO Christmas Retreat
Fri - 12/28/12	6:00pm: Ladies After Christmas Party
Sat - 12/29/12	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Sun - 12/30/12	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
Mon - 12/31/12	7:00pm: Liturgy for the New Year and Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

January 2013

Sat - 01/05/13	No Youth League & No Arabic School
Sun - 01/06/13	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
Fri - 01/11/13	7:00pm: Fellowship NADI Game Night

February 2013

Sun - 02/03/13	5:30pm: Fellowship Super Bowl Party
Sat - 02/09/13	7:00pm: Annual St. Valentine's Day Hafleh

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

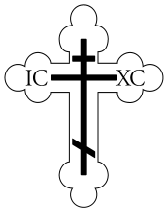
Parish News

May their memory be eternal!

Mary Wajih Tadros
One Year Memorial

Saleem Ibrahim Hattar

George Adeeb Khoury



ليكن ذكرهم مؤبداً!

ماري وجيه تادرس
ذكرانية السنة

سليم ابراهيم حتر

جورج أديب خوري

Congratulations!

Wedding

Majed and Hala Haddad

Removal of Crowns

Jeffery and Christen Cogswell

Churching

Peter Tadros

Parents: Issa and Mickey Tadros

مبروك!

زواج

ماجد وهالة حداد

تنزيل الاكاليل

جيف وكريستين كوجسول

الزيارة الأولى

بيتر تادرس

الوالدين: عيسى وميكي تادرس

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET?

Join us today at Sunday School!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED ALREADY!!!

Please see Omar Sweiss or any Sunday School Staff in the Fellowship Hall to register your children today!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

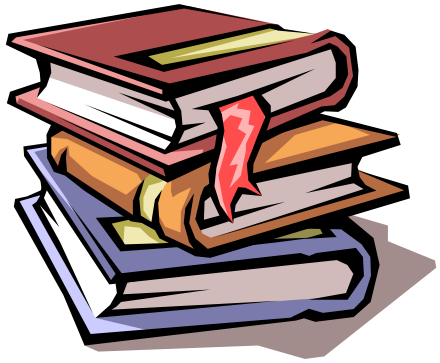
- Provide your children with an outstanding Orthodox Christian education.
- Let your children become more well rounded with their Faith , community, and culture.
- Set your kids on the right path to success!

Arabic School is Back!

Dear families and friends, we are glad to announce that Arabic school is back. Arabic School takes place Saturdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (followed by Great Vespers from 5:30pm-6:15pm).

The fees for 2012 will be as follows:

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



Adults Class available as well! taught by Professor Maha Sweis-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)

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.

The Fellowship cordially invites you to their annual...

Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 7th 2012

After Divine Liturgy
in the backyard of the church.

Join the fun!
Bags Tournament, Chili Contest,
Pumpkin Painting, Face Painting,
Food, Music, Games, Prizes, Cash Raffles,
Petting Zoo , & more!

If anyone has any questions or is interested in donating to this event please contact
Jennifer Sweis or Fabiola Sweis.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
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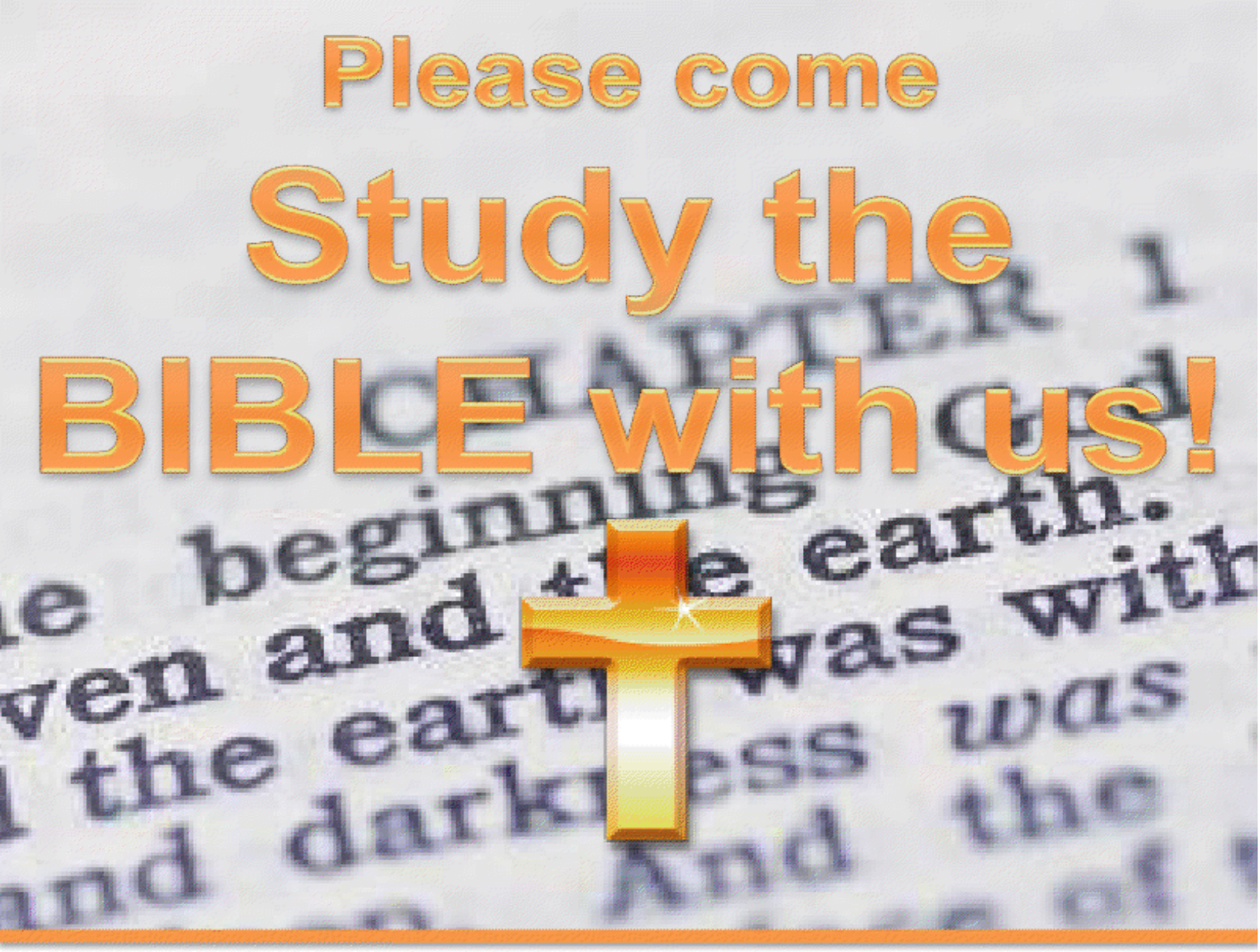
Ladies Guild Spiritual Retreat

