



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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

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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

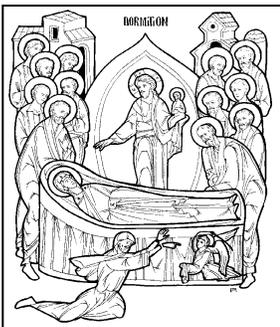
WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

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

Today after Liturgy – Parish General Meeting

Sat. Jan. 18 Confessions from 4:30 – 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sun. Jan. 19 Matins at 8:50 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am +Teen Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY

Thurs. Jan. 23 Spaghetti Dinner 4-6 pm

Sun. Feb. 9 Lenten Tridion Begins

Mon. March 2 Lent Begins

COMMEMORATIONS

- ✘ Today – Coffee hour is sponsored by Dallal Neddoff for the health of the Neddoff Family
- ✘ Jan. 19 – Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored/offered in loving memory of Thomas Yuhas Jr. by his parents also Trisagion Prayers are for Thomas Yuhas Jr.
- ✘ Jan. 26 – Coffee Hour sponsored for the continued good health of Joseph Morrash and in loving memory of Connie Morrash by their family also Trisagion Prayers are for Connie Morrash
- ✘ Feb. 3 - Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored/offered in loving memory of Margaret George by her sister Betty Polanowski also Trisagion Prayers are for Margaret George
- ✘ Feb 16 – Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour all sponsored by Eileen and Riad Attar and Family in loving memory of George and Hal Morrash + Trisagion Prayers are for the 1 year memorial of George Morrash's repose and the 3 year memorial for Hal Morrash's repose



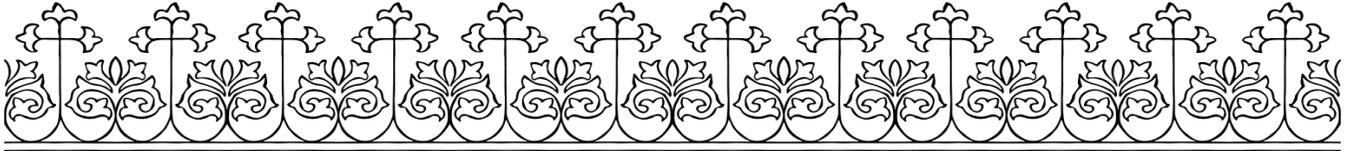
CONFESSION is one of the Sacraments of the Church & Is Important To Our Continued Spiritual Health The Church prescribes confession at least four (4) times a year Father George is available every

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, JANUARY 12, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HER; MARTYR PETER ABSALOM OF PALESTINE;
VIRGIN-MARTYR EUTHASIA; MARTYR MERTIOS OF MAURETANIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

✠ THE EPISTLE ✠

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

☩ THE GOSPEL ☩

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

THE SYNAXARION

On January 12, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent, The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel. On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-martyr Euthasia; and Martyr Mertios of Mauretania.

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

