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 7th, 2015
First Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:00p.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

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 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.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone Four)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifts her voice, crying, "Turn with thy compassion toward thy people, and grant peace to thy servants, and to our souls 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 All Saints (Tone Eight)

To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offers as first-fruits of nature the God-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by their imploring, preserve Thy Church in perfect safety, for the sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Epistle for All Saints Sunday

God is wonderful among His saints!
Bless God in the congregations!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:33-40; 12:1-2).

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel for All Saints Sunday

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30).

The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

06/07: Eid Swais & Family

06/14: Ghandi and Georgette Sweis & Family

06/21: Emad and Nabila Haddad & Family

Epistle Reading

06/07: Faris Samawi & Scott Abdo
06/14: Rima Sleiman & Angela Haddad

Engagement
Muhanad Rafiq Hattar
&
Sandra Zuheir Sweiss
Congratulations!

Graduation
Elia Ramiz Sweiss
Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School
Congratulations!

Graduation
Odei Hasan Sweis
Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School
Congratulations!

Graduation
Jamil Walid Salman
Prairie View Middle School
Congratulations!

Graduation
Matthew Maher Ibrahim
St. Linus
Congratulations!

"Bible Verse of the Week"

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21: 2-4

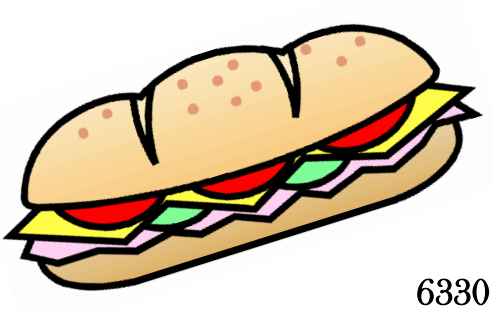
Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. Alleluia!

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

Sandwhich Sale

Sunday, June 7, 2015
After Liturgy



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St. Mary's Fishers of Men Monthly Breakfast

June 6th, 2015 10:00am

St. Mary Fellowship Hall

This is the last meeting before summer break.

An Evening Concert Featuring

Anton Shamoun

Nabil Nemeh

Esam Samawi

Sunday June 7th, 2015 7:30 PM

St Mary Church 6330 W 127 st Palos Hieghts IL 60463

Event Sponsors:

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Cash Bar

Ticket price $40

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Invitation

You are invited to come to church
Alive and Well after your
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Aloha Ladies!

We're having a

Hawaiian Party

and you're invited!

Date: July 10, 2015
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: $25 per person

Come join us for a fun night out.

Sponsored by the Antiochian Women

DodgeBall

What: Dodge Ball Tournament Presented by St. Mary's Orthodox Athletic Ministry

Who: Ages 14 and up, 5 players per team; *1 must be female*

Fee: $20 per person/$100 per team

When: Sunday, September 6th 2015 at 3:00 PM

Where: The Gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church at 6330 W, 127th St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463

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Something for Everyone!

St. Mary, Cambridge MA invites you
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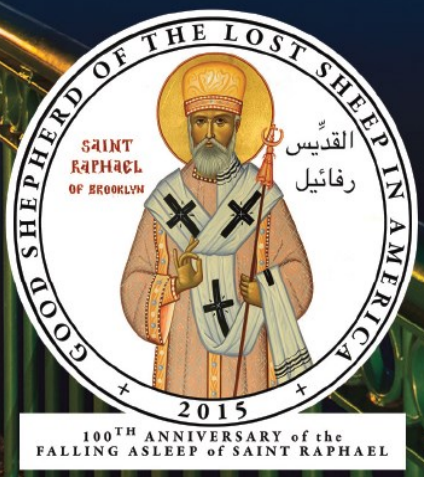
Boston 52ND ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION 2015

July 20-26
Sheraton Boston Hotel

Kids Club/Tween Club
Bible Bowl
Oratorical Festival
Enliven to Christ
Daily Bible Study
Department Meetings
An Enchanting Evening over Boston
A Night to Celebrate our Archdiocese
Cabaret & Hufli
Grand Banquet
Teen Banquet/Pool Party
21/40 Event



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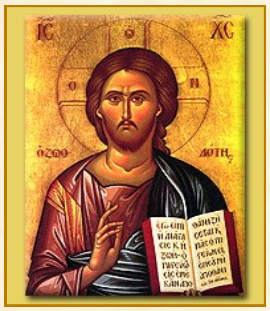

Weekly Synaxarion

On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastian the wonderworker; and Venerable Cedd, bishop of Essex. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West. David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works. By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from all ages, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.