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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November 11th, 2018
Holy Martyr Menas of Egypt
Eighth Sunday of Luke

القديس الشهيد ميناس والأحد الثامن من لوقا

Weekly Schedule of Services:
Saturday Great Vespers 5:00pm
Sunday Orthros 8:45am followed by Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Wednesday Morning Prayers followed by Arabic Bible Study 10:00am
Check our website for feast day services and all other services

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

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 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 to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بصليبِكَ الموتَ وفَتَحْتَ لِلِصّ الفردوْس. وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حاملاتِ الطيبِ إلى فرحٍ. وأمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أن يكرِزوا مُنْذِرين، بأنك قد قُمْتَ أيُّها المسيحُ الإله. مانِحاً العالَمَ الرحمةَ العظمى.

Troparion of Saint Menas and the Martyrs (Tone Five)

With great valor of soul, thou didst strive in martyrdom, and having fought the good fight, O divine Great Martyr Menas, thou from Heaven hast received the gift of miracles; for God hath shown thee to the world as a worker of great signs, and He made thee our protector and a swift help in afflictions and ever-vigilant defense from harm.

يا ميناسُ العظيمُ في شهداءِ الربّ. لمَّا أتممتَ جهادَ الشَّهادة بشجاعةٍ. إستحققتَ ببهاءٍ المواهبَ. لذا بجدارةٍ أظهركَ مجيدًا الإله وصانعًا للعجائب. متشفِّعًا ومعينًا وناصِرًا فعَّالاً في الضيقات.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone Four)

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the Divine Spirit, whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

إن الهيكَلَ الكليَّ النقاوةِ هيكَلُ المخلِّص. البتولُ الخدرُ الجزيلُ الثمنِ والكَنْزُ الطاهرُ لمجدِ الله. اليومَ تَدْخُلُ إلى بيتِ الربِّ وتُدخِلُ معها النعمةُ التي بالروحِ الإلهي فلتسبِحْهَا ملائكةُ اللهِ لأَنَها المظلة السماوية.

Epistle for St. Menas the Martyr

الرسالة للشهيد القديس ميناس

The Lord will give strength to His people!
Ascribe to the Lord, O children of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor!

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:6-15).

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

الربُّ يُعطي قوَّةً لشعبِهِ!

قَدِّمُوا للربِّ يا أبناءَ اللهِ, قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَعِزًّا!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس (١٥-٦:٤).

يا إخوةُ، إنَّ اللهَ الذي أمرَ أنْ يُشرِقَ مِنَ ظُلمَةٍ نورٌ، هو الذي أشرَقَ في قُلُوبِنا، لإنارةِ مَعرِفَةِ مَجدِ اللهِ في وجهِ يسوعَ المسيحِ* ولنا هذا الكَنْزُ في آنِيةٍ خَزَفِيَّةٍ، ليكونَ فَضلُ القُوَّةِ للهِ لا مِنَّا* مُتَضايقِينَ في كُلِّ شيءٍ ولكِن غيرَ مُنحَصِرِينَ. ومُتَحَيِّرِينَ ولَكِنْ غيرَ يائِسِينَ* ومُضطَهَدِينَ ولَكِنْ غيرَ مَخذُولِينَ. ومَطروحِينَ ولَكِنْ غيرَ هالِكِينَ* حامِلِينَ في الجَسَدِ كُلَّ حِينٍ إماتَةَ الرَّبِّ يسوعَ، لِتَظهَرَ حياةُ يسوعَ أيضاً في أجسادِنا* لأنَّا نحنُ الأحياءَ نُسَلَّمُ دائماً إلى الموتِ من أجلِ يسوعَ، لِتَظهَرَ حياةُ المسيحِ أيضاً في أجسادِنا المائِتَةِ* فالموتُ إذَنْ يُجرَى فينا والحياةُ فِيكم* فإذْ فينا روحُ الإيمانِ بِعَينِهِ، على حَسَبِ ما كُتِبَ "إنّي آمنتُ ولذلكَ تَكَلَّمتُ"، فنحنُ أيضاً نؤمِنُ ولذلكَ نتكلَّمُ* عالمينَ أنَّ الذي أقامَ الرَّبَّ يسوعَ سيُقِيمُنا نحنُ أيضاً بيسوعَ فَنَنْتَصِبَ مَعَكُم* لأنَّ كُلَّ شيءٍ هو مِن أجلِكُم، لكي تَتَكاثَرَ النِعمَةُ بِشُكرِ الأكثَرِينَ، فتزدادَ لمجدِ اللهِ.

