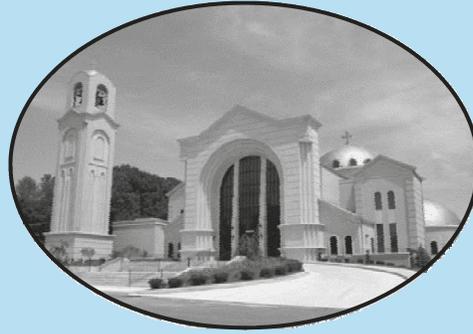


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Confession: 8:30AM  
Matins: 9:00AM  
Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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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



October 23, 2011

**THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD**

October 23



James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother. From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life of earth. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles. Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (1 Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and zealously governed the Church of God. At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as "James the Just." When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-six years old when he suffered for Christ.

Reminder:

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6th.  
Set your clocks back one hour.



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## THE EPISTLE

*His voice has gone out into all the earth.  
The heavens declare the glory of God.*

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

**B**rethren, 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**

**A**t 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: Al Ingram, Rimon Dirbas, Yasmin Oudeh,

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

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

- Ibrahim Hanania,
- Jamileh Hanania,
- Yusef Hanania,
- Suad and Ayman Dirbas,
- Hanna Zarou
- Jerry Mughannem
- Mufid Harb
- Boulos and Helen Saba
- Amjad Saba
- Mary Razook
- George and Fruaja Razook
- Charlie Jaghab
- Fuad Naser
- Aziz and Hilweh Naser
- Elias Jaghab
- Hanna Elias Khalil Jaghab
- Maria Hanna Jaghab
- Khalil Hanna Jaghab
- Sami Basil Harb
- Albert Abdelnour

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

- Shauqi and Ayda Mughannem and family
- Joe Razook

**Ladies Society**

The Ladies Society will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sunday, November 6th immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Center. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 8 to 11 years old, under 5 years, free. For reservations, please call Dolly Matta at 248-444-1000. Please note that NO TICKETS will be sold at the door. This function is by reservation only.

**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 churched Isabella offered by her parents Rami and Tanya Farhat,
- \$100**-In loving memory of father Sami Basil Harb offered by Samia Harb and Hanan Ajluni,
- \$100**-In loving memory of mother/grandmother Jeannette Farra offered by Ed and Fab Snage, Stephanie, Dan and Drew Fletcher,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Nabil Bayyouk offered by his sister Malvina Bayyouk and family,
- \$250**-For the health and well being of newly married Sam and Madonna (Nahhas) Jaghab offered by their parents,
- \$795**-In loving memory of Jeannette Farra offered by family and friends,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations and best wishes to Paul and Jomana Saba on the birth of their baby girl Victoria Salam. Proud grand-parents are George and Itidal Saba and Fareez and Sahar Fakhoury. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

**Condolences**

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Malvina and Salim Bayyouk, Suzanne Tarazi, Mr. & Mrs. Hani Bayyouk, Mr. & Mrs. Karim Bayyouk and the entire Bayyouk family on the passing of their beloved brother/cousin Nabil Bayyouk from Palestine.

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Jacqueline Nicolas and family on the passing of her grandmother Rafka Hanna from Lebanon. May their memories 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)

- Oct. 23rd**-9 day memorial in loving memory of Jeannette Farra offered by Fab and Ed Snage and Stephanie, Dan and Drew Fletcher,
- Oct. 23rd** - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Charlie Jaghab offered by the family,
- Oct. 23rd** - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Yacoub Kassis offered by the family,
- Oct. 23rd** - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Carla Heikkinen offered by Bill Gabriel and family,
- Nov. 6th**-40 day memorial in loving memory of Shawqi Ghannam offered by his wife Lorice and children,
- Nov. 13th**-6 month memorial in loving memory of Hanna Zarou offered by the family,

فليكن ذكركم مؤبدا



**"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion**

For The Health and Well Being Of: In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Maxine Koury, Ken Biedron, Loris Bahu,

**Sermon On-Line**

If you missed Fr. George's sermon last Sunday, you can now listen to him or you can see the full Liturgy at [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com) click on multimedia and go to videos

Last few week's sermons:

**What is the Hardest Thing to Give?**

God's Intention For Us  
By: Fr. Jim King

**The Great Mercy of God**

Faith Unpracticed is No Faith at All  
By: Fr. Jim King

# Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of October 23, 2011

The Basilica of St. Mary Presents:

# SOSM

(Saints of St. Mary)

Games! Fun! Food!

Who: Kindergarten– 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

What: The Golden Rule

When: Saturday, November 5, 2011, 12.00pm-3:00pm

Where: Church Activity Center.

Cost: \$3.00 donation.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:**

RSVP by November 3rd with

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Rana Bayyouk

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**WITHOUT PRE/REGISTRATION, THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED.**

The Basilica of St. Mary's annual  
**GRAND BANQUET**

Saturday, November 12, 2011  
St. Mary's Cultural Center

Cocktails and Appetizers beginning at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:30pm

Live Entertainment and Dancing to follow.

\$100.00 per person

For reservations, please contact Sandy Bojrab at:  
[sbojrab@me.com](mailto:sbojrab@me.com)

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