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Sunday Services
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

September 15, 2013



The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross



This Feast is celebrated as one of the most important in the Church Year because it commemorates two events of great significance. After St. Helen had found at Jerusalem the cross upon which Christ was crucified, she built a church on Mount Calvary to hold the precious relic. The Christians held the Holy Cross in such regard that they soon began to celebrate this Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross. In the year 614, the Persians invaded the Empire and took Jerusalem, and sent the case containing the Cross back to their country. For fifteen years, the Greek emperor Heraclius waged war against the Persians, and finally in 629 defeated them, force them to make peace, and to restore the Holy Cross to him. It is said that the case containing the sacred relics was returned to him with the seals still unbroken. The Relics were replaced in the Church with great rejoicing, and to the original Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross was added another, in honor of its safe return to Jerusalem. A special feature of the Church Services on this day is the procession in which the Cross is borne aloft on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the Church; the Priest then elevates it to the four corners of the compass, blessing thrice with it as he does so, and praying that God will protect and preserve the President and the Civil Authorities of our Country and the Armed Forces, and guard and guide the Archbishop and clergy of the Church, and protect and preserve all His faithful people from every evil. The Gospel of St. John 19:6-35 is the story of the Crucifixion and it is read to remind the people that Christ suffered death upon the Cross for the salvation of all mankind, and that by His death He conquered Death and triumphed over all the world.

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A decorative border of small book icons surrounds the text. The books are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some at the corners and others along the edges. Each book icon has a cross on its cover and rays of light emanating from it.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works.
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians Chapter 2:16-20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

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, Rose Biedron, Waad Al-Khal, Andrew Ansara, Abdelnour Abdelnour, Adriana Mansour, Evelyn Naser, Nadim Haddad, Marie Ansara, Hanna Imseeh, Ziadeh and Jeanette Farhat,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of September, in loving memory of:

- Leo Snage
- John S. Ajlouny
- Jalil Ghannam
- Shawky Mousa
- Jad Alex Harb

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of September, the health and well being of:

Chloe and Abbey Tyree

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered for peace on behalf of all the Syrian people.

Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Sept. 21st-St. Mary's annual Golf Outing
- Sept. 26th-Senior Heritage outing
- Oct. 13th-St. Mary's Grand Banquet

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**-For the health and well being of Nicoula Chehadeh and family,
- \$50**-In loving memory of father John Ayoub offered by Leslie Ayoub and Audrey and Fr. Jim King and family,
- \$60**-In loving memory of Isa Hasan offered by Ghassan and Michelle Hanania,
- \$100**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Anya Ghannam offered by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ghannam,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Shawqi Ghannam offered by his wife Lorice Ghannam and family,
- \$500**-In loving memory of Isa Hasan offered by his wife Ibtisam Hasan and family,
- \$1000**-For the health and well being of Sylvia Hanania offered by the family,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Marc and Alexa Nassif on the birth of their baby girl Genevieve Adele. Proud grandparents are George and Jeanette Nassif and Fr. George and Nouhad Shalhoub.

Congratulations and best wishes to Joey and Kelly Jaghab on the birth of their baby girl, Cecilia Jackline. Proud grandparents are Assam and Jackline Jaghab and Mike and Jane Palmer.

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)

Sept. 15th - 40 day memorial in loving memory of father Mike Mashni offered by Janice and Maurice Aljadah and family,

Sept. 15th - Memorial in loving memory of Michael Hinnawi offered by the family,

Sept. 22nd - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Dr. Evert Tan offered by the family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

For The Health and Well Being Of: Major Timothy Lawson, George Najjar,

In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron, Akel Deifallah,

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Lorice Khoury and family on the passing of her beloved sister, Jean York.

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to children Carmen Salameh and Dr. Raja Salameh and family members Mrs. Suad Ajlouny, Fred and Salwa Ajlouny, George and Jannette Ajlouny and Joseph and Samira Ajlouny on the passing of Najwa Salameh in Houston, Texas.

May their memories be eternal.

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of September 15, 2013



Upcoming Events

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

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

September 15: 20-40 Group

September 26th - Senior Heritage trip to Greek Town. Explore, shop and lunch. Please call Ayda Mughannem at 734-464-1872 for reservations.

October 12: PB&J Teen Soyo Leave Church At 7:00 am

October 27: Trunk N Treat 5:00 pm

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!

20-40 Group Lake Night

A night of fun and fellowship at Tara and Chris Zayid's house, Sunday, September 15th at 5:00pm.

We ask everyone to please bring a dish to share with the group.



Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.
www.saintmarylivonia.com



14600 Kinloch
Redford, MI 48239
313-531-1240
Saturday,
September 21, 2013
Cost: \$150 per player
Registration:
12:00pm
Shotgun Start: 1:30pm

FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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*WESTERN GOLF &
COUNTRY CLUB*

This year's event will be held on September 21, 2013 at
Western Golf & Country Club.

Registration and lunch begins at 12:00pm, with shot-gun start at 1:30am.

The cost for this event is \$150 per player. Enjoy 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, dinner and drinks, followed by presentation of awards and prizes.

Prizes given for:

- 2-Hole in One
(\$10,000.00 towards car purchase or a 2 year lease)
- Closet to Pin
- Longest Drive

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