

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second-largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God, our Creator, to worship and follow Him and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

God loves all mankind and desires that all human beings should believe in Him, know Him, abide in Him, and receive eternal life from Him. To accomplish this God Himself came into the world as a man in Jesus Christ — becoming man that we might become like God.

The Parishioners of St. Mary Parish welcome you and are pleased that you have decided to worship Almighty God with our Parish family today. We encourage you to learn about our Orthodox faith and our Parish if you are not yet Orthodox.

Although the non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion, which may only be given to the Orthodox faithful, we invite you to come forward at the close of the Liturgy to receive a blessing from the Priest and blessed bread. Please also come downstairs to the Parish Hall join us for our fellowship hour.



Our Patronal Feast is the DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS, which is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church and is celebrated each year on August 15. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was "blessed amongst women," and she was chosen "to bear the Savior of our souls." Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

TO ENCOURAGE OUR WORSHIP IN A PROPER SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO ENTER THE SANCTUARY QUIETLY DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS (1) - the Clergy censures the Sanctuary; (2) - while the Congregation is standing; (3) - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel; (4) - during the Reading of the Epistle and/or the Gospel; (5) - during the Homily/Sermon; (6) - during the Great Entrance or (7) - during the Anaphora. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING CELL PHONES IN THE NARTHEX AND SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY.

FOR THE SERVANTS OF GOD THAT THEY MAY HAVE MERCY, PEACE, HEALTH, SALVATION AND VISITATION, PARDON AND REMISSION OF SIN; THE LORD GOD REMEMBER THEM IN HIS KINGDOM ALWAYS: NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES . . .

All Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Uncles
Deacon John
Subdcn William
George Morrash
Jami Yanchik
Eileen Attar
Lottie Everett
Kim Yuhas Whitaker
Tom Yuhas
George Elias
Rick Solomon
Ben Austin
Tom Raski
Jim & Edna Wolfe
James Hunter
Jennie Elias
Judith Muskauski
Barbara Dorish
Jack Witko

Bill Shirk
Terry Thomas
Bob Langan

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bertie Molnar (6/19)
Diane Fort (6/21)
Corinne Namey (6/21)
George Broody, Jr. (6/21)
Margaret George (6/24)

All members of the American Military and their families;

All police, firefighters and others who protect us and their families;

All innocent people caught in conflict and natural disasters throughout the world

FOR THE SERVANTS OF GOD DEPARTED THIS LIFE: THE LORD GOD REMEMBER THEM IN HIS KINGDOM ALWAYS: NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES

NEWLY REPOSED

All Reposed Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Uncles

Sadie S. Broody	6/18/1940
Amelia Moses	6/18/2001
Abraham Broody	6/19/1940
John Serhan, Sr.	6/21/1969
Phillip A. Sallitt	6/21/1990
Casper John Simon	6/22/1994
Chester B. Chrzanowski	6/22/2013
Sandra Abraham	6/22/2015
William J. Saba	6/24/1965
Anna Hakim	6/24/1970
Albert A. Neddoff	6/24/1974
Olga Karam Higgins	6/24/2014
Anita Sartini	6/24/2016

All members of the American Military reposed in service of our Nation;

All police, firefighters and others who protect us reposed in the line of duty;

All innocent people reposed in conflict and natural disasters throughout the world

CLERGY

Metropolitan JOSEPH,
Archbishop
Bishop THOMAS,
Bishop of Charleston, Oakland
& the Mid-Atlantic
Very Rev. Father David Hester,
Pastor
Very Rev. Father Herbert
Nahas, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Deacon John Karam
Subdeacon William Obeid
Subdeacon N.D. Namey
Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, June 25 Orthros at 8:50 am ∞ Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

COMMEMORATIONS

Today No sponsors today
June 25 Holy Bread and Bulletin offered in Loving Memory of Jillian Witko by Reba, Jack and Jackie Witko + Holy Bread and Bulletin offered in Loving Memory of the 2 Year Memorial of Sandra Abraham's Repose and in Loving Memory of Isaac "Zeke" Abraham by Kathy Adonizio and Family + Holy Bread and Bulletin are also offered in Loving Memory of the 1 Year Memorial of Anita Sartini's Repose by John & Betty Sartini and also Trisagion Prayers are for Anita Sartini's 1 year Memorial

