



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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July 27, 2014

Feast of St. Panteleimon and Seventh 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.

Changes in the Liturgy

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 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. Panteleimon (Tone Three)

O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

Epistle for the Feast of St. Panteleimon

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord!

O God, hear my prayer!

The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to St. Timothy (2:1-10).

TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel of the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:27-35).

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "he casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

Upcoming Events

Thu Jul 24	7:00pm	Volleyball Games
Fri Jul 25	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
Sun Jul 27	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Ice Cream Social Served by Clergy
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball
Mon Jul 28	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
Tue Jul 29	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
	7:00pm	Open Gym - Volleyball
Wed Jul 30	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Parish Bible Study
Thu Jul 31	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
	7:00pm	Volleyball Games
Fri Aug 1	All day	Dormition Fast Begins
	9:00am	St. Mary's IT Summer Camp
Sat Aug 2	10:00am	Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast
	5:30pm	Great Vespers
Sun Aug 3	8:45am	Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Falafel Sandwich Sale – Antiochian Women
	2:00pm	Open Gym - Basketball

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

07/27: Bishara Sweis & Family

08/03: Emile and Eideh Haddad & Family

08/10: Karim and Isberans Hadwah

Epistle Reading

07/27: Faris Samawi & Kh. Delia Haddad

08/03: Asmahan Fakhouri & Rana Nino

“Bible Verse of the Week”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:15-16



Baptism

Helen

Parents: Laith and Heba Assaf
Congratulations!



Baptism

Samir

Parents: Tamer and Jehan Haddad
Congratulations!



Churching

Valentina

Parents: Alla and Wajdan Sweis
Congratulations!



OCCHY BLURB SUMMER SERIES

4 WAYS PARENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PROTECTING THEIR KIDS FROM RISKY BEHAVIORS:

#3 - TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT THE DANGERS

Teens (and sometimes, parents) perceive that because medications are available in drug stores and prescribed by doctors, they are safe.

- Explain the dangers of abuse and combining medications with alcohol and other drugs.
- Talk with other parents and your teen's friends.
- Remind your teen that no matter how they consume alcohol (snorting, inhaling, drinking, or inserting), it is still illegal under the age of 21.

Look for #4 in next week's bulletin...

Parents, you have always been the best firewall to help prevent risky behaviors by your teens. *You do make a difference!* Use your influence! Meanwhile, keep repeating this mantra to your children: "Substance use has health risks that could be permanent. There are no 'take backs' or second chances."

<http://www.drugfree.org/> and <http://medicineabuseproject.org/>

If you suspect your child might be abusing, contact drugfree.org or the toll-free helpline at 1-855-DRUGFREE to talk to an expert.

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Congratulations!



The team pictured above with Metropolitan Joseph, Bishop Anthony, and family.

St. Mary of Palos Heights, Illinois Wins the 2014 NAC Bible Bowl

Team St. Mary, composed of members Salena Ibrahim, Marlena Sweiss, Sandra Khouri, and Elizabeth Khouri, achieved a near perfect score of 104 points (out of 105). Under the leadership of their coach, Khourieh Delia Haddad, and their clergy, Fr. Mousa Haddad and Fr. Malek Rihani, team St. Mary won 1st place.



Fundraising for
The Martha & Mary Maternity House



We are looking for our **BABY BOTTLES** and hope that you can help get the bottles returned. If you have one, please turn it in immediately. They can be turned in at the office, during the week ***OR*** placed in the box in the Narthex on Saturdays or Sundays.



Don't Forget!



The **supply list** of needed items for The Martha & Mary House can be found in the office as well as in the Narthex. Please continue your generosity and pick up a list today. Thank you! Donation Receipts are available for tax deduction purposes.



Bookstore is open

Every Sunday after Liturgy
and

Monday - Friday from 11:00am - 2:00pm



Please email Nader Haddad at naderemile3@yahoo.com with any special requests.

Ice Cream Social

Served by our Clergy

Sunday, July 27th
after Liturgy



*Liturgy for the
Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
With the
Blessing of Grapes*



Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:00pm

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

*Come and celebrate the
Feast Day of our church with our
Annual Feast Day Liturgy
and the Potluck dinner celebration.*

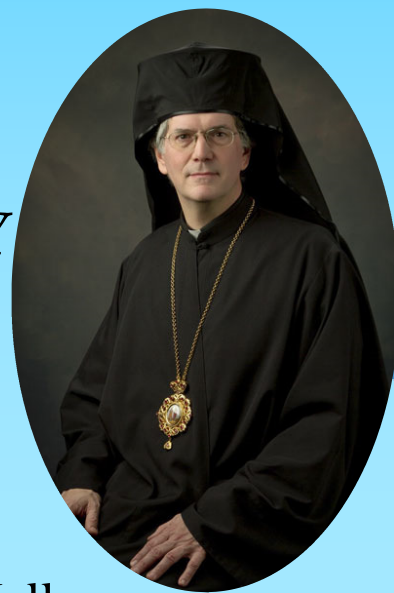


Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00pm

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights invites you to our

Annual Founders' Day Weekend with our Bishop!

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest



Saturday, August 23rd

8:00 am - St. Mary's Humanitarian Walk

Where: Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
7402 Lake Katherine Dr.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Registration: Adults - \$20 | Children(10yrs. & under) - \$10

Sunday, August 24th

6:00 pm - Annual Founders Day Banquet

Where: St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 West 127th Street
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Tickets: \$45 per person | \$20 per child under 12

Live Entertainment

RAFFLE TICKET: \$10 per ticket

- ◆ 1st Prize: \$1000
- ◆ 2nd Prize: \$500
- ◆ 3rd Prize: \$250



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ALL AGES EVENT

Contact

Shireen Salman

708-717-9640

Registration

Adults: \$20

Youth: \$10 (10 & under)

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St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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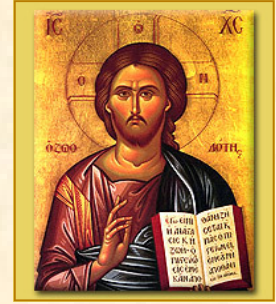
If you are interested in
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please contact
Shireen Salman.

Have Faith. Give generously. Spread hope. Laugh frequently.

Love unconditionally. Live fully.



Weekly Synaxarion



On July 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon. Panteleimon means “all merciful” in Greek. He was born in third-century Nicomedia of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him and taught him the Faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he went before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Faith of Christ. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, and it broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon told him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the “Blessing of Waters” and in the blessing of the holy oils used in the “The Sacrament of Holy Unction,” together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers. On this day, we also commemorate Clement of Ochrid, bishop of greater Macedonia; Angelar, Gorazd, Nahum and Sabbas, disciples of Cyril and Methodios. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.