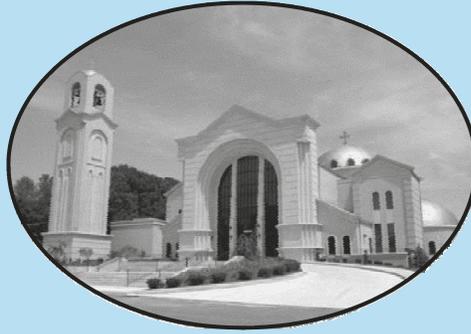


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Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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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

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Church Etiquette

Entering the Church

The Orthodox Divine Liturgy begins when the priest intones, “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” We need to arrive early enough to receive this blessing. Arriving later causes a distraction for others who are praying. If an occasional problem occurs and you have to come in late, enter the church reverently and quietly. The times in which you must stay in the back of the church, or the narthex, before entering include: when the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, when the priest is censing the icons and congregation or giving the homily, and when the Epistle or Gospel is being read. If you are unsure when is the best time to enter the church, ask one of the ushers for guidance. We come to the church on time, as if to a great banquet, and with reverence, because we are partaking of the very Body and Blood of Christ, our Savior. Coming to Orthros or Matins before the Divine Liturgy will ensure that you will be settled in plenty of time to pray without distraction.

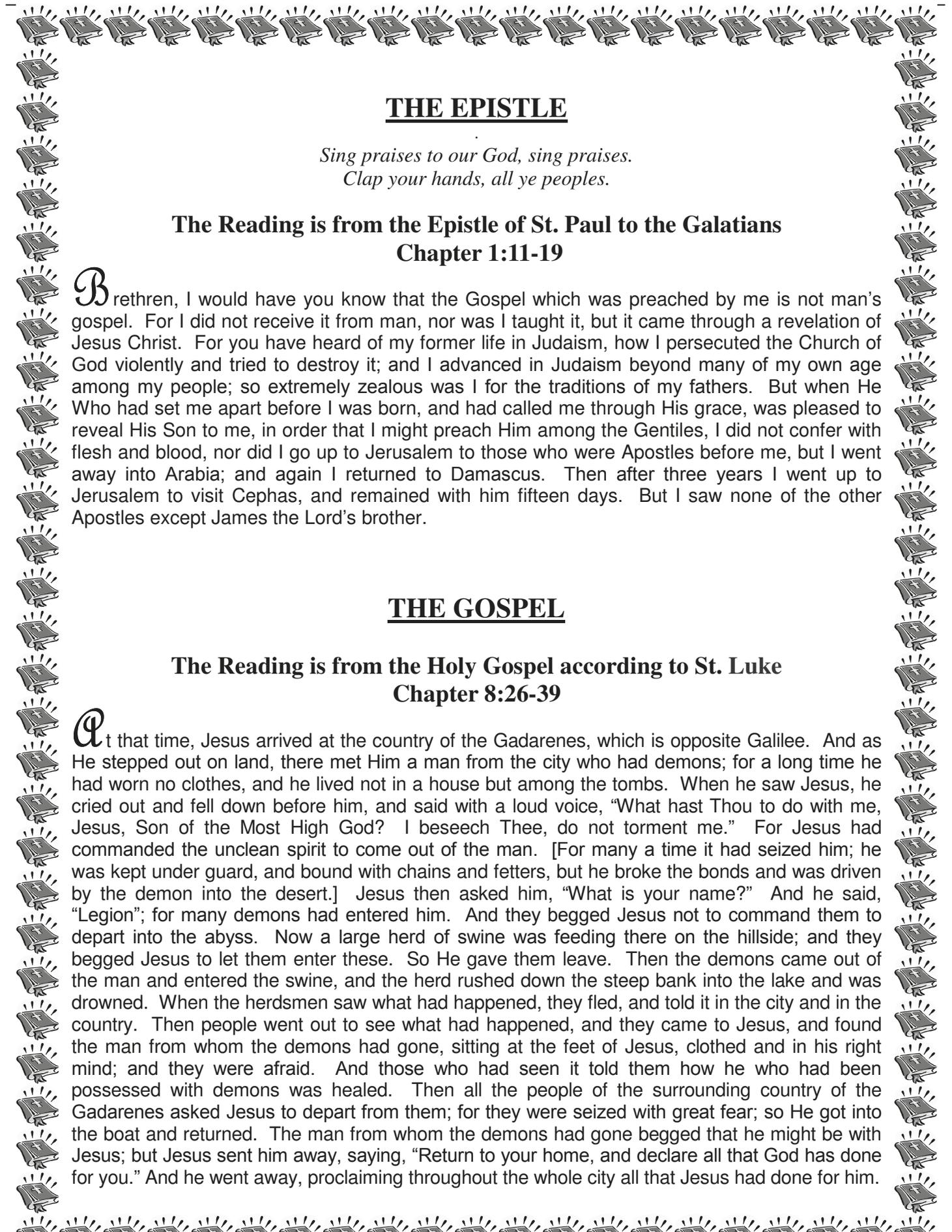
Standing in Church

It is the custom of some Orthodox Christians to stand throughout the Divine Liturgy, as well as during other services. If you choose to stand in a church that has pews, please do so near the back or sides so that the view of the altar is not blocked for those who are seated. If you are accustomed to sitting during the Divine Liturgy, remember to stand at these times: when the Liturgy begins and the priest gives the blessing; during the Little and Great Entrances; when the priest is censing the icons and congregation; during the Gospel reading; at the Anaphora; for Holy Communion; and at the final Blessing. Whenever a hierarchy is visiting the parish, out of respect follow his example and stand and sit when he does.

(continued next week)

The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary

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A decorative border of small book icons with rays emanating from them, framing the central text.

THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Clap your hands, all ye peoples.*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians Chapter 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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, Nada Harb, Marie Ansara,

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
- Eid Fakhoury

