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Sunday Services
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 7, 2012



The Holy Apostle Thomas

October 6



Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The resurrected Lord appeared to His disciples a second time, in order to convince Thomas. The Lord said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. He was a little saddened that he had to go so far away, but the Lord appeared to him and encouraged him. In India, St. Thomas converted many, both aristocrats and poor, to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Among others, Thomas converted two sisters to the Faith—Tertiana and Migdonia—both wives of Indian princes. Because of their faith, both sisters were ill-treated by their husbands, with whom they no longer wanted to live after their baptism. Eventually, they were allowed to go. Being freed of marriage, they lived God-pleasing lives until their repose. Dionysius and Pelagia were betrothed, but when they heard the apostolic preaching they did not marry, but devoted themselves to the ascetic life. Pelagia ended her life as a martyr for the Faith, and Dionysius was ordained a bishop by the apostle. Prince Mazdai, Tertiana's husband, whose son, Azan, was also baptized by Thomas, condemned the apostle to death. Mazdai sent five soldiers to kill Thomas. They ran him through with their five spears, and thus the Holy Apostle Thomas rendered his soul into the hands of Christ. Before his death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly and the tomb of the Holy-Most pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos' body was not found in the tomb; the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness St. Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief.

Prologue of Ohrid

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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

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.*

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loved a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na'in, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people."

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

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. 12-14** - 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Oct. 28th** - Trunk –n– Treat
- Oct. 30th** - 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:

- \$50**-For the health and well being of Fahdah Kakish and family,
- \$50**-In loving memory of Ibrahim Leon offered by Dr. Nabil and Isabelle Sultani,
- \$100**-For the health and well being of Dr. Christina Khoury offered by her parents David and Mary Khoury,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Ibrahim Hanania offered by Sylvia Hanania,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Margaret Grace Bradley offered by Dr. Radwan and Nadia Khoury,
- \$100**-In loving memory of parents Boulos and Helen Saba and our beloved nephew Amjad George Saba offered by the family,
- \$200**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Gianna Nawal offered by her parents Fadi and Chanel Ashkar,
- \$200**-In loving memory of Ibrahim, Jamileh, and Yusuf Hanania and Suad and Ayman Dirbas,

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Dr. Nadim Haddad, his children Robert, Allen and Amanda, Mrs. Gloria Obeid and the entire Haddad and Obeid family on the passing of their beloved wife/mother/sister, Corinne Haddad. May her memory 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. 7th - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Yasmin Oudeh offered by her husband Sami Oudeh and family,
Oct. 21 - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Joseph Barakat and Ibrahim Leon offered by the Leon family,
Oct. 28th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Nabiha 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 Photosios,
In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron, Corinne Haddad,

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 7, 2012

Upcoming Events



Every Saturday, 5:00pm: Great Vespers

Every Monday, 7:00pm: Bible Study

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

October 7, after church: Church School Open House

October 19-20, 2012: Teen Retreat featuring seminarian Chris Shadid

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!

St. Mary Arabic School

We are glad to announce that the Arabic school (2012-2013) will be conducting a 20 Weeks session **October 7th – March 31st**

Every Sunday from 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Fee: Student \$ 30

Arabic School begins this Sunday.
 Call and register today!

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
Sunday Afternoon: Brunch - The Promise of our Youth

Invitations have been mailed.
Please send in your response card as soon as possible.

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