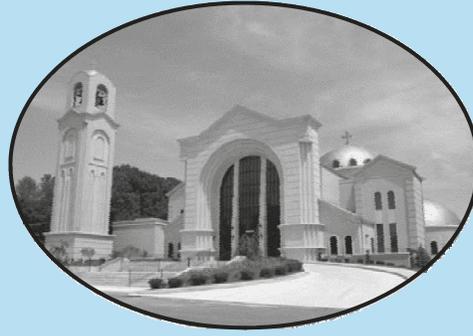


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“And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26

Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office

June 9, 2013

COMMEMORATION OF THE BLIND MAN



CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

المسيح قام --- حقاً قام

AL MASHI QAM!
HAKAN QAM!



The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (See Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LXI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam." Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might, wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay—not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of man. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have cause that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gave a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

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EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles
(Chapter 16.16-34)**

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying. "These men are servants of the Most High for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrate tore the garments off them and gave order to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house hold." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his house hold that he had believed in God.

GOSPEL

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(John 9:1-38)**

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" [which means Send}. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Silo'am and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight."

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, Paul and Anna Salamy, Issa Nunu, Dr. Muaid Shihadeh, Angela Nasr, Najla, Rose Biedron, Elias Rizk, Michelle Milkie, Leonard, Gianna, Larry, Noel,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

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

Albert Abdelnour
Alex and Miriam Kandah
Raji and Fahdeh Kakish
Joe Catarineau
Hilda Naser

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

Jad Alex Harb
Abbey and Chloe Tyree
Shawqi, Faris and Noura
Musallam
and their parents

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Victor and Anne Faris on the birth of their baby girl, Emma Love. Proud grandparents are Samir and Amerance Faris and Nabil and Mona Bayouk.

May God bless parents, grandparents and children.

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INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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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 Raji and Fahdeh Kakish and Joe Catarineau offered by Aida Kakish,

\$100-In loving memory of Albert Abdelnour offered by parents Abdelnour and Naimeh Abdelnour,

\$100-In loving memory of Henry Jahshan offered by his wife Laila Jahshan and children,

\$200-For the health and well being of newlyweds Anthony and Jane (Ansara) Rea,

\$200-For the health and well being of newly churchd Jad Alex Harb offered by Alice Dulgeran,

\$250-In loving memory of Firas Afnan offered by Derar Afnan and family,

\$300-For the health and well being of newlyweds Ron and Christina Ayyash offered by Samira and Charlie Ayyash,

\$300-For the health and well being of Alex, Justin and Sharky Zayid on the occasion of their graduation offered by their mother Magdoleen Zayid,

\$500-For the health and well being of newly baptized Christian Paul offered by parents Abraham and Amy Madany,

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)
June 23rd-1 year memorial in loving memory of George Ziadeh offered by his wife Rima Ziadeh and family,
June 30th-6 month memorial in loving memory of Naimeh Ayoub offered by the family,

فليكن ذكركم مؤبدا

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

For The Health and Well Being Of: Captain Timothy Lawson,

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

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our sponsors, the organizers, those who stood behind the grills/frying the falafel and Zalabia, those who sold tickets, made sandwiches and minded the refreshment stand and ran the charity room. Thanks to those who placed all the signs, orange barrels and flags, those who kept us in light, those who collected money, our security and the parking attendants. Above all, thanks to all of you who came, rain or sun, and supported the work of your church. To all the volunteers, we give a huge hug of gratitude. Your labor paid out not only financially, but for the fellowship we enjoyed. And this is God's greatest gift to all of us. So on behalf of my committee, the clergy and your Parish Council, I can only say thank you.

Freddy Sackllah
Festival Chairman

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of June 9, 2013



Upcoming Events

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

Every Wednesday: Mother-Toddler Group (10:00am-11:00am)

June 18: Camp St. Mary Kick-off!

June 20-23: Midwest Diocese Parish Life Conference, Louisville, KY

June 22: 20-40 Fellowship visit to Dormition Monastery

June 24-28: Vacation Bible School

June and July: Church School teacher recruitment

July 21-28: 2013 Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Houston, TX

July 30: No Camp St. Mary

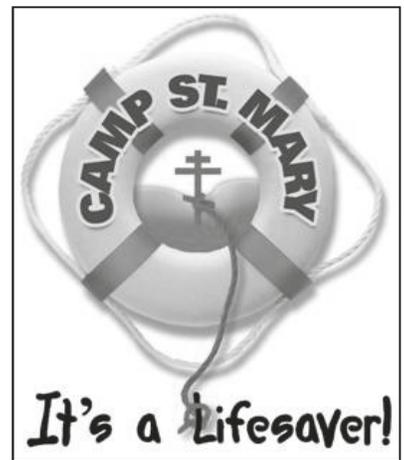
If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office. The life of the Basilica depends on you. Get involved today!

