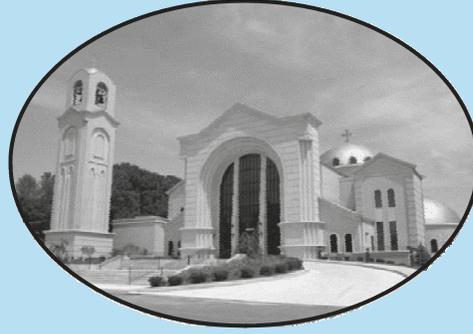


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Sunday Services
Confession: 8:30AM
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Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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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

February 26, 2012

Sunday of Forgiveness
Cheese Fare

أحد مرفع الجبن



This Sunday is the fourth of the Sundays which prepare us for Lent. It ends, and is the last day of this period of preparation. From the following day, Monday, we shall be in Lent itself. This Sunday is called “Cheese-fare Sunday” because, beginning with the next day, the tradition of the church is that we should abstain from eggs, milk, butter and cheese. The Gospel for the Liturgy, taken from St. Matthew 6:14-21, opens with the precept of forgiveness: “If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”. The fact that the Church has chosen this saying to introduce the Gospel for the day shows that day shows that she intends to make forgiveness the dominant theme for this Sunday. It is true that the rest of the Gospel for this day speaks of fasting, but the Greek particle which joins the verses about fasting to the verses about forgiveness seem to assign to the former a position of dependence on the latter. The Lord Jesus advises those who fast not to look gloomy or to be of a sad countenance like those hypocrites who want to be noticed when they fast. “Thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face.” The Father who sees in secret, shall reward thee openly. Let thy treasure and thy heart be not on earth, but in heaven.

Taken from: *The Year of Grace of the Lord*

THE LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

O Lord and master of my life

Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness,
lust of power and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience,
and love to thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge
my brother, for Thou art blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

صلاة التوبة للقديس افرام السرياني
أيها الرب وسيد حياتي. أعتقني من روح البطالة والفضول وحب الرئاسة
والكلام البطال.
وأنعم علي أنا عبدك بروح العفة واتضاع الفكر والصبر والمحبة.
نعم ياملكي والهي هب لي أن أعرف زلاتي, لا أدين أخوتي فانك
مبارك الى دهر الدهرين آمين.

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THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
O clap your hands, all ye nations.*

**The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans
Chapter 13:11-14:4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 6:14-21**

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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**March is Ladies Month**

During the month of March, our Ladies will be reading the Epistle in English and Arabic and ushering. Please see Ayda Mughannem, or contact her at 734-464-1872 if you are interested in helping out this month.

**March 4th:**

**Epistle Readers:** Sally Ruffin—English

Irene Saba—Arabic

**Ushers:** Dunia Abodeely  
Marlyne Musleh  
Mervat Kashou

Dolly Matta  
Rose Ghananyem  
Ayda Mughannem

Basima Rumman  
Nadia Khoury

**PRAYER CORNER**

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: Anthony Salah, Colleen Ansara, Laila Jahshan, Corinne Haddad,

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

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

- Paul, Aziz, & Suham Rizqalla
- Fuad Hanania
- Hala Essam Sackllah
- Said Shaheen
- Rola Kassis
- Sam Harb
- George Amjad Saba
- Boulos and Helen Saba
- Salman and Fatha Sweiss
- Easa B. Khoury
- Ibrahim Rizkallah
- Said Sabbagh
- Hanneh Khoury
- Victoria, Joseph, Sr., and Joseph, Jr., Snage
- Jennie, George and Mitchell McCoul
- Ellia, Alex, Walter, Lewis, Dorothy, Edward, Helen and Leo Snage,
- Julia, Joseph and George Shaheen
- Charles Coury

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

- Timothy Lawson
- Jenine and Miles Brown
- James, Nancy, Paul, Nicholas and Christopher Rizqalla
- Snage and Shaheen families

