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Sunday Services
Confession: 8:30AM
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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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CONCEPTION OF FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great Gabriel, the Archangel of God, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before announcing the miraculous conception by the unwedded virgin, the Archangel announced the miraculous conception by the childless old woman. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God, and thus his tongue was bound by dumbness and it remained thus until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and naming. When they asked the father what name he wished to give to his son, since he was mute he wrote on a tablet. “John.” At that moment his tongue was loosed and he began to speak. The home of Zacharias was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. Throughout all Israel there was spread the news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zacharias, as well as that of his dumbness and the loosing of his tongue at the moment he wrote the name “John.” The news of this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children in Bethlehem, he directed men to the hills to the dwelling place of the family of Zacharias, to kill John also. But Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged at this, King Herod sent his executioners to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was again Zacharias's turn to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zacharias was slain between the court and the temple and his blood coagulated and petrified on the paving stones and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave, where she died soon after. The young child John remained alone in the wilderness under the care of God and His angels.

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THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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
- Elias Nakhleh Ansara

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

Chloe and Abbey Tyree

From the Heart

God, grant me courage and hope for every day, faith to guide me along my way, understanding and wisdom, too, and grace to accept what life gives me to do.

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.

Proverbs 19:20

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:

- \$100**-Anonymous donation for Food for the Hungry,
- \$250**-In loving memory of father Michael Hinnawi offered by Luai and Alice Hinnawi and family,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew and Maro Zricke on the birth of their baby boy, Alexander Michael. Proud grandparents are Souheil and Nouhad Khalife and Steven and Sarah Zricke.

May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

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. 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, Ken and Jen Biedron, Brett and Sarah, Gail Nagher,

In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron, Jack and Mary Nagher,

Public Announcement

Nina Sky Productions presents Wael Kfoury, Maya Diab and Ahmad Hatoum at the Detroit Opera House on Friday, September 27th. For tickets and more information, please call 313-802-4000 or 313-770-6666. Tickets are \$75.00 Mention St. Mary Orthodox Church and tickets are discounted to \$40.00 per person.

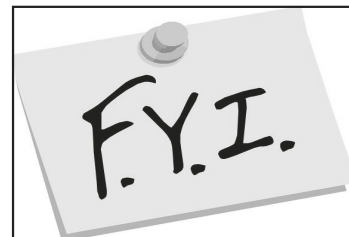
Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Sept. 26th**-Senior Heritage outing
- Oct. 13th**-St. Mary's Grand Banquet
- Oct. 20th**-Trunk-n-Treat


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:
 Maha Khalil 248-538-1294
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Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of September 22, 2013



Upcoming Events

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

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

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 7:00am

October 27: Trunk N Treat 5:00pm

November 8-10: YES Trip Detroit

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



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

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated their time and talents to our annual Fall Femme Fash this past Friday evening. The evening was a success because of your tireless efforts. There were many people who helped out with this event including the following sub-committee chairs:

Chinese basket raffle: Dunia Abodeely and Hala Sultani

Decorations/Centerpieces: Deanna Kawwas

Hostesses: Nancy Ghannam, Dunia Abodeely, and Hala Sultani

Main Raffle : Dolly Matta, Marleine Khoury, and Michelle Toma

Reservations/Tickets: Violet Khoury and Isabelle Sultani

Invitations: Yolla Awad

Fashion Show Committee Members:

Maha Khalil

Mimi Khamis

Elizabeth Ajluni

Malvina Bayyouk

Joann Rabah

Sonya Kassis

Olompia Ackall

Thank you for all your hard work!

Sincerely,

Georgine Hayes, Sandy Bojrab, and Zena Ansara

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