Gospel for the Eighth Sunday of St. Luke

الإنجيل للأحد الثامن من لوقا

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:25-37).

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

فصلٌ شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الانجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (١٠:٢٥-٣٧) .

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، دَنا إلى يَسوعَ ناموسيٌ وقالَ مُجرِّباً لهُ: يا مُعَلِّمُ ماذا أعمَلُ لأرِثَ الحياةَ الأبَدِيَّةَ؟* فقالَ لهُ: ماذا كُتِبَ في النَّامُوسِ؟ كَيفَ تَقرأُ؟* فأجابَ وقالَ: أحبِبِ الرَّبَّ إلهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلبِكَ ومِن كُلِّ نَفسِكَ ومِنْ كُلِّ قدرَتِكَ ومنْ كُلِّ ذِهنِكَ وقريبَكَ كَنَفسِكَ* فقالَ لهُ: بالصوابِ أجَبتَ. إعمَل ذلِكَ فَتَحْيا* فأرادَ أنْ يُزَكِّيَ نَفسَهُ، فقالَ لِيسوعَ: ومَن قَريبي؟* فعادَ يسوعُ وقالَ: كانَ إنسانٌ مُنحَدِراً مِنْ أورَشليمَ إلى أريحا، فوَقَعَ بينَ لُصوصٍ، فَعرَّوهُ وجَرَّحوهُ وتَرَكوهُ بينَ حَيٍّ ومَيّتٍ* فَاتَّفَقَ أنَّ كاهِناً كانَ مُنحَدراً في ذلكَ الطريقِ، فأبصَرَهُ وجَازَ مِنْ أمامِهِ* وكذلكَ لاويٌّ، وأتى إلى المكانِ، فأبصَرَهُ وجَازَ مِنْ أمامِهِ* ثمَّ إنَّ سامِرِيّاً مُسافِراً مَرَّ بِهِ، فلمَّا رآهُ تَحَنَّنَ* فَدنا إليهِ، وضَمَدَ جِراحاتِهِ، وصَبَّ عليها زَيتاً وخَمراً، وحَمَلَهُ على دابَّتِهِ، وأتى بِهِ إلى فُندُقٍ واعتَنى بأمرِهِ* وفي الغَدِ فيما هُوَ خارِجٌ، أخرَجَ دينارَينِ وأعطاهما لصاحِبِ الفُندُقِ وقالَ لهُ: اعتَنِ بأمرِهِ، ومَهما تُنفِقْ فوقَ هذا، فأنا أدفَعُهُ لكَ عندَ عودَتي* فأيُّ هؤلاءِ الثلاثةِ تَحسَبُ صارَ قريباً للذي وقَعَ بينَ اللصُوصِ؟* قالَ: الذي صنَعَ إليهِ الرَّحمة. فقالَ لهُ يسوعُ: امْضِ فاصْنَعْ أنتَ أيضاً كذلكَ .

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

11/11: Feras and Jackie Salman & Family

11/18: Bishara Sweis & Family

11/25: Hasan and Saeda Sweis & Family

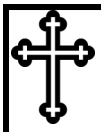
Epistle Reading

11/11: Scott Abdo & Rima Sleiman

11/18: Rita Magnuson & Lamees Ammari

REMINDER

In an effort to eliminate distractions, collection baskets will not be passed during the Divine Liturgy. Instead, we kindly ask you to make your donation or pledge before or after service by placing it in the **donation box** at the entrance of the church. Envelopes are available on both sides of the donation box. Please keep this in mind since we depend on your contributions. Thank you for your generosity!



Memory Eternal!

Jeries and Elaine Ta'amneh

Liturgy for the beginning of the Nativity Fast
Thursday, November 15th
at 10 am

Toys Drive Gifts due Today

If you have not turned in your gifts please drop off them off at the church office no later than Tuesday between 10am - 3pm.

Toy Drive for the Mission Church in Albania

St. Mary's has been a partner with a mission church in Albania for many years. This year they are asking for our help in sponsoring gifts for Orthodox children in Albania and if each YAM and Teen SOYO members donates $20 we can reach out goal and help these needy children have a blessed Christmas.

