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Confession: 8:30AM
Matins: 9:00AM
Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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ودعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في انطاكية أولاً

“And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26

Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office

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2013 Assembly Statement on Violence in the Middle East
From the Assembly of Bishops



To our Orthodox Faithful

1. We, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, representing millions of Orthodox Christians in the United States, Canada and Central America, express our grave concern over the escalation of political unrest and ongoing violence in countries throughout the Middle East, especially in Palestine, Egypt, Iraq and more recently in Syria.
2. Our Assembly repudiates any and all attacks on human beings, irrespective of race and religion, by means of violence, kidnapping, torture and killing. Moreover, we deplore the destruction of all places of worship. We are especially disheartened at the inexcusable indifference and unjustifiable inaction of authorities, which have failed to protect the Christian population and the broader public in these regions.
3. We implore all involved parties and political authorities, especially those of the countries we represent, to pursue vigorously all peaceful means for the resolution of the conflicts and the termination of the murder of men, women and children.
4. Finally, we appeal once more to the responsible persons for the release of all those kidnapped, especially the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Yohanna Ibrahim, both of Aleppo, Syria.

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THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord my God.*

**The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
Chapter 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.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Chapter 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

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5. The Assembly of Bishops urges people to remember that Christians in the Middle East, Egypt, and Syria have peacefully coexisted with all people in the region for two thousand years. As such, they must be respected and included in all decisions toward social and political justice.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: baby Aydan Hujdurovic, Dr. Muaid Shihadeh, Najla, Waad Al-Khal, Andrew Ansara, Adriana Mansour, Evelyn Naser, Sonya, Fareedah Mansur,

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

**H**oly Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of October, in loving memory of:

Jerry Mughannem

**H**oly Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of October, the health and well being of:

Shauqi, Ayda, Albert, Ann, Gloria and grandchildren

**Condolences**

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Widad Kandah and the entire family on the passing of her beloved husband, Shihadeh Kandah. May his memory be eternal.

**Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners**

- Oct. 13th**-St. Mary's Grand Banquet
- Oct. 20th**-Trunk-n-Treat
- Nov. 2nd**-Mother/Toddler's Mom's Night Out

**Thank You**

The following parishioners and friends of the Basilica of St. Mary have given special donations to the Church in the past few weeks:

**\$50**-In loving memory of sister Jean York offered by Lorice Khoury,

**\$60**-For the health and well being of the Fakhouri and Perchall families offered by Daniel and Kristyn Fakhouri,

**\$100**-Anonymous donation for the health and well being of Andrew Ansara,

**\$100**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Marco Alexander Noujaim and his family Daniel, Lena and Adrian offered by godfather, Jacob Ghannam, Jr.,

**\$100**-For the health and well being of newlyweds Daniel and Kristyn Fakhouri offered by Awni and Laila Fakhouri and family,

**\$250**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Marco Alexander Noujaim offered by grandparents Dr. Samir and Hilmaria Noujaim,

**\$2000**-In loving memory of Pamela Khoury Ajlouny offered by her parents, Peter and Wisam Khoury,

**\$5000**-Honorary Founders Nicola and Virginia Antakli towards our church's 40th anniversary celebration,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations and best wishes to Fadi and Chanel Ashkar on the birth of their baby boy, Jacob. Proud grandparents are Hikmat and Salam Ashkar and Michael and Nawal Putrus.

Congratulations and best wishes to Justin and Mary-Ann Hurlbert on the birth of their baby boy, Zakaria Sven. Proud grandparents are Raymond and Karen Zakaria and Lewis and Kristine Hurlbert.

May God bless parents, grandparents and children.

**MEMORIALS**

قال يسوع: أنا القيامة والحياة من آمن بي يحيى الى الأبد.

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25)

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

**"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion**

**F**or The Health and Well Being Of: Major Timothy Lawson,

**I**n Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron,

**Golf Outing News**

We have pullover, short sleeved shirts with the church logo left over from the Golf Outing. The shirts can be purchased for \$50.00. Please contact the church office if interested.

The committee would also like to hear your feedback, your thoughts and suggestions, for future outings. Please email the church office at sbadeen@tbosm.com with comments.

We thank everyone again for their support.

**Nativity Play News**

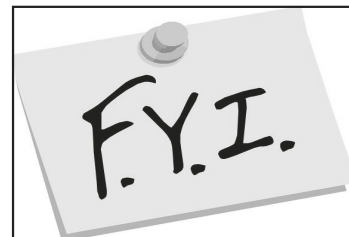
**October 6th:** Sign up to be in the Choir, Speaking Roles, Nonspeaking Roles, and to Volunteer in the Activity Center at 1:00pm.

**People in the News**

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Radwan Khoury as he has accepted a new position with Gateway Community Health. We wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

# Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of October 6, 2013



## Upcoming Events

Every Saturday: Great Vespers (5:00-5:45)

Every Wednesday: Mother-Toddler Group (10:00am-12:00pm)

October 20: Trunk N Treat 5:30pm

November 2: Mom's Night Out - Toy Party @6:30 PM - Activity Center

November 8-10: YES Trip Detroit

November 15-16: Pre-SOYO retreat

### October is Youth Month

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office. The life of the Basilica depends on you. Get involved today!

### TRUNK-N-TREAT

OCT 20TH

PLEASE COME JOIN US AT CHURCH

5:30- SET UP YOUR TRUNK

6:00- FREE CIDER AND DONUTS

7:00 TRUNK AND TREAT

HAYRIDES AND S'MORES

\$10.00 PER-FAMILY

\$1.00 HAYRIDES



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Preach the Gospel, and use words when necessary.”**

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

**What does this mean to you? I believe it means to be Christian not to just say you are Christian. I would like every one to think about what this Quote means to them and our Church Family as a whole.**

Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities. [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com)



# The Basilica of St. Mary Grand Banquet

**When:** Sunday, October 13, 2013

**Where:** St. Mary's Cultural Center

**Time:** 5:30-Cocktails 6:30-Dinner

**Entertainment:** Faisal Wazani

**Cost:** \$100.00 per person

For tickets or more information, please contact:

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