**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 memory of Nora Musallam Robin offered by Don and Georgine Hayes,
- \$100-** In loving memory of Victoria Snage offered by her daughters, Elizabeth Snage and Marion Shaheen,
- \$100-** In loving memory of Ibrahim Rizkallah, 2 year observance, by his parents, Rizkallah and Mary Rizkallah,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

**C**ongratulations and best wishes to Fadi and Chanel Ashkar on the birth of their baby girl, Gianna. Proud grandparents are Hikmat and Salam Ashkar and Anwar and Heyam Dughman. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

**Condolences**

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Michael Robin, children Natasha and Michael, Jr., Phidie Musallam and sons Zack, Mike, Jake and Tony and the entire family on the passing of their beloved wife/mom/daughter/sister, Nora Musallam Robin. May her memory be eternal.

**For Sale**

Golden Lake Condominium in W. Palm Beach, Florida. 2 bedroom/2bath, large porch, all tiled, furnished end unit. Asking \$68,000. Please call Andria at 248-302-0522 for more information.

**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)  
**Feb. 26th-** 40 day memorial in loving memory of Naimah Zayed Khalil offered by the family,  
**Feb. 26th-** 9 day memorial in loving memory of Nora Robin offered by her mother, Phidie Musallam and brothers, Zack, Mike, Jake and Tony Musallam,  
**Feb. 26th-** 3 year memorial in loving memory of Sue Gabriel offered by her husband William Gabriel and family,  
 فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

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

**F**or The Health and Well Being Of:  
**I**n Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron,

**Sermon On-Line**  
 If you missed Fr. George's sermon last Sunday, you can now listen to him or you can see the full Liturgy at [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com) click on multimedia and go to videos  
 Last few week's sermons:  
**Arm Yourself with a Good Defense**  
 By: Fr. Jim King  
**The Prodigal Son**  
 By: Fr. Constantine Nasr  
**The Plot of Christians in the Middle East**  
 By: Metropolitan GEORGE AbuZakhem  
**The Message, "I am the Temple of God" is so Frightening to Me**

# Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of February 26, 2012

DEDICATION – FAITH – COURAGE – LOVE – RELIABILITY – VISION – GENEROSITY



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## Upcoming Events

### EVERY WEDNESDAY - ADULT EDUCATION SERIES (LENTEN SERIES)

Please join us every Wednesday where we learn about the various aspects of Great Lent. We begin with a shortened vespers service and then launch into a lecture/discussion style method of learning.

Class begins at 7PM every Wednesday during Lent.

### NEW MINISTRY AT THE BASILICA - THE ORTHODOX WAY BIBLE STUDY

The Orthodox Way bible study will be starting March 3 @ 5:45PM; immediately following vespers. We will be discovering the bible, cover to cover, every week for the entire year. We will be reading, discussing and understanding the Orthodox Way.

We hope that you all take advantage of this awesome opportunity to grow in our faith together. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jim King at [jking@tbosm.com](mailto:jking@tbosm.com).

### FEB. 27 - LENT BEGINS—5 WEEKLY SERVICES

During Great Lent, we will be having services 5 times a week. Please join us for as many as you are able to:

**Sunday - 8:30AM Confession, 9:00AM Matins, 10:00AM Divine Liturgy**

**Monday - 7:00PM Compline Service**

**Wednesday - 7:00PM Presanctified Liturgy**

**Friday - 7:00PM Akathist Service**

**Saturday - 5:00PM Vespers**

### MARCH 10 - PROJECT HOPE SPRING GALA EVENT

Join us as we join the American Ramallah Federation of Palestine to honor several individuals from our Community including our very own Fr. George Shalhoub, who is receiving the Humanitarian Award. It will be held at the St. Mary's Cultural Center. Tickets (\$100) include dinner, entertainment by Usama Baalbaki open bar.

For more information, please contact Ramallah Club President, Nadia Mashni at (248) 790-4790

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[www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com)

**SAVE THE DATES**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
St. Mary's annual Festival  
More information to follow.**



**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
*The Basilica of St. Mary will be graced by  
His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP  
as we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*  
Friday evening: Welcome Reception  
Saturday evening: Grand Banquet  
Sunday afternoon: Brunch**

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