Upcoming Events

Thurs Nov 8	10:00am	Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Archangels
Sat Nov 10	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving Dinner
Sun Nov 11	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for speaking roles only
	6:00pm	Annual Martha and Mary Maternity House Benefit St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church 2350 E. Dempster St., Des Plaines, IL. 60016
Wed Nov 14	10:00am	Morning Prayers
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
Thurs Nov 15	10:00am	Liturgy for the beginning of the Nativity Fast
Sat Nov 17	10:45am	Arabic School
	5:00pm	Great Vespers
Sun Nov 18	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant Practice for speaking roles only
Tues Nov 20	7:00pm	Great Vespers for the Presentation of the Theotokos w/ Artoklasia
Wed Nov 21	9:00am	Orthros for the Presentation of the Theotokos
	10:00am	Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:30pm	SOYO Night

Supplies Needed for Homeless Shelters

The following items are needed by St. Luke's Church for their homeless shelter as soon as possible:

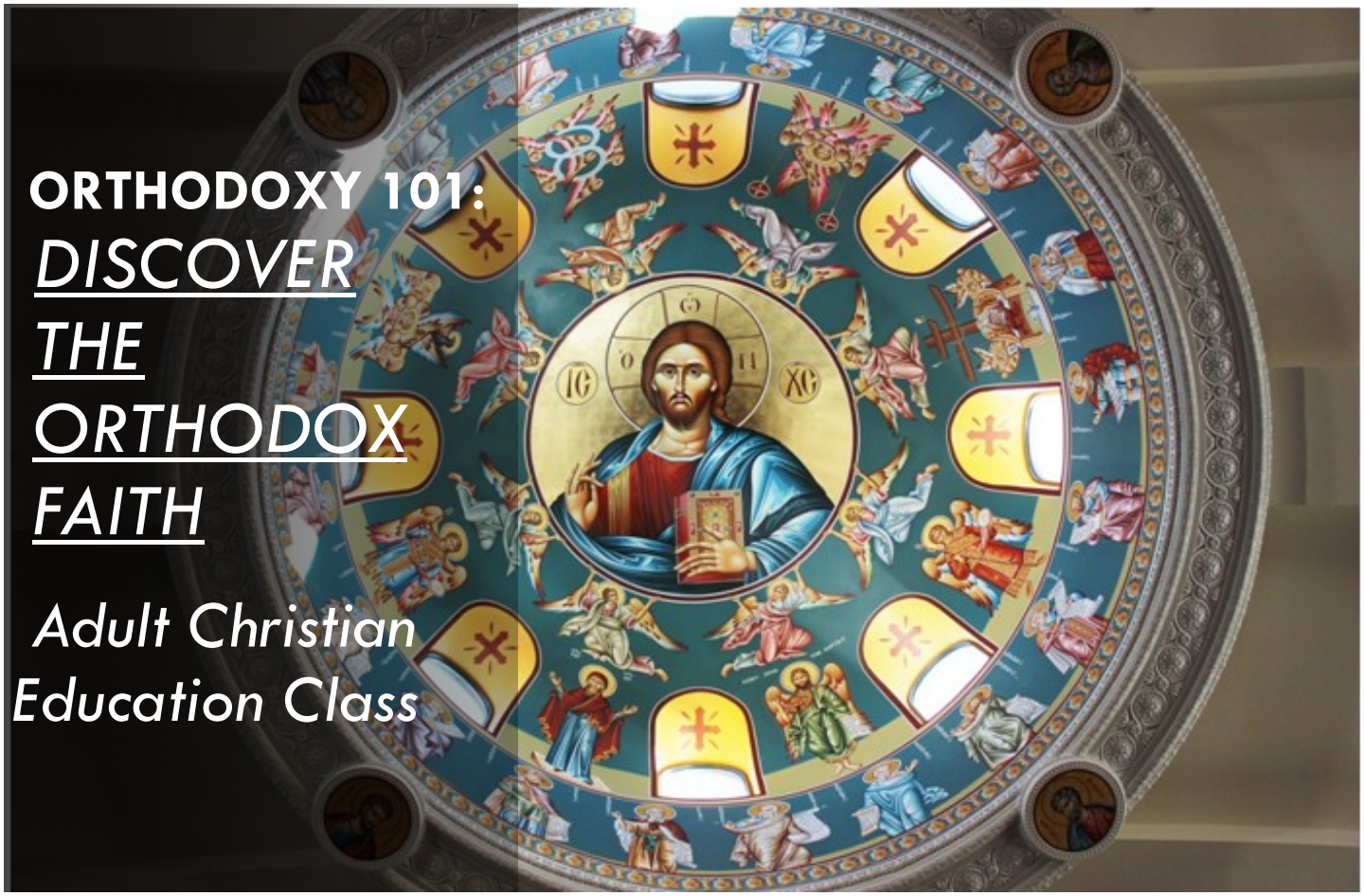
- 9" plates
- 12 oz bowls
- 8 oz cups
- 16 oz cups
- plastic knives
- plastic forks
- latex gloves (not powdered)
- vinyl gloves (for food prep and serving)
- paper towels
- table napkins

