

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 28, 2019

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- Fr. George Goodge is serving Divine Liturgy this morning. We are saddened that today will be his last services at St. Mary before leaving for his new assignment as pastor of St. George Church in New Hartford, New York. We are however happy he will be moving to begin his new ministry. We wish him God's blessings in his new assignment and pray God will grant him, Kh. Mara and baby, John, many, many years!
 - Please keep Father George and Kh. Carol in your prayers as they attend the Archdiocese Convention to represent our Parish and then drive home
 - There will be an important meeting for our Spaghetti workers next Sunday (August 4) after Liturgy. All Spaghetti workers are encouraged to attend as well as anyone who can help in any way (even if its part time) ...
 - We will have additional collections over the next few Sundays to help with additional costs for landscape maintenance ... we have a jungle growing around the perimeter of the Parish grounds we cannot control ... last year a dedicated group of Parishioners spent an entire Saturday and a lot of sweat to clear the brush ... we're unable to do the same job this year because all those Parishioners are working on the Festival and Golf Outing and do not have the time (and we just don't have the equipment) ... Please give generously
 - Speaking of landscaping Some Parishioners have volunteered to clean the landscaping closer to the Church and Hall (not the perimeter for which we are taking donations) ... we are looking for families and friends to volunteer to weed and clean up the areas in front of the Parish Hall, at the front of the Church on either side of the entrance (around the handicap ramp as well) and along the side of the Church nearest to the office ... no planting is necessary, just a little sweat to weed and clean up ... *we already have volunteers to clean up around the sign* ... Please see John Moses, Diane Fort or Sbdcn Norm if you are interested
 - ITS GETTING CLOSE Our Parish golf outing is set 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! Are also excepting twosomes and single golfers if you cannot get together a foursome ... it is a great time for everyone.
 - Everyone should be planning on bringing family, friends and neighbors to our Parish Food Festival we are calling "A Day In Damascus" ... It will be held Saturday and Sunday September 7 & 8 on the grounds of the Church and in the Hall ... we are planning to have great food and entertainment along with vendors ... we're putting a lot of work into making this a very special event for everyone Please see John Moses or Father George to let us know how you can help or see Suanne

Moses if you want to donate because we'll need the help of most our Parish Family to make this a great event

- We invite everyone to participate in the Liturgy by volunteering to read the Epistle. It is a great way to participate in the liturgy and is really quite fulfilling. Please see Father George or Subdeacon Norman if you have a question about reading.
- The Archdiocese is sponsoring a Retreat for Veterans. This event is remarkable in that all expenses will be covered by the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. You need only be a Veteran and be able to get to the Village. The Retreat will be held over the Columbus Day Weekend. Father George encourages all of our Veterans to attend and take advantage of this very special event.
- Please let us know if anyone can be removed from the Prayer List.
- Please keep in mind all announcements for the Bulletin and/or additions to the Prayer List should be called in or emailed to Father George or Subdeacon Norman by Friday of each week ...

