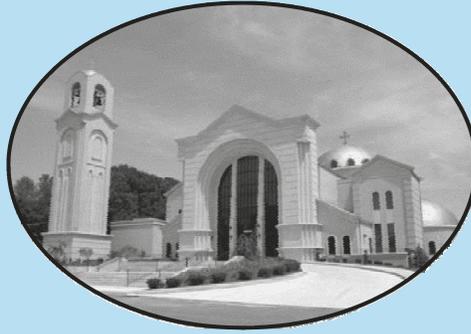


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Confession: 8:30AM
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Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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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

October 14, 2012



SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Church Etiquette

The Holy Orthodox Church is perhaps one of the last social institutions where dignity, protocol, respect, and reverence are maintained. This is primarily because when we come to the church and its services we are entering the Kingdom of God on earth, His habitation, and we choose to honor this sacred place by our attentiveness to what is proper and ordered. We have the opportunity to reflect the image of Christ within us by our actions. “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation” (1 Peter 2:9).

These guidelines are meant for personal reflection, not as a means of judging others. Keep in mind that there are different traditions even among the Orthodox faithful. We come to church to pray and worship God above all else, and that should be our only focus.

(continued next week)

The Department of Marriage and Parish Family Ministry

WELCOME

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary welcome His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP and His Grace Bishop ANTHONY blessing us with their presence, as they preside over the 40th Anniversary Celebration weekend.

The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary

Fr. George Shalhoub - Pastor
Fr. Jim King - Director of Youth &
Pastoral Outreach
Programs

Deacon Issa Rizkallah
313-690-2030

Deacon Dr. Dennis Bojrab
Robert Harb - Parish Council
Chairman

Linda Lawson - Choir Director
Stacey Badeen - Church Administrator

Arwa Ansara - Church School
Administrator

Richard Shebib/Sami Azzouz -
Ushers

George Chalhoub - Young Adults-
St. John Divine

Georgine Hayes - Ladies Society
President

Nicole Khamis - Teen Soyo President

Lina Nunu - Arabic School

Keith Rowe - Cultural Center General
Manager 734-421-9220

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou are just in all that Thou hast done.*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus Chapter 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: Dr. Muaiad Shihadeh, baby Angela Barakat, Dr. Erik Hanby,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, for the month of October, in loving memory of:

- Ibrahim Hanania
- Jamileh Hanania
- Yusuf Hanania
- Suad Dirbas
- Ayman Dirbas
- Boulos & Helen Saba
- Amjad George Saba
- Jerry Mughannem
- Khalil Daoud
- Majeeda Nader
- Rami Daoud
- Mufid Harb

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, for the month of October, for the health and well being of:

Fahdah Kakish and family

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Wade Abraham, children Dan (Kathy), Marilyn (David) Vaillancourt, Diane (Patrick) Coleman, Linda Abraham, Janet, (Mark) Ansara and the entire Abraham and Howard families on the passing of their beloved wife/mother Margaret Abraham. May her memory be eternal.

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**-For the health and well being of newly churched Luna offered by her parents Ibrahim and Niveen Farah,
- \$50**-For the health and well being of newly churched Ayden Richard offered by parents Richard and Jennifer Cadoura,
- \$100**-In loving memory of father Sami Basil Harb offered by Samia Harb and Hanan and Husam Ajluni,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Malak (Mimi) Haddad offered by her son Eyad and Randa Batayeh,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Ban Kouza Shamoon offered by Peter and Wisam Khoury,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Charlie Jaghab and Aziz & Hilweh Naser offered by Mona Ghanem and family,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Yasmin Oudeh offered by her husband Sami Oudeh and family,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Majeeda Nasder and Khalil and Rami Daoud offered by Fadi Al-Daoud and family,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Mufid Harb offered by his wife Nada Harb and family,
- \$2675**-In loving memory of Tom Pagels offered by family and friends,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Ayham and Maria Ashkar on the birth of their baby girl Collette Maria. Proud grandparents are Samir and Samra Ashkar and Mike and Venise Chalhoub. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Oct. 28th** - Trunk –n– Treat
- Oct. 30th** - Senior Heritage Luncheon

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)
Oct. 21 - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Joseph Barakat and Ibrahim Leon offered by the Leon family,
Oct. 21 - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Nadim Hallal offered by his son Dr. Louis and Leila Hallal and family,
Oct. 28th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Nabih Mousa (Hanania) Mufarreah offered by the family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

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

40th Anniversary
 As we draw closer to our 40th anniversary celebration, please note that Vespers will begin at 6:00pm on Saturday, October 13th and the Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday, October 14th. We look forward to receiving His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP and His Grace Bishop ANTHONY in our midst.

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of October 14, 2012

Upcoming Events



Every Saturday, 5:00pm: Great Vespers

Every Monday, 7:00pm: Bible Study

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

October: Youth Month. Teens will serve as ushers and epistle readers.

October 19-20: Teen SOYO Retreat featuring seminarian Chris Shadid

October 20: 20-40 Fellowship trip to Cider Mill (6:00pm-10:00pm)

October 27: Teen SOYO community service—PBJ (7:00am-11:00am)

October 28: 2012 Trunk-N-Treat Celebration (5:00pm-8:00pm)

**October 30: Senior Heritage Fellowship—10:00am Divine Liturgy
11:15am Lunch and Discussion (TBA)**

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!

Teen SOYO Fall Retreat

When: October 19th 5:30PM
to October 20th 3:30PM

Who: All teens, grades 7 - 12

Cost: \$20

Guest speaker: Chris Shadid, Holy Cross Seminary and Antiochian Village staff member.

Fall is here and it's time for a SOYO retreat! Join us for our first retreat of the school year with one of our favorite seminarians.

RSVP for the retreat with Angela Sultani at (248) 320-6781 or sultani.angela@gmail.com.

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

40th Anniversary Celebration

October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2012
The Basilica of St. Mary will be graced by
His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP
and His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY
as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

Friday Evening: Welcome Reception and Awards Presentation
to Honor the Founders and Volunteers
Saturday Evening: Grand Banquet - Dare to Dream
Imagining and Embracing the Future—**SOLD OUT**
Sunday Afternoon: Brunch - The Promise of our Youth

Please contact the church office to reserve for
Friday or Sunday.

Dated Material

Return service requested

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