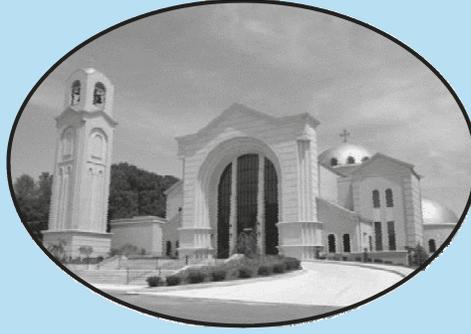


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Confession: 8:30AM
Matins: 9:00AM
Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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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

March 17, 2013

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.

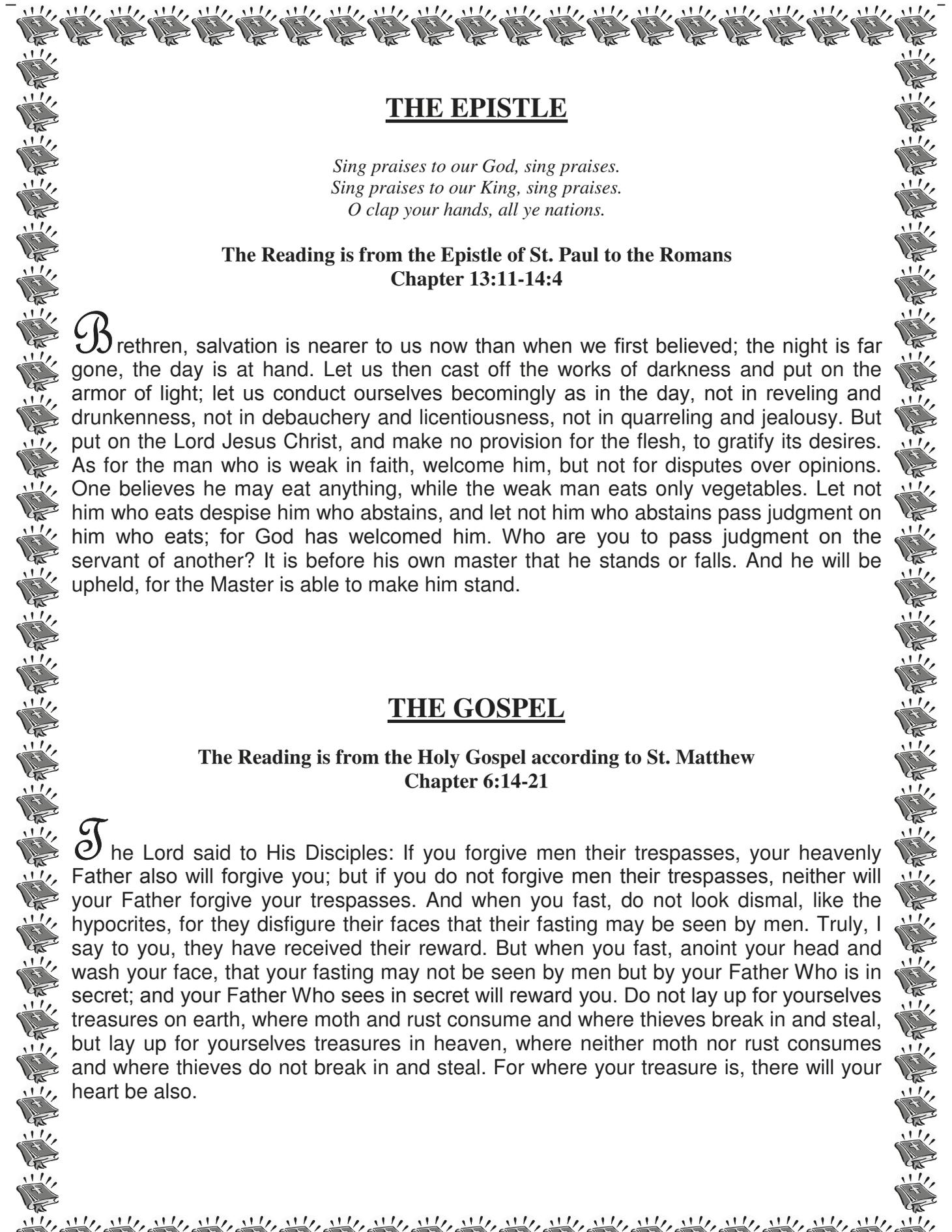
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience,
and love to thy servant.