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

Fahdah Kakish and family

Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Oct. 28th - Trunk –n– Treat
- Oct. 25th - Senior Heritage Luncheon

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 Heather Abdelnour Collins offered by her father and mother,

From the Heart

The more you do unselfishly,
 The more you live abundantly...
 The more of everything you share,
 The more you'll always have to spare.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Psalm 131:1

Today, contemplate the magnitude of tasks that can be accomplished if there is no concern with receiving praise or credit.

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) Mufarreh 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, Sedo Naim Kawwas,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Maher and Morgen Salah on the birth of their baby girl Grace Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are Isam and Nadia Salah and Doug and Ann Cook.
 May God bless parents, grand-parents and child.

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of October 21, 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!

Y.E.S. Detroit

When? Friday, November 9—Sunday, November 11, 2012

What? A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in Detroit, MI.

Who? All middle school and high school students

Where? We will meet at 5:00pm on Friday and stay Friday and Saturday nights at the Basilica of St. Mary. The service learning weekend will come to a close following Liturgy on Sunday.

Cost? \$150. Scholarships are available.

Register at www.yesnorthamerica.org. Please contact YES Program Director Katrina Bitar with any questions! Katrina@focusna.org

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

40th Anniversary Celebration

↙ Congratulations, once again, to all members of this blessed Basilica. Our Ruby Jubilee weekend was uplifting and we thank all those who worked so hard the last two years. ↘

↙ We also thank our beloved Father, Metropolitan PHILIP and Bishop ANTHONY for their presence and blessing. ↘

↙ Every event was filled with joy, reflection and fellowship. ↘

↙ Two highlights of the weekend were surprised announcements by His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP. On Saturday evening, His Eminence presented our beloved Fr. George with the Antonian Gold Medal, the highest award given out by Metropolitan PHILIP for years of ministry and service to our Archdiocese. ↘

↙ On Sunday, Deacon Issa was elevated to the holy rank of Archdeacon by His Eminence. This honor has only been bestowed on 3 others in our Archdiocese. ↘

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

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