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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

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## The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

This Feast is celebrated as one of the most important in the Church Year because it commemorates two events of great significance. After St. Helen had found at Jerusalem the cross upon which Christ was crucified, she built a church on Mount Calvary to hold the precious relic. The Christians held the Holy Cross in such regard that they soon began to celebrate this Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross. In the year 614, the Persians invaded the Empire and took Jerusalem, and sent the case containing the Cross back to their country. For fifteen years, the Greek emperor Heraclius waged war against the Persians, and finally in 629 defeated them, force them to make peace, and to restore the Holy Cross to him. It is said that the case containing the sacred relics was returned to him with the seals still unbroken. The Relics were replaced in the Church with great rejoicing, and to the original Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross was added another, in honor of its safe return to Jerusalem. A special feature of the Church Services on this day is the procession in which the Cross is borne aloft on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the Church; the Priest then elevates it to the four corners of the compass, blessing thrice with it as he does so, and praying that God will protect and preserve the President and the Civil Authorities of our Country and the Armed Forces, and guard and guide the Archbishop and clergy of the Church, and protect and preserve all His faithful people from every evil. The Gospel of St. John 19:6-35 is the story of the Crucifixion and it is read to remind the people that Christ suffered death upon the Cross for the salvation of all mankind, and that by His death He conquered Death and triumphed over all the world.

### **The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary**

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A decorative border of small book icons with rays of light emanating from them, framing the entire page content.

## THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works.  
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians Chapter 2:16-20**

**B**rethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 8:34-9:1**

**T**he Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

**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, Dr. Anis Ajluni,

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

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

- Leo Snage
- Jad Harb
- Hanna S. Ajlouny
- Charlie Jaghab
- Fuad Naser
- Aziz and Hilweh Naser
- Showki Salah
- Refkan Serhan

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

- newborn Josef Basem and parents Nicholas and Juleen Qandah, Lena, Natalie, Basem and Norma Qandah,

**Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners**

- Sept. 16 - Church School Begins
- Sept. 27 - Senior Heritage Group
- Oct. 12-14 - 40th anniversary celebration

**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 Brently Sam offered by his parents, Fadi and Da'ad Awad,
- \$100-For the health and well being of newly baptized Jayden Haddad offered by parents Zeidoon and Suhad Haddad,
- \$100-For the health and well being of Angela Sultani and Fady, Lilianne and Manal Saifi offered by Dr. Nabil and Isabelle Sultani,
- \$100-In loving memory of Showki Salah offered by his wife Viola Salah, children Suzie and David and their families,
- \$200-In loving memory of Issa Zakhour Youssef offered by Nazih and Nagwa Katrib,
- \$250-For the health and well being of newlyweds Tony and Leah (Saad) Makhoul,
- \$300-For the health and well being of newly baptized Gabrielle Mary offered by parents Daniel and Donna Ghareeb,
- \$1000-In loving memory of Jamileh Samaan offered by Ziadeh and Jeanette Farhat,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations and best wishes to David Ng and Julie Eadeh on the birth of their baby boy Lucas Sun-Yuen Ng. Proud grandparents are Rashad and Mary Eadeh and Leung and Maggie Ng. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

Congratulations and best wishes to Abraham and Nizeen Farah on the birth of their baby girl Luna. Proud grandparents are Theodor and Rose Farah and Khalil and Suhad Shatara. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

**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)  
**Sept. 16th** - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Charlie Jaghab offered by his mother Mona Ghanem and the family,  
**Sept. 23rd** - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Shawqi Ghannam offered by his wife Lorice Ghannam and family,  
**Oct. 14th** - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Yasmin Oudeh offered by her husband Sami Oudeh and family.

فليكن ذكركم 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 Mrs. Barakat, Iktimal Leon, Elias Barakat and the entire family on the passing of their beloved husband/brother Joseph Barakat. May his memory be eternal.

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mahassen Saad and family on the passing of her beloved father Antonios Assad Mourany. May his memory be eternal.

# Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of September 16, 2012

## Upcoming Events



**Every Saturday, 5:00pm: Great Vespers**

**September 16, 10:00am: First Day of Church School**

**September 16, after church: Bake Sale fundraiser**

**September 16, 4:00pm: Teen SOYO Kick-off @ Michael Ansara's ranch**

**September 17, 7:00pm: Bible Study begins**

**September 21-23, 2012: "Bike for the Basilica" Reunion Tour**

**September 30, 5:30pm: Teen SOYO Movie Night**

**October 6, 10:00am: Church School Teacher Meeting**

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office.

## Teen SOYO Movie Night



**WHO:** All teens grades 7-12

**DATE:** Sunday, September 30, 2012

**TIME:** 5:30pm

**WHERE:** St. Mary's Activity Center

Movie nights have returned! Bring your pillow, some snacks, and get ready for an entertaining and informative film, followed by a discussion on how it relates to us and our Faith.

Please call Michael Ansara, (248) 231-1264, or Angela Sultani, (248) 320-6781, for more information!

Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.  
[www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com)

40th Anniversary Celebration

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

**Dated Material**

*Return service requested*

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