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. أعتقتني 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 فأنك
مبارك الى دهر الدهرين آمين .

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A decorative border of small book icons surrounds the text. Each icon is a simple drawing of a book with a cross on its cover and rays emanating from the top, suggesting light or inspiration. The books are arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

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 is 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.

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 17th:

- Ushers** - Marlyne Musleh
 Ikhlas Dababneh
 Hilda Warra
 Sahar Qaqish
 Lorice Khoury
 Helen Nader
 Barbara Nader
 Liz Snage

- English Epistle Reader:**
 Sahar Qaqish
Arabic Epistle Reader:
 Isabelle Sultani

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**-In loving memory of Alice M. Naimy offered by Richard L. Babik,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Alice M. Naimy offered by Timothy J. Williams,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Raymond Ajluni offered by Nader and Cyrene Ajluni,
- \$200**-In loving memory of Joseph Barakat and Ibrahim Leon offered by Walid and Iktimal Leon,
- \$250**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Serena Leon offered by grandparents Samir and Maryann Leon,
- \$300**-For the health and well being of newlyweds Hassan and Tina (Shukeireh) Daibess offered by Gus Shukeireh,
- \$500**-For the health and well being of Isa Hasan offered by his wife Ibtisam Hasan,
- \$500**-In loving memory of brother Hani Farah offered by Dr. Riad and Hanan Farah and their children Naim and Afaf,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Patrick and Amelia Brady on the birth of their baby boy, James Joseph Salim. Proud grandparents are Peter and Camille Skwiers and Frank and Pam Brady.
 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)
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, David Shebib,
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.

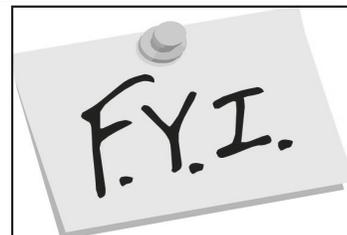
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Congratulations and best wishes to Pedro and Annette Tan on the birth of their baby boy Peter Joseph. Proud grandparents are Joseph and the late Rita Sakkab and Pedro and Virginia Tan.
 May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of March 17, 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 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)

April 5-7: Annual Midwest Young Adult Retreat in Muskegon, MI
 Register now: www.antiochian.org/midwest
 For more information: MidwestFellowship@gmail.com

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

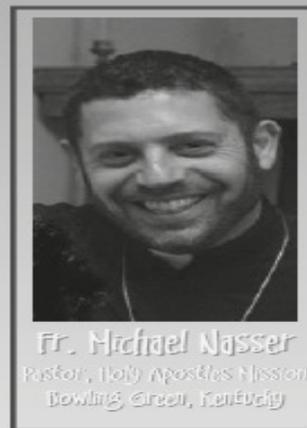
The life of the Basilica depends on you. Get involved today!

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

Schedule of Prayers for Great Lent

أوقات الصلاة أيام الصوم الأربعيني المقدس

Great Compline Service, Monday night at 7:00 pm

يارب القوات- صلاة النوم الكبرى يوم الاثنين الساعة 7:00 مساءً.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Wednesday night at 7:00 pm

البروجيازمني - القدسات السابق تقديسها يوم الاربعاء الساعة 7:00 مساءً.

Akathist/Salutation service (Madayeh), Friday night at 7:00 pm

المدائح- صلاة مديح السيدة العذراء مريم كل يوم جمعة الساعة 7:00 مساءً.

Have a Blessed Lenten Season

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