



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

*** FESTIVAL NEWS ***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ ... Our Festival has been a fantastic success so far! Please join us to close out the Festival with great food, Fellowship and fun!

*** GENERAL PARISH NEWS ***

- ✘ We are excited to learn His Eminence has assigned David Rayahin, a second-year seminarian, and Mark Makarios, a first-year seminarian, to our Parish. They are scheduled to begin their assignment at St. Mary TODAY!

Mark and Marian Makarios have been attending services at St. Mary since the beginning of August and we are very pleased that Metropolitan JOSEPH officially assigned them to us. We look forward to meeting and welcoming David Rayahin to our Parish family.

As you know, the Seminarians must not only attend services and Sacraments at our Parish but must also attend Parish Council meetings, General Assemblies and Organizational meetings. They will also be tasked with preaching on a regular basis and teaching Sunday School. His Eminence has asked Father George to work closely with our seminarians to impart his great knowledge and pastoral skill. His Eminence expects that the seminarians will be given a well-rounded formational experience in the Parish, which means we should all work together to give our seminarians a spiritually rewarding experience while they are with us.

- Please remember we have NO coffee hour this week
- We are blessed to have two retreats coming up in the next two months ...
 - We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the Church Hall for those who would like to attend the Teen and Parish Retreat at the Monastery of the Protection in White Haven on September 21st. Flyers with details are available for your consideration. Everyone is invited.
 - Also, the Ladies are sponsoring a Retreat at the Monastery of the Protection in White Haven on October 12th A flyer for this retreat is also for your consideration.
- We thank Corinne Censulla for her donation of the beautiful wooden candle sticks with hand-painted icons she donated to our Parish in memory of her husband, Jake. May God bless her and grant Jake's memory to be eternal!
- Many thanks to Frank Hine and the employees of Frank Henry Lumber for repairing the door in the Church. They donated their time and efforts to the Parish ...