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!



Topic: Defending the Faith

Date and time: October 19, 2012 7 p.m.

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

6330 West 127th Street

Palos Heights, IL 60463

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Snacks and refreshments served

Followed by a BON FIRE!

Orthodox Christian SYNERGY's
Eighteenth Annual SYMPOSIUM:

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY: FANTASY, BURDEN OR OPPORTUNITY?

- Fantasy? Orthodox Christians can live their faith in today's society.
- Burden? Faith and traditions—preservation vs change.
- Opportunity? Spiritual life, moral life, victories and defeat.

Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1220 S. 60th Court, Cicero, IL 60804

Speaker:
THE REV. DR. ALKIVIADIS CALIVAS
Professor Emeritus of Liturgics,
Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

Fr. Alkiviadis Calivas is an eminent Orthodox priest and theologian. He has served as Dean of Holy Cross and President of Hellenic College, and represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate on several national and international commissions and consultations, including several on the World Council of Churches. He has published many articles and essays, and is the author of six books.

Registration and Payment prior to October 12, 2012: $35. October 13 –20, 2012: $40.
Early Registration and Payment (prior to October 12 only) for husband and wife couples: $50.
High School and College Students: $20.00.
Registration includes coffee service and lunch.

For more information, Please see Synergy's website chicagosynergy.org/symposium
or call (847) 647-8880 or (630) 230-0079.

Orthodox Christian SYNERGY consists of clergy and lay representative of Chicago-area Orthodox Christian parishes who seek to project awareness of Orthodox Christianity to the public at large. SYNERGY works together with its parent organization, the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago, and with the blessings of the Chicago area Orthodox Hierarchs.

Sunday, October 21st, 2012

After Liturgy in the Gym

Family Health Fair

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Contact Asimt Sweis or Jennifer Sweis with any questions.

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Friday, 10/19/2012- Sunday 10/21/2012

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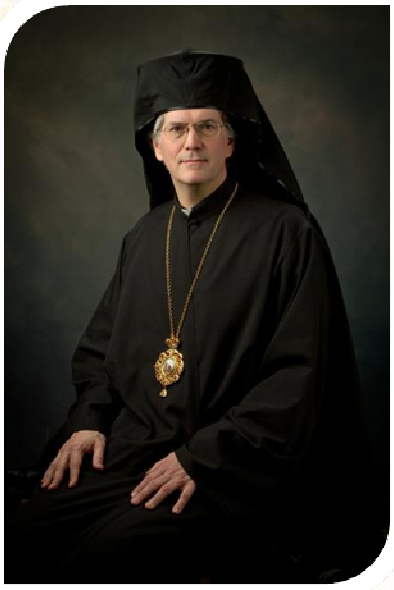
His Grace

Bishop Anthony Michaels



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OCTOBER 4, 2012

Cortelyou Commons, 2324 N Fremont St
DePaul University, Chicago, IL 60614

4:30- 8:00 Book Exhibit
6:00- 8:00 Opening Remarks, Presentations, & Poetry Readings

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Books will be available for purchase and signing
Refreshments will be served

For more information contact:

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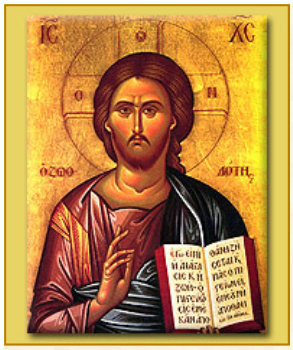

Weekly Synaxarion

On September 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia. Gregory was born of prominent families of Persia and Armenia. He eventually withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he first learned of the Christian Faith, was baptized and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Bardanes and Aristakes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. (Aristakes was one of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.) After the death of his wife, Gregory returned to Armenia and placed himself in the service of King Tiridates. But when the king learned that Gregory was a Christian, Tiridates threw him into a deep pit full of poisonous reptiles to kill him. However, the All-seeing God preserved Gregory's life in that pit for 14 full years. Tiridates went insane and was like a wild boar. His sister had a dream in which a man, dazzlingly bright, told her that Tiridates would only become well when Gregory was removed from the pit. Taken from the pit, Gregory healed and baptized Tiridates. Then, at the wish of Tiridates, Gregory became Bishop of Armenia. Gregory ended his earthly life of great labor in old age, in about the year 335. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev; and Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.