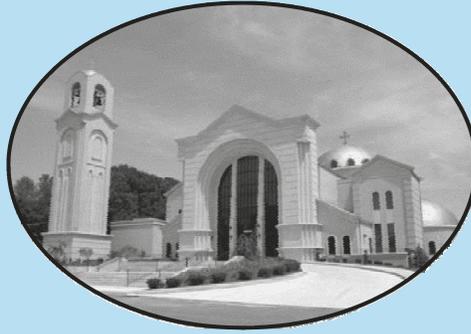


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ودعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في انطاكية أولاً

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

Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office



March 10, 2013

**SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
(MEAT FARE)**

أحد مرفع اللحم



The special theme of the Third Sunday of the Triodion is that of the second coming of our Lord and Saviour. The Church emphasizes the coming of Christ, not in humility, as He came when He was born in the manger, but in all His glory. All the nations will gather before Him. He will be the just Judge. This Sunday, the Fathers of the Church say, was placed after that of the Prodigal Son so that the Christians will not become careless, thinking of the great love and philanthropy of God. It is love that constitutes the theme of “Meat Fare Sunday.” The Gospel lesson for the day is Christ’s parable of the Last Judgment but concrete and personal love the human person, any human, that God makes me encounter in my life. This distinction is important because today more and more Christians tend to identify Christian love with political, economic, and social concerns, in other words, they shift from the unique person and its unique personal destiny, to anonymous entities such as “class”, “race,” etc. Not that these concerns are wrong. It is obvious that in their respective walks of life, in their responsibilities as citizens professional men, etc. Christians are called to care, to the best of their possibilities and understanding, for a just, equal, and in general more human society. All this, to be sure, stems from Christianity and may be inspired by Christian love. But Christian love as such is something different, and this difference is to be understood and maintained if the Church is to preserve her unique mission and not become a mere “social agency,” which definitely she is not. Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. For, indeed what is love if not that mysterious power which transcends the accidental and external in the “other” - his physical appearance, social rank, ethnic origin, intellectual capacity—and reaches the soul, the unique and uniquely personal “root” of a human being, truly the part of God in him? If God loves every man it is because He alone knows the priceless and absolutely unique treasure, the “soul” or “person” He gave every man. Christian love then is the participation in that divine knowledge and the gift of that divine love. There is no “impersonal” love because love is the wonderful discovery of the “person” in “man”, of the personal and unique in the common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is “lovable in him, of that which is from God.”

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THE EPISTLE

*The Lord chastising hath chastised me,
but He hath not delivered me over to death.*

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 25:31-46

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: Dr. Erik Hanby, baby Aydan Hujdurovic, Viola Boctor, Isa Hasan, Ghassan Salloum, Jonathan Salah, Paul Salamy, Cardinal Szoka, Lillian Antypas,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

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

- Victoria Snage
- Shawky Mousa
- Boulos and Helen Saba
- Amjad George Saba
- Hanna Ajluni
- Fred Freij
- Leila Zahweh Ghannam
- Musa Rabah

March is Ladies Month

Any ladies interested in ushering or reading the Epistle in English or Arabic during the month of March please contact Ayda Mughannem at 734-464-1872.

March 10th:

- Ushers -** Raghdeh Hanna
 Hala Sultani
 Nahla Imseeh
 Basima Rumman
 Rania Imseeh
 Ikhlas Dababneh
 Josephine Kadado
 Ninette Saad

English Epistle Reader:

Sally Ruffin

Arabic Epistle Reader:

Dolly Matta

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 Hanna Ajluni offered by his wife Hala Ajluni and family,

\$100-In loving memory of Fred Freij offered by his wife Nuha Freij,

\$100-In loving memory of Leila Zahweh Ghannam offered by Edward and Cindy Ghannam,

\$1000-In loving memory of his late departed sister, Alice M. Naimy offered by Walter C. Shamie,

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Dr. Bashar (Susan) Nakhleh, Rouaa (Bill) DeMuro and the entire family on the passing of their beloved father, Ibrahim Nakhleh, age 93 in Damascus, Syria.

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to the Naimy family and especially brother Walter Shamie on the passing of Alice Naimy.

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to JoAnne Buiteweg and the entire family on the passing of her beloved mother, Ruth Salhaney Shields.

May their memory be eternal.

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)
March 24th - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Sami Freij offered by his wife Hasmeek Freij and family,
March 24th - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Mike Ayoub offered by his wife Teri Ayoub and family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

For The Health and Well Being **O**f: Captain Timothy Lawson,
In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron,

Festival News

The Festival Committee is meeting every Monday night at 7pm in the library. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or helping out in any way is encouraged to attend the meetings or contact Freddy Sackllah at 248-722-0741.

The Festival is scheduled for
 May 30-31, June 1-2.

From the Heart

Every burden borne today and every present sorrow are by God's happy harbingers of a joys, bright tomorrow.

Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; if you find it, then there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Proverbs 24:14

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of March 10, 2013

Upcoming Events



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

Every Monday: Bible Study (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Every Wednesday: Mother-Toddler Group (10:00am-11:30am)

March 15: RockyRoad (6:00-8:00pm)

March 16: Teen SOYO visits Ascension Monastery

March 22: RockyRoad (6:00-8:00pm)

March 24: Orthodoxy Sunday. All children are asked to bring an icon.

March 24: Teen SOYO Movie Night (5:30-8:00pm)

March 29: RockyRoad (6:00-8:00pm)

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call
Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office.

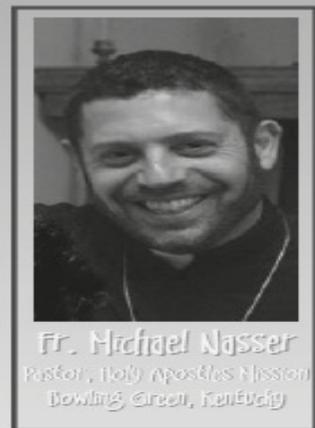
The life of the Basilica depends on you. Get involved today!

Midwest Young Adult Retreat

Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael Nasser

APRIL 5-7, 2013

- All-inclusive Registration fee: \$145 per person which includes triple/quad occupancy hotel-style lodging, all meals, and retreat registration.
- Open to all College age, Young Professionals and Young Adults (ages 18-40), both married and single.
- Schedule and registration form online at www.antiochian.org/midwest



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



Ladies Society Homemade Easter Cookies

Prepaid orders/payment taken on:

Sunday March 24th

Sunday March 31st

Sunday April 7th

NO ORDERS AFTER APRIL 7th

Dozen Walnut Cookies : \$12

Dozen Date Cookies : \$ 12

Dozen Plain Cookies : \$ 10

Pick Up Orders:

April 21st after the Lenten Luncheon.

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