



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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OF NORTH AMERICA

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Sub-deacon 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/>

Today	After Liturgy – Finance Committee Meeting
Monday	September 28 Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday	October 1 Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm & Take Out Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday	October 3 Confessions from 4:30 to 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00 pm
Sunday	October 4 - Matins at 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

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

We remind everyone to wear their masks while in Church. Please remember to wear your mask over both your nose and mouth. This may be uncomfortable at times but the CDC recommendations mandate wearing the mask over your nose and mouth. Please also observe social distancing while in Church to help avoid the spread of the virus.

COMMEMORATIONS

- ✘ Today --- Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of Barbara Audi by Gail and John Luksic
- ✘ October 4 -- Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of Phillip Malta by Debbie Malta **and also** Trisagion Prayers for Yousef Dahdal
- ✘ October 11 -- Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of Leo “Brady” Moses and Martha Moses by Suanne Moses
- ✘ October 18 -- Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of Lawrence and Irene Tenneriello by Joanne and Nancy Tenneriello
- ✘ October 25 -- Holy Bread and Bulletin Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of Amelia Brody by Jack, Reba & Jackie Witko **and also** Offered/Sponsored in Loving Memory of John Neddoff and Aboud Abdullah **and also** Trisagion Prayers for John Neddoff for the 2 year anniversary of his repose and for Aboud Abdullah for his 40 day memorial



**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE**

Martyr Kallistratos and the 49 Martyrs with him; Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy; New-martyr Aquilina of Thessalonica; Venerable Ignatius, abbot in Asia Minor; Venerable Savvatios of Solovky

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

THE SYNAXARION

On September 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate holy Martyr Kallistratos and the holy 49 Martyrs with him.

*When Kallistratos' neck with a sword was sundered,
He was joined to the Martyrs' triumphant army.*

On the twenty-seventh Kallistratos and company were taken up hence.

Kallistratos was a soldier. One night, one of his colleagues caught him praying and reported him to the harsh commander Persentinus. He ordered Kallistratos to offer sacrifice to idols, which Kallistratos immediately refused to do. Then Kallistratos was harshly beaten and thrown into the sea, but God's power preserved him, and he emerged from the sea unharmed. Seeing Kallistratos' endurance and his miracles, 49 soldiers came to believe in Christ the Lord, and they were beaten and thrown into prison along with him. In prison, Kallistratos instructed his companions in the Faith and encouraged them. They showed great courage in suffering, and the Lord showed great power through them. The wicked torturer sent soldiers to the prison at night, and they slew Kallistratos and the other 49. They suffered for the truth in 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy; New-martyr Aquilina of Thessalonica; Venerable Ignatius, abbot in Asia Minor; and Venerable Savvatios of Solovky.

By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

- ✠ Our Finance Committee will meet today after Liturgy. Members of the Committee should plan to stay following the Divine Liturgy for this meeting.
- ✠ Father George's office hours at the Church are different this week due to an Archdiocesan Clergy Zoom meeting with Metropolitan JOSEPH on Tuesday. Father

George will be at church on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th from 10 am-2 pm and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st from 10 am to 2 pm.** prior to the Take Out Spaghetti Dinner, which will be held from 4-6 pm. If you would like to come to Church to receive Confession, light a candle, say a prayer or receive Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament, please come to the Office Door. Again, you will need to inform Father George in advance if you would like to receive Holy Communion and remember that Fasting for Holy Communion should be from Midnight the previous day as we do on Sunday.

- ✘ We are very excited and happy to let everyone know we are once again holding our Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner. We are going to planning two takeout dinners in October on **October 1st** and **October 15th** from 4-6 p.m. each day. Please let your family and friends know about the dinners. We need your support for this very important and necessary fundraiser. Let's hope this step back is the first of many steps back to normalcy. Pray that our community efforts are rewarded and that we are once again allowed to congregate together as a parish family and offer this wonderful ministry to our parishioners and our community.
- ✘ We are planning an ethnic food Take-Out Event feature Kibbee, Grapeleaves and Baklava on **Saturday, November 14th** – which the day before we begin our Advent Fast. We will be selling the Kibbee and Grapeleaves in two forms, cooked and uncooked. Orders must be made in advance and you will be able to place your order by phone or online. More details will follow with prices and ordering instructions. The take-outs will be done as we are doing the Spaghetti Dinners. They will be pre-packaged and ready for you to pick up between Noon and 6 p.m. on November 14th.
- ✘ Thanks to everyone who stayed for last week's outdoor Coffee Hour.
- ✘ As you know, we have been holding services with a greater number of parishioners in attendance. There are, however, many of our parishioners who have not returned to church. We understand some are refraining from attending due to age or underlying medical conditions or both, but Father George and your parish family want you know you are missed. Father George will continue to be at the Church 2 days during the week, besides Saturday and Sunday, for you to come and receive Confession, light a candle, say a prayer or receive Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament. If you are unable to come and would like Father George to come to your home to administer the Sacraments of Confession and/or Holy Communion, please let him know and he will arrange a time with you that fits your schedules.

A few COVID - related reminders ...

We ask everyone to observe proper hygiene practices – no hugging, handshakes, or kissing ...Honor/veneration is to be shown to the Holy Icons and the Holy Cross by making the sign of the cross and bowing, keeping in mind not to kiss or to touch the Holy Icons and the Holy Cross.