



# ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA

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## CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop THOMAS, Auxiliary Bishop of Charleston, Oakland & the Mid-Atlantic

Very Rev. Fr. George Alberts, Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Dr. David Hester, Pastor Emeritus

Subdeacon William Obeid + Subdeacon N.D. Namey + Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

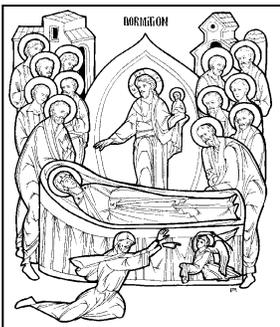
Subdeacon/Seminarian David Rayahin + Seminarian Mark Makarios

**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.



SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY

*We are in the Advent Season*

Wed. Nov. 27 Advent Paracletis at 5:00 pm

Sat. Nov 30 Confessions from 4:30 – 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sun. Nov 31 Matins at 8:50 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY

Sun. Dec. 1 Parish Council Meeting

Sun. Dec. 8 St. Nicholas visits St. Mary today!

Sun. Dec 15 Parish Christmas gathering at the Wyoming Valley Country Club

COMMEMORATIONS

✘ Today – Coffee Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Janine Saba for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her repose and for George Saba for the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his repose by Jane Saba and also Coffee Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Helen Moses by the Moses Family + Trisagion Prayers are said for Helen Moses for the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her repose and for George Saba and Janine Saba

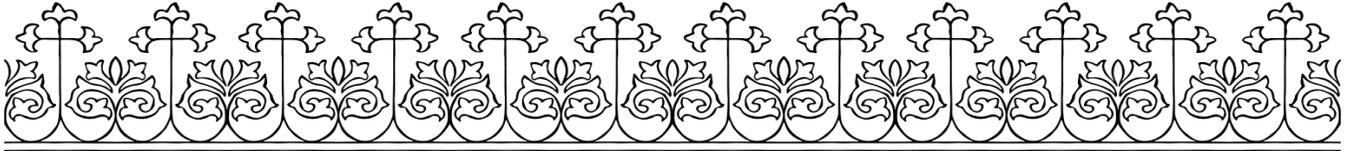
✘ Dec 8 – Holy Bread & Bulletin are offered/sponsored by Nancy Hunter & Family in loving memory of Herman & Mary Reh and Elaine Reh Berenguer



*CONFESSION is one of the Sacraments of the Church & Is Important To Our Continued Spiritual Health .... The Church prescribes confession at least four (4) times a year .... Father George is available every Saturday before Vespers and Sunday after Liturgy or by appointment to hear your confession ....*



*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES IN CHURCH .....*



DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE  
AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME; HIEROMARTYR PETER, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; HERMOGENES, BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM; MARTYRS PHILOUMENOS AND CHRISTOPHER; MARTYR ALEXANDER OF CORINTH

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION

In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity and thy repose thou didst not forsake the world O Theotokos, for thou art the mother of life and thou didst pass over into life. And through thine intercessions from death thou dost redeem our souls.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

✠ THE EPISTLE ✠

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

*To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

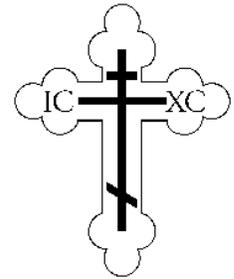
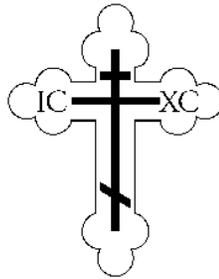
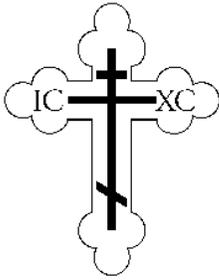


☪ THE GOSPEL ☪

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”



THE SYNAXARION

On November 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the saints Clement, bishop of Rome.

*Cast into the depth of the sea with an anchor, Clement cometh to Christ, the uttermost Anchor. On the twenty-fourth Clement drowned in the depths of Christ.*

Clement was born in Rome of royal lineage. His family had become lost at sea, so Clement, at age 24, went east to find them. In Alexandria, he met the Apostle Barnabas and, afterward, joined the Apostle Peter whom Clement’s two brothers, Faustinus and Faustian, were already following. By God’s providence, the Apostle Peter came upon Clement’s mother as an aged beggar woman, and then found his father as well. Thus, the whole family was reunited, and all returned to Rome as Christians. Clement served as third bishop of Rome, bringing a great number of unbelievers to Christ. He ordered seven scribes to write the lives of the Christian martyrs who were suffering at that time for their Lord. The Emperor Trajan banished him to Cherson, where Clement found about 2,000 exiled Christians who received him with great joy. In one year, 75 churches were built there. The authorities drowned Clement in the sea in the year 101. His miracle-working relics emerged from the sea in the ninth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; and Martyr Alexander of Corinth.

*By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.*