Additional items needed (less urgently):

- Plates - 6"
- Ziploc Quart Bags
- Brown Lunch Bags
- Coffee - Regular
- Sugar Canisters
- Ziploc Quart Freezer Bags
- Spoons - plastic
- Coffee - Decaf
- Salt & Pepper
- Flip-top Sandwich Bags
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Herbal Tea Bags - Chamomile, Ginger, Fruit

Financial donations are also needed - BEDS provides those in need "shower passes". The cost to provide the passes is $3 each.

If you are interested in donating money towards the shower passes or any of the items on the list above, please see Kh. Delia.



ORTHODOXY 101:
DISCOVER THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Adult Christian Education Class

It is time to take ownership of your Faith! No matter your age, learning never stops. Join the fellow adults in your community for a class just for you! Orthodoxy 101 is an adult class for anyone ages 18 years and older. The class will go through the basics of Orthodoxy to help you learn and grow in your Faith and in your relationship with Christ!

No Classes

Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 25th
Christmas Break - Dec. 23rd - Jan. 6th
Palm Sunday - Apr. 21st
Pascha - Apr. 28th

Every Sunday immediately after Divine Liturgy

Meet in the conference room behind the narthex (candle area)

Please contact Fabiola Sweis at fabiolasweis@gmail.com or Dn. Saed at saedrihani6@gmail.com with any questions

Annual Winter Food Drive

October, November, December

Remember...42 lbs of food will feed a family of 4 for 3 days!

1 out of 6 families are struggling with hunger

Food Drive Grocery List:

Beans, Chili, Cereal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Soup, Tuna, Stew, Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit, Mac & Cheese.

Remember to bring items for the Food Drive this Sunday. Each Sunday School class will compete to raise the most food.

The winning class will receive a Pizza Party!

Sunday School Students should drop off their food items in one of the carts just outside of the Sunday School's main entrance (in the large hall way). Each cart will be labeled by grade.

Remembering the words of St. John Chrysostom: "It is a better thing to feed the hungry than to raise the dead."

Welcome Parents!

2018 - 2019

St. Mary's Sunday School

Open House and Parent Meeting!

We want to meet you!

Pre-K & Kindergarten - 1st & 2nd
on Sunday, Nov. 4 @12pm

3rd & 4th - 5th & 6th on Sunday, Nov. 11 @12pm

7th & 8th - High School on Sunday, Nov. 18 @12 pm

St. Mary's
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Hosted by Our Antiochian Women
Saturday, November 10th, 2018
St. Mary Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
Join us for music, food and lots of fun!
Children's Pumpkin Carving Contest
Entry forms need to be filled and turned in by Nov. 4th
Please bring already carved pumpkins with you.
Music
Ticket: Adults - $40
Children (6-12yrs) - $20
Doors open at 6:00pm
Please contact Rita Sweis 773-510-4303, Muna Salman 708-769-5105, Shireen Salman 717-9640 or any of the Antiochian Women for tickets and entry forms.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Pageant practice schedule

For Speaking Roles:

Sunday November 11th
after Divine Liturgy

Sunday November 18th
after Divine Liturgy

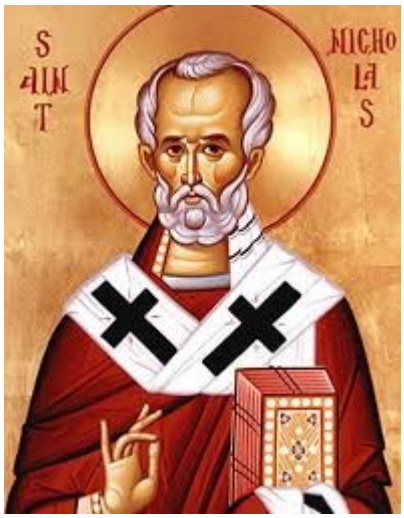
Sunday November 25th
after Divine Liturgy

