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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June 23, 2013

Sunday of Pentecost

Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. – Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Matins – 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
(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

Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength. We will sing and praise thy powers. Save us, O Good Comforter, as we sing to thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of Pentecost (Tone Eight)

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to thee**.**

Kontakion of Pentecost (Tone Eight)

When the high One descended, confusing tongues, he divided the nations. And when he distributed the fiery tongues he called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn, the following is sung:

"As many as have been Baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia."

Epistle of Pentecost

Their voice has gone out into all the earth!
The heavens declare the glory of God!

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11).

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel of Pentecost

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (7:37-52, 8:12).

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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

06/23: Kameel and Siham Nino & Family
06/30: Munther and Shireen Salman & Family
07/07: Ghaleb & Rita Sweis & Family

Epistle Reading

Today - Nour Swaiss & Rana Nino
6/30 - Norma Tadros & Matthew Sweis

New Born

Hanna
Parents: Khalil & Eleni Sweis

Matthew
Parents: Emilio & Shireen Garcia

Congratulation!

"Bible Verse of the Week"

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Mark 8:36

51st Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

Hosted by
St. George Orthodox Church Houston, Texas

July 21-28th, 2013

For Registration & Schedule
http://ww.achouston2013.com/

Baby Bottles
&
Food For Hungry Box
are Due
Thank You!

Bulletin Blurb for Sunday June 23, 2013
OCCHY Quiz

When abused, this type of prescription medication can cause depression, confusion, exhaustion, irritability, dangerously diminish heartbeat and respiration. Also, when combined with alcohol or OTC Medication it can even lead to death.

a). Painkillers
b). Stimulants
c). Depressants

Answer: C

Depressants are highly addictive drugs, and when abusers stop taking them, they can experience severe withdrawal symptoms.
http://www.abovetheinfluence.com

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 21, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, June 22, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, June 23, 2013 - 2:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, June 28, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy
Sunday, June 30, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, July 2, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 5, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 10:00am	St. Mary's Fishers Men Monthly Breakfast
Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 11:00am	SOYO Car Wash
Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 12, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 6:30pm	SOYO Bible Study
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 8:00am	Blood Drive
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Sunday, July 14, 2013 - 7:00pm	Fellowship L.A.R.
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class
Friday, July 19, 2013 - 7:00pm	Open Gym - Men's Basketball League
Saturday, July 20, 2013 - 5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 11:30am	Annual Ice Cream Social - Served by Clergy
Sunday, July 21, 2013 - 2:00pm	Men's Basketball League Games
Monday, July 22-28, 2013	Archdiocese Convention - Houston, Texas
Tuesday, July 23, 2013 - 6:00pm	"Gospel in an Hour" Bible Class

SOYO Volleyball Tournament with St. Mary Clergy

Saturday, June 29th, 2013
6:30pm - 9:30pm
St. Mary's Gymnasium

Teen SOYO

July 7, 2013
11:00am

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE BACK
GIVE BLOOD
GIVE THANKS

WHEN - Sunday, February 17, 2013

LOCATION - St. Mary Orthodox Church Gym

TIME - 8:00am-1:00pm

**Please make sure to eat a proper breakfast before giving blood; Holy Communion will still be allowed.*

Questions? Contact any Fellowship officer.

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PAN-ANTIOCHIAN CHURCH PICNIC

When: Sunday, July 14, 2013

Location: Bemis Woods Groves 2 and 3.
Corner of Ogden Ave and Wolf Road
in Western Springs, IL.

Time: 1:00 PM.

Grilled food and appetizers will be served at the picnic.

Please bring a dessert to share with others.
There will be games and activities!
Suggested donation: $5.00 per person.

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Weekly Synaxarion

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost. On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the day of its birth. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.