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THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF ST. MARY

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

St. Mary's Cultural
and Banquet Center
(734) 421-9220

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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Church Etiquette



Special Considerations During Liturgy:

- ◆ **Refrain from socializing during the Liturgy.** Save your greetings and conversations for the fellowship hall. We are in the Liturgy to greet God with our prayers and worship, not to distract others.
- ◆ **Cell phones and texting are never allowed in the church.** If you have a professional reason to carry a phone for emergencies, **keep it on mute**, not vibrate, and sit near the exit so that leaving for an emergency will not be a distraction to others. **Otherwise, turn off your phone before entering the sanctuary.**
- ◆ **Refrain from reserving seats.** Allow others to sit as they come into the church, and especially make room for visitors so they will feel welcome.
- ◆ **Lipstick—Do not wear lipstick while taking Holy Communion,** or when kissing the cross, an icon, the priest's or bishop's hand, or any sacred object. It is best not to wear it at all in the church, because of the damage it causes.
- ◆ **Leg crossing—**One should not be too casual in the Divine Liturgy. People from some cultures are offended by the Crossing of legs or by arms thrown back over the pew. Keeping your feet on the ground also enables you to remain attentive and to stand when necessary.

(continued next week)

The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary

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A decorative border of small book icons surrounds the text. The books are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some at the corners and others along the edges. Each book icon is a simple line drawing of an open book with rays emanating from it, suggesting light or inspiration.

THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His People.
Ascribe to the Lord, O children of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.*

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus. So that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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, Marie Ansara, Nouhad Bannoura, Mike Ayoub, Hanna Assaf, Samira Ansara, baby Aydan Hujrovic,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

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

- Musa Rabah
- Albert Abdelnour
- Janine Kashou
- Yusuf Hanania
- Samir Hassan

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

- Dr. Mathew Beshara
- Deanna van Gestel
- Julie Kashou
- Suzanne Karibian
- Brandon
- Danielle
- Maxwell

Ladies Society News

The annual Ladies Society Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 11th immediately following the Liturgy. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 11 and under and under 5 free.

For reservations, please call:
Aida Kakish
313-359-1732
or
Georgine Hayes
248-489-5717.

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**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Joseph Mazen Masarweh offered by his parents Mazen and Gloria Masarweh,
- \$200**-For the health and well being of newly engaged Madlyne Saba and George Darraj offered by George Darraj,
- \$250**-In loving memory of mother, Margaret Abraham offered by Marilyn and David Vaillancourt and family,
- \$500**-For the health and well being of newlyweds Mina and Monika Friej,

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Attorney John Badeen on his election as the 2013 State of Michigan Jaycee President. May God bless him and all his efforts in the coming year.

Missions and Charity

We are pleased to inform our community that we are reaching out to the world. The fundraiser this past Sunday was for the victims of Hurricane Sandy which will be sent through either the IOCC or the Red Cross. We also fundraised for the family of Fr. Fady Al Haddad who was murdered overseas. We thank all of you who participated and if you wish to assist, please send your donation to St. Mary's earmarked Fr. Haddad family or Hurricane Sandy.

Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Nov. 11th** - Ladies Society Thanksgiving Dinner
- Dec. 13th** - Christmas Pageant

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)

- Nov. 18th** - Memorial service for Fred and Eve Samra and George and Isabelle Samra offered by the family,
- Dec. 9th** - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Isam Isaac offered by his wife Rema Isaac and family,
- Dec. 9th** - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Basma and Susan Ghanayem and Emile Bahna offered by the family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion



For The Health and Well Being Of: Chloe Photsios,
In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron,

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Elie & Nahida (Matta) Akel and Naim & Marlane Akel and families on the passing of their beloved mother Marie Maaloof Akel. May her memory be eternal.

Public Announcement

The Ramallah Club of Detroit is hosting its annual Hafleh Installation Dinner and Hathihe Ramallah 60th Anniversary on Saturday, November 24th at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$70 for adults and \$40 for students. Please call Hanna Ackall at 734-748-6068, Nadia Mashni at 248-790-4790, Salem Abdelnour at 734-658-7968 or Paul Salamy at 313-310-9306 for reservations.

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of November 11, 2012

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)

November: Food Drive. Boxes are outside church school classrooms.

November 14: Nativity Play rehearsal, speaking roles only. (6:00pm)

November 20: 12th Annual Teen SOYO Thanksgiving Dinner (4:30pm)

**November 25: No Church School.
Teen SOYO Movie Night (5:30pm)**

November 28: Nativity Play rehearsal, speaking roles only (6:00pm)

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!

Antiochian Village at Home

When: Saturday, December 8th, 2012

Where: St. Mary Activity Center

Cost: \$20/camper

Who: For all campers, grades 3 - 12

Schedule

9:30am Check in

10:00 Matins

11:00 Morning program

1:00pm Lunch

2:00 Afternoon program

4:30 Snack and Camp presentation for parents

5:00 Vespers

Our guests for this event will include Camp Director, Fr. Anthony Yazge, Assistant Director Marek Simon, Dn. David and Tatiana Jacobs, and counselors from Summer 2012!

Please RSVP with Angela at sultani.angela@gmail.com by December 2.

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

Book Signing

In 2008, after being appointed as a General Assignment News Reporter for Scholastic News, Charlie Kadado began a lifelong passion for journalism. Since then, this passion has translated into his own TV show, a motivational speaking organization, and most recently, a novel: *Sacrifice: Reporting in Kabul*. A dedicated public servant, Charlie volunteers regularly for a number of organizations. Because of this activity, Charlie is a recipient of the Gold Volunteer Service Award from President Obama and a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan.

We are pleased to announce that Charlie Kadado will be with us this Sunday, November 11th. He will be signing copies of his book during the Thanksgiving Dinner in the Cultural Center.

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