For all students:

Sunday December 2nd
after Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 9th
after Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 15th
(Dress Rehearsal) @ 1:30PM



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 8th
1pm – 3pm

Join us for breakfast and stay to meet St. Nicholas, make crafts and play games. All ages are welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Elizabeth Andoun at Sundayschool@stmaryoc.org or May Sweis at office@stmaryoc.org.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church - Palos Heights, IL
13th ANNUAL SOYO CHRISTMAS RETREAT - 2018

"Do not be afraid because of your Orthodoxy; do not be afraid because, as an Orthodox in the West, you will be often isolated and always in a small minority. Do not make compromises but do not attack other Christians; do not be either defensive or aggressive; simply be yourself." St. Amphilochios

SOYO MEMBERS ARE INVITED
TO OUR THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT!

Join us for inspiring sessions with our very own Father Mousa Haddad, Deacon Saed Rihani and Deacon Jacob Andoun

Who: SOYO Members 13 - 18 years old
When: Thursday, December 27th to Saturday, December 29th
Where: Dickson Valley Camp and Retreat Center
8250 Finnie Rd.
Newark, IL 60541
Cost: $150.00
For Information Contact: Dn. Jacob Andoun, at 908-370-8632 or youthpastor@stmaryoc.org

For Scholarship or Financial Assistance. Please Contact Fr. Mousa Haddad Directly

Registration Starts: October 28, 2018
DEADLINE: December 16, 2018
$50 Deposit Required to Reserve Spot

Teens will enjoy Outdoor Laser Tag, Gauntlet, Tubing, Wall Climbing and many more fun activities.

Annual General Assembly Meeting and Parish Council Nominations

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person for St. Mary's Parish Council, please let any member of the Parish Council know by Saturday, December 15th. Nominations will not be considered after that date.

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting will take place Sunday, January 13th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please make sure your 2018 pledge is paid in full by Monday, December 31st, so that you can participate in the General Assembly.

Thanks and God bless!

21st Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament

Canton, Ohio January 18-20, 2019

New this year in Canton

His Grace Bishop Anthony and the faithful of the Midwest Diocese most joyfully welcome participation from churches of the Mid-Atlantic Diocese led by His Grace Bishop Thomas

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19+

Friday, January 18

7 pm: Registration begins *(Hotel Lobby)*
8 pm: Pizza *(Registration area)*
8:30pm: Retreat *(Hotel Ballroom)*

Saturday, January 19

7 am: Morning prayers/Light Breakfast *(Hotel Ballroom)*
8 am: Basketball Tournament begins
12 pm: Lunch (at Basketball locations)
6 pm: Great Vespers
7 pm: Banquet/Awards Presentation/Hafli

Sunday, January 20

8:45 am: Matins
10 am: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Brunch and Farewell

Early Registration: $50 by January 11 Registration: $60
(Includes all meals and events)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
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Weekly Synaxarion

On November 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Menas of Egypt, who was martyred at Cotyaeion of Phrygia in Asia Minor. Menas was a soldier and, as a true Christian, he was not able to witness the abominable sacrificial offerings to the idols. He left the army, the town, the people and everything else, and went to a deserted mountain, for it was easier for him to live among the wild beasts than with pagans. One day, Menas clairvoyantly discerned a pagan celebration in the town of Cotyaeus. He went into town and openly declared his faith in Christ the Living God. He denounced idolatry and paganism as falsehood and darkness. Hearing this, the town eparch, Pyrrhus, subjected Menas to severe tortures. Persecutors threw his beheaded body into a fire so that Christians would not be able to retrieve it, but they still recovered several parts of his body nevertheless and reverently buried those remains. Menas suffered in the year 304 and went to the Kingdom of Christ. He was and remains a great miracle-worker, both on earth and in heaven. The saint has often appeared as a warrior on horseback, arriving to help the faithful or punish the unfaithful. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Victor and Stephanie in Damascus; Martyr Vincent of Spain; Venerable Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximos the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Stephen of Dechani, king of Serbia, Stephen Urosh and Princess Milica; and Martin the merciful, bishop of Tours. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen .