



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

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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

Note + All Services Can Be Watched Through the Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAO/>

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| Tuesday | August 25 | Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Thursday | August 27 | Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Saturday | August 29 | Confessions from 4:30 to 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | August 30 | Matins at 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am |

Please note you can watch these services even if you do not have Facebook ... you need only copy and paste the link (that is in blue above) into the search bar in your internet browser (like Yahoo or Google, etc).

Please continue to check your emails as Father George continues to update us through periodic email and please share information with Parishioners who do not have or use email

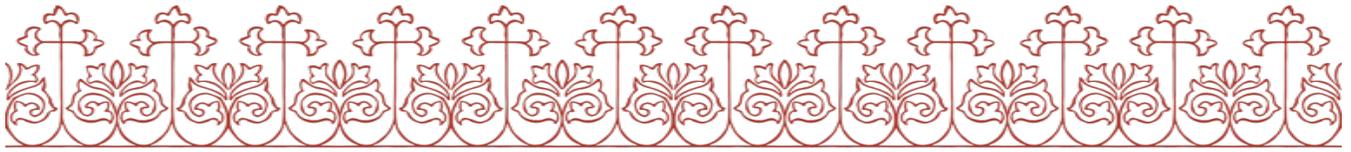
May God bless you all and keep you and your family members safe and in good health.

We remind everyone to wear their face masks while in Church. Please remember to wear the face mask over your nose and mouth, This may be uncomfortable at times but we must take the steps necessary to protect ourselves and each other from this virus. Please also observe social distancing to help avoid the spread of the virus.

Father George continues to be present in the Church during the week for those who would like to come to receive the Sacrament of Confession and/or Holy Communion or just to light a candle, say a prayer or talk. Please remember to use the Office Door and wear a mask if you come. If you want to receive Holy Communion you need to let Father George know in advance so that he may prepare the Sacrament.

COMMEMORATIONS

- ✠ None Today
- ✠ August 30 – Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored by Corrine Censulla in loving memory of Jake Censulla



**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW &
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Martyr Lupus, servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable
Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst
destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the
powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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 DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected,
neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-
virgin womb did translate her to life.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine
me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a
wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who
have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who
plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do
I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses,
“You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned?
Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in
hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is
it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still
more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an
obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

THE SYNAXARION

On August 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the celebration of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Lupus.

Lupus was a servant, but the sword's manumission Sent him unto Christ as a friend and a freeman. On the twenty-third the sword's edge Lupus slew.

He was the servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios. When Demetrios was beheaded by the Emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the martyr's blood. Lupus worked many miracles and healings in Thessalonica with this garment and ring. The Emperor Maximian discovered this, and commanded that Lupus be tortured and killed. But the soldiers who drew their weapons on Lupus turned one on the other and wounded one another. Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow bring about his baptism before his death. On this, water suddenly poured down on the holy martyr from a cloud, and he thus received baptism. After harsh torture, Lupus was beheaded and entered into the heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; and Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

- ✘ The Archdiocese continues to collect for the victims of the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. You can still make an online donation through the Archdiocese Webpage.
- ✘ Father George will be at the Church this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for those of you who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession, say a prayer, light a candle or receive Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament. Please remember to come to the office door. Also if you would like to receive Holy Communion you will need to let Father George know in advance to arrange a time because he must prepare the Sacrament. Also, Fasting for Holy Communion will be as it is on Sunday--fasting from the night before.