



## ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2019

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- The Teens --- for themselves and the Special Olympics Athletes --- thank you all for your wonderful generosity in responding to Special Olympics awareness Day last week ... The Teens together with your generosity made a great contribution to the event!
- The Teens and Sunday School Students and guests hosted our Annual Pumpkin Carving and Pizza Party last evening ... we had many artistic pumpkins carved and painted .... and of course great Fellowship ...
- There will be NO Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, October 30th. We will host the next Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, November 7 at the usual time ... Bring a friend or neighbor!
- **Please Note:** We are having an abbreviated Coffee Hour today as we need to have the Church Hall emptied and prepared for cleaning in the Hall and kitchen.
- Please keep Father George and Kh. Carol in your prayers as they travel out of state for a wedding November 2-3 and attend the Clergy Synaxis (Gathering) for the Clergy of our Eastern Diocese at the Antiochian Village from November 5-8th.
- We welcome Fr. David and Kh. Anne who will be serving the Matins and Liturgy on Sunday, November 3rd. There will be NO Vespers on Saturday, November 2nd.
- The Ladies Rummage Sale is now scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9 in the Parish Hall .... The Ladies and the Parish Council ask that everyone be very discriminating in what you bring to the Church. This event is not an outlet for unloading your heavily used, broken and/or unusable or unwearable household items or clothing. Bring only the goods or clothing we can reasonable expect someone may want to purchase and use.
- Please keep in mind **Advent** begins on Friday, November 15th. We will be holding the Advent Paraclesis Service on Wednesday evenings during Advent unless otherwise listed on the calendar or in the bulletin.

In the Orthodox Church the 40-day period of preparation preceding the Nativity is known as Advent or the Nativity Fast. The Feast of the Nativity is celebrated for twelve days culminating in the Feast of Epiphany, or Theophany.

- Please also keep in mind and mark your calendars .... The **Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos** will be celebrated on the first Wednesday of Advent, November 20th, the Eve of the Feast, with Matins at 6 p.m. and Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m. Fasting for Holy Communion should be from the Noon meal.
- Our Ladies will also host the **Parish Christmas Gathering** on Sunday, December 15th at the Country Club as we did last year.
- **St. Nicholas Sunday** this year will be on Sunday, December 8th. Please make plans to have your children, grandchildren and god children in Church to greet St. Nicholas ....
- We are pleased to inform everyone that we now have a "donation" button on our website. Donations can be made directly to our Church Bank Account through the use of a credit card by clicking on this button.