

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE

OF NORTH AMERICA

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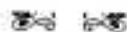
WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

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 censes 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 . . .

Deacon John
 Subden 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
 Sydney Cunningham

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Riad & Eileen Attar (7/2)
 Jenell Fort (7/3)
 Deacon John Diaconal Ordination Anniversary (7/4)
 Anne Hester (7/6)
 Alexander Achey (7/7)
 Elizabeth Kuhl (7/8)
 Father David Priesthood Ordination Anniversary (7/8)

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

Metropolitan ANTONIO
 Metropolitan PAUL
 Khouriyee Stefanie Yazge

Lawrence Tenneriello
 Irene Tenneriello

Cpl. Charles P. Leo	7/02/1943
Olga Abraham	7/02/2004
George E. Namey	7/05/1996
Mary M. Saba, R.N.	7/05/1992
Stephen Barrouk	7/05/2005
Stacy Elias Davis	7/05/2012
John S. Hakim	7/06/1997
Matthew Kravitz	7/06/1999
George Rizek	7/07/1924
Grace Azain	7/07/1932
Julia Saba Byndas	7/07/1984

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 Obcid
Subdeacon N.D. Namey
Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, July 9 Orthros at 8:50 am Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

COMMEMORATIONS

Today Coffee hour today is sponsored in Loving Memory of Irene and Larry Tenneriello and in honor of Father David and Anne on their retirement by Joanne and Nancy Tenneriello and Suanne Moses

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 2, 2017

PARISH COUNCIL

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Diane Fort
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Antiochian Women
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John Moses, Sr.
Order of St. Ignatius:
Suanne Moses
Choir
N. Tenneriello
Parish Cemetery
Joanne Tenneriello, &
Suanne Moses

- We have learned Father David's last Sunday as the Pastor at St. Mary is Sunday July 9, 2017. It is with great love and respect that we hope Father David and Anne enjoy Many Years of an happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement. We are blessed they are remaining in Northeast Pennsylvania and will be with for – we hope and pray - many more years as a part of our Parish Family!
- With Father David retiring, our new Pastor is (as many of you already know) V. Rev. Fr. George Alberts. Father George is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. He has been the Orthodox Chaplain for the OCF at USC in Los Angeles, CA, and California University of Pennsylvania in California, Pennsylvania. He has served as both Midwest and Eastern Dioceses Teen Spiritual Advisor and Summer Camp Director at the Antiochian Village, where he also coordinated the Pennsylvania Special Olympics Sports Camp. Father George has taught sociology, marriage and family, philosophy and ethics at Westmoreland County Community College in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and he presently holds the position of secretary for the Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC). He is married to the former Carol Marie Michalov and has three children and six grandchildren. We welcome Father George and Kh. Carol to St. Mary !!!
- Please make your reservations for Father David's dinner NOW! Please don't wait until the last minute to get your tickets. In addition, ads are being accepted for his retirement booklet. See Suanne, Norm, John or Joanne to place an ad or make a reservation. Flyers for both are on the table in the back of Church. We've planning a great dinner and a nostalgic look back over Father David's ministry. We encourage everyone to attend
- Remember to save the date for the golf outing is Friday, August 18. Please see Theresa Solomon or any member of the golf committee if you would like to sponsor a hole or donate prizes or a basket for the drawing that takes place at the dinner following the golfing. If you are not a golfer you are welcome and encouraged to join in by coming for

a nice dinner (that is very reasonably priced). Time is getting short - get your team together for a day of fun.

- Congratulations to Nadalie Solomon who was recently Chrismated and is now one of the Faithful. Nadalie is the wife of David Solomon. Many Years to Nadlaie and David and their lovely daughters Josie and CC!
- Congratulations are also due to Hannah Kasko and Mary Dahdal who both took a First Place in the Creative Arts Festival Poetry competition at the Parish Life Conference. Many Years to Hannah and Mary !!!



THE SYNAXARION

On July 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Deposition of the Precious Raiment (Robe) of the Most Holy Theotokos in her holy shrine at Blachernae in Constantinople, during the reign of Leo the Great and Berina his wife.

Whereas the Son's robe is for the Christ-preserved peoples,

The Mother's raiment is for the Christ-preserved city.

On the second the raiment of the All-pure Theotokos was laid in its shrine.

In the fifth century, two noblemen from Constantinople named Galibus and Candidus traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus received this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to Emperor Leo and Patriarch Gennadius. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; the repose of Job, first patriarch of Moscow; and Archbishop John Maximovitch the wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco.

Through the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Spiritual Food For Thought

"Never cease to give thanks for what you have received. Perhaps we are not rich men when it comes to money and property, but we are wealthy men in the eyes of God. He has given us many unseen gifts, eternal ones, ones that cannot be taken from us. We have been given more than we labored for. Rejoice, for God is generous and merciful. He is the God of Love, and He loves us all." - *His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH*

"Love every man in spite of his falling into sin. Never mind the sins, but remember that the foundation of the man is the same - the image of God." - *St. John of Kronstadt*

"Those who labor little, and build the life of their soul on sensual shallowness, build on sand, which cannot uphold anything, even in this transitory world - and even more so in eternity." - *St. Nicholai of Zica*

**✠ THE PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN BLACHERNAE
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ✠**

WE ALSO COMMEMORATE: JUVENALY, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM; THE NEW-MARTYRS OF SAMOTHRACE;
REPOSE OF JOB, FIRST PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW; ARCHBISHOP JOHN MAXIMOVITCH OF SHANGHAI AND SAN
FRANCISCO

— SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017 —



✠ THE EPISTLE ✠

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.



✠ THE GOSPEL ✠

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.