

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 9, 2019

- *Please Remember the Kibbee Sale is June 15 You **MUST** pre-order your Kibbee by June 9 ... WHICH IS TODAY! Please see Joanne or Suanne to place your orders*
- The Antiochian Ladies will meet TODAY after Liturgy for the election of Officers. Any Lady interested in running for an office is encouraged to attend. All Ladies are urged to attend.
- The Festival Meeting will occur today after Liturgy in the Parish Hall ... We are getting close to this wonderful event ... Everyone interested in helping is urged to attend the meeting
- The Teens will meet today after Liturgy ...
- We congratulate our High School Graduates for this year: Mansour Abdo, Hannah Kasko, and Laila Qarmout. Please let Father George know If you are aware of any other high school graduates who are members of our Parish.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** We are planning a golf outing for Friday August 16, 2019 at the Sand Springs golf course. You should be getting your foursomes together and making plans to participate in the event ... its always a blast!
- **Please remember NO PRIVATE VEHICLES are permitted in the Parish Cemetery through any gate. We regret any inconvenience as you tend to the graves of our loved ones but the ban is necessary to protect the integrity of the grounds and grave sites**

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From The Synaxarion Regarding The Feast of the Ascension

On the Thursday of the sixth week of Pascha, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. After His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days, appearing to His Disciples in various places. He ate, drank and conversed with them, verifying and assuring His Resurrection. On the fortieth day after Pascha, Jesus appeared to His Disciples in Jerusalem. He gave them His last commandment, to go forth and preach in His Name to all the nations. At the same time, He told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait until they were clothed with the power from on high by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Having said this, Jesus led His Disciples to the Mount of Olives. Then He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And as He was speaking to them with words of fatherly blessing, Jesus departed from them and ascended into Heaven, being received by a shining cloud, indicating His divine majesty. He gradually disappeared from the sight of the Disciples as they gazed at Him. And as they stood thus, two angels in brilliant white robes appeared to them in the form of men and said to them: Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven. In these words is fulfilled and defined the doctrine concerning the Son of God and His Word, in the Confession of Faith. After our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled all His great dispensation for us, He ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God the Father. His Disciples returned from Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, rejoicing in the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit. O Christ our God, Who didst ascend in glory, have mercy on us. Amen.