CAMP SAINT MARY

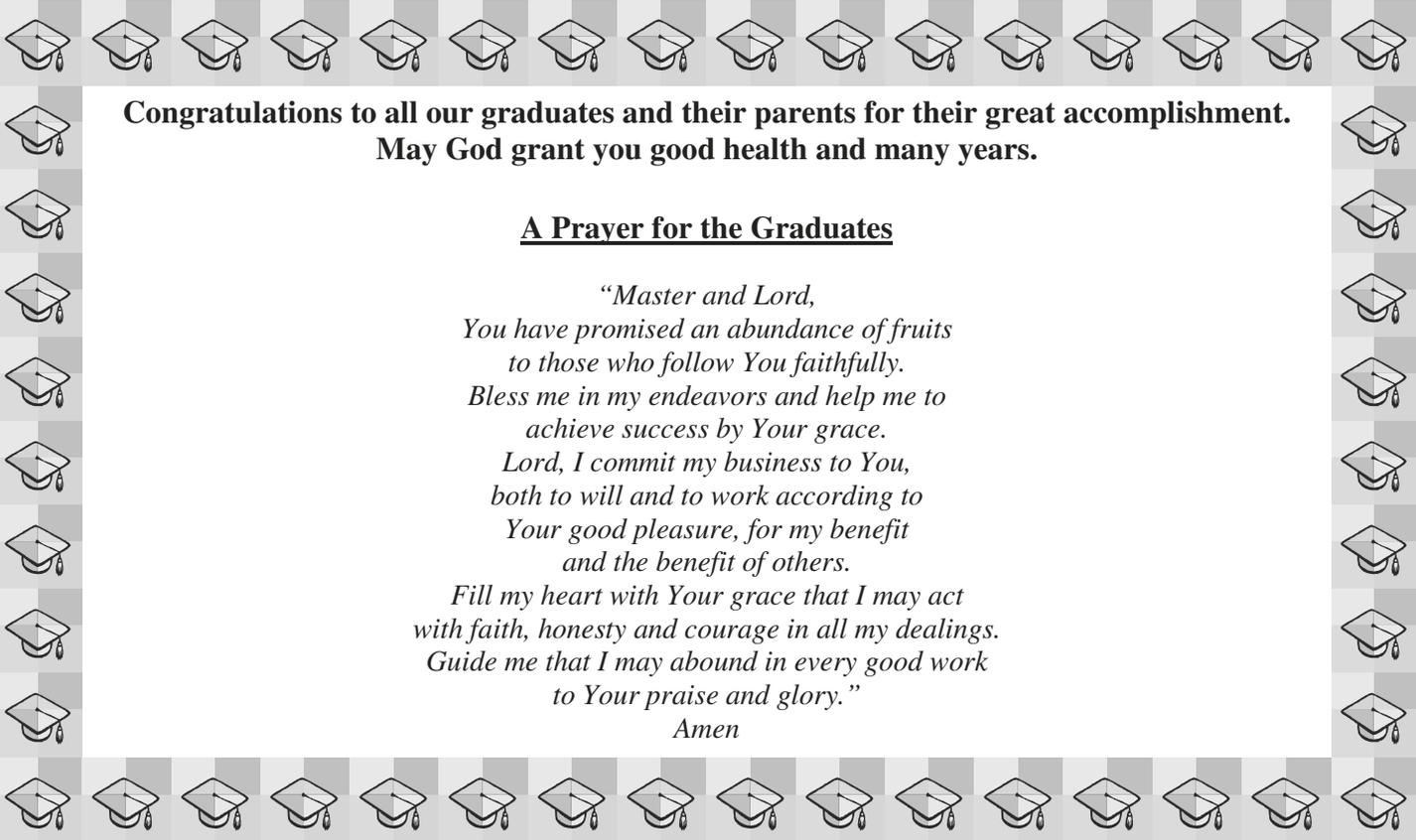
KICKS OFF JUNE 18!

Students entering 5th-12th grade
\$225 per child/\$35 per week (with some exceptions)

Please contact Andrew Ansara or Summar Abdelnour at andrewansaraiii@yahoo.com and summar.abdelnour@yahoo.com for more information!



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



**Congratulations to all our graduates and their parents for their great accomplishment.
May God grant you good health and many years.**

A Prayer for the Graduates

*“Master and Lord,
You have promised an abundance of fruits
to those who follow You faithfully.
Bless me in my endeavors and help me to
achieve success by Your grace.
Lord, I commit my business to You,
both to will and to work according to
Your good pleasure, for my benefit
and the benefit of others.
Fill my heart with Your grace that I may act
with faith, honesty and courage in all my dealings.
Guide me that I may abound in every good work
to Your praise and glory.”
Amen*

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