PARISH COUNCIL

V. Rev. Fr David Hester
John Moses, Sr. Chair
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PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 18, 2017

- Happy Fathers Day to all our Parish Fathers, Grandfathers, God Fathers and Uncles! Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children and to society.
- *Reserve your table now!* Reservations are being taken for Father David's Retirement Dinner. There are Flyers in the back of the Church. Please note all seats will be reserved (tables of 8). Please see Suanne, Joanne, or Norm to make a reservation. Please note the deadline for making reservations and getting your table is August 13.
- Please see the flyers in the back of the Church if you would like to place an ad with a special message for Father David and Anne. We are creating a wonderful booklet for the Retirement Dinner. The deadline for your special message is July 31. See Suanne, Norm or John to place an ad.
- REMEMBER.... Save The Date! We are planning a golf outing for Friday August 18, 2017. The tentative tee - time is 1 PM at the Sand Springs golf course. Please see any member of the Golf Committee with questions. Information is in the back of the Church.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Antiochian Women
Joanne Tenneriello
St. Mary Youth
K. Kasko & N. D. Namey
Fellow of St. John
John Moses, Sr.
Order of St. Ignatius:
Suanne Moses
Choir
N. Tenneriello
Parish Cemetery
Joanne Tenneriello, &
Suanne Moses

Food for Thought

"Taking refuge in medical science does not preclude calling upon divine aid. That is, Christians, without rejecting medical aid, must pray that God enlighten the doctors to make the correct diagnosis, to proceed to the necessary tests, and to determine the appropriate therapy." - Father Epiphanius Theodoropoulos

"Glory in this life is of less significance than a spider's web, and more insubstantial than dreams; therefore lift up your mind to what is of first importance, and you will easily calm your saddened soul. He who seeks the one glory and the other cannot attain them both. It is possible to achieve both, only when we seek not both, but one: heavenly glory. Therefore, if you desire glory, seek divine, heavenly glory, and earthly glory will often follow on from it." – St. Isidore of Pelusium

"Always remember the harsh trials of those who grieve and those who are despised (in prisons, exile, etc.), so that you might be duly grateful for your small and insignificant trials and be able to endure them with joy." – St. Isaac the Syrian

THE SYNAXARION

On June 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Leontios of Greece, and Hypatios and Theodoulos, who were martyred with him in Phoenicia.

An anvil doth Leontios have for a body: An anvil to iron hammers, that is, to torments. On the eighteenth Leontios in wounds expireth.

Being of great bodily stature and strength, Leontios was an illustrious soldier in the Roman legions who had won many victories, and was known for his prudence and sobriety of mind. When it was learned that he gave grain to the poor from the imperial stores, and was moreover a Christian, Hadrian the Governor of Phoenicia sent Hypatios, a tribune, and Theodoulos, a soldier, to arrest him. Saint Leontios converted them on the way to Tripoli in Phoenicia, where Hypatios and Theodoulos were tormented and beheaded by Hadrian for their confession of Christ. Then Hadrian with many flatteries and many torments strove to turn Leontios from Christ. All his attempts failing, he had Leontios put to such tortures that he died in the midst of them, receiving his crown from Christ our God, in the year 73.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Leontios the Hagiorite of Dionysiou monastery on Athos.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



In today's Gospel account, we hear how the first disciples were called. It is interesting to note the occupation of those earliest chosen apostles by Jesus Christ. He does not gather men who are necessarily well versed in scripture and law or of high standing in the temple. Rather, He chooses simple fishermen who likely lacked any formal education. Jesus is not looking for perfect people to serve Him but rather He chooses the unlikely to be made perfect through Him. His call to "follow Me" is not just meant for the early disciples, but for all Christians of every time and place.

The dismissal, "Let us go forth in peace," sends each believer out on a mission to the world in which he or she lives and works to witness to others—not through words—but by what they are.

-Ion Bria



☩ **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ☩

SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

MARTYRS LEONTIOS, HYPATIOS AND THEODOULOS AT TRIPOLI IN PHOENICIA; VENERABLE LEONTIOS
THE HAGIORITE OF DIONYSIOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS

—☩ SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 ☩—

☩ **THE EPISTLE** ☩

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

☩ **THE GOSPEL** ☩

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.