



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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OF NORTH AMERICA

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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.



PLEASE NOTE

All our services can be watched as they occur on our Parish Face Book page at <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAO/>

COMMEMORATIONS

- Today None Today
- October 10 Bread and Bulletin In Loving Memory of Phillip Malta Debbie Malta and also Trisagion Prayers are for Phillip Malta on the 5 year anniversary of his repose
- October 17 Bread, Bulletin, Coffee Hour In Loving Memory of Irene and Lawrence Tenneriello and Martha and Leo "Brady" Moses by Joanne and Nancy Tennierello and Suanne Moses
- October 24 Bread, Bulletin, Coffee Hour in Loving Memory of the Deceased of the Azain Family by Suanne Moses and also Bread and Bulletin in Loving Memory of Amelia Brody by Jack, Reba and Jackie Witko
- Nov. 21 Bread, Bulletin. Coffee Hour in Loving Memory of Leo "Brady" and Martha Moses by Suanne Moses

SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY

- Tuesday, October 5 Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Thursday, October 7 Take Out Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Friday, October 8 Parish Golf Outing at Sand Springs Country Club
- Saturday, October 9 Confessions 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm followed by Great Vespers at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, October 10 Matins at 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

SPECIAL NEWS REGARDING THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS ...

We are now permitted to attend Services without wearing a mask or following the previous rule of 6 ft. social distancing. ***However, if you would like to continue to wear a mask, you may do so.*** Also, we will now be permitted to hold meetings in our Parish Hall, and no longer have limits on Choir members and may hold coffee hours or other events in our Parish Hall.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE
Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite
Martyrs Eleutherios and Rustikos**

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 ST. DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE IN TONE FOUR

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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

(For the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL
(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

THE SYNAXARION

On October 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite.

*He Who said: Take up thy bed and walk, to the Paralytic, Said:
Take up thy head and run, O Dionysios.
On the third, O Dionysios, thou takest thy severed head and runnest.*

He is counted among the Seventy lesser apostles. Dionysios was studying in Egypt when Lord Christ breathed His last on the Cross, and the whole world was darkened for three hours. Then Dionysios cried out: ‘Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or the world is ending.’ Returning home to Athens, he married a woman called Damaris and had sons by her. He was a member of the highest court in Greece, the Areopagus, and was always thereafter known as the Areopagite. When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysios was baptized with his whole household (Acts 17:34). Paul consecrated Dionysios bishop of Athens and he travelled widely with Paul, coming to know all the other apostles. He went especially to Jerusalem, to see the most holy Mother of God, and wrote of his meeting with her in one of his works, being present at her burial. After Paul suffered martyrdom, Dionysios went off to Gaul to preach the Gospel among the barbarians, accompanied by Rustikos, a priest, and Eleutherios a deacon, whom we also commemorate today. By their labors, many were turned to the Christian faith and Dionysios built a small chapel in Paris where he celebrated divine service. When he was ninety years old, Dionysios was seized and tortured for Christ, together with Rustikos and Eleutherios, until they were all beheaded in the year 96. His famous writings include: On the Divine Names, On the Heavenly Hierarchies, On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchies, and The Mystical Theology.

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

PARISH NEWS

- ✘ Father George will be in the Church on Tuesday this week between 10:00 and 2:00 .
- ✘ The Parish Golf Outing is this Friday October 8, 2021 at Sand Springs Golf Course. Its not to late to signup with your team. Please call Theresa Solomon or Father George if you want in!

- ✘ We have Kibbee and grape leaves available for sale along with delicious baked goods in the Parish Hall after Liturgy. Please take some home if you weren't able to make to our Day in Damascus Festival.
- ✘ Many Thanks to the wonderful and dedicated team and the many helpers who made the DAY IN DAMASCS FESTIVAL a great success. We had a great day and great fellowship.
- ✘ We are having a second collection today for the Seminarians Fund. Please give generously.
- ✘ October is Youth Month and our teens and young adults will be reading the Epistle and passing the collection tray. Attached is a letter from Metropolitan JOSEPH concerning Youth Month.
- ✘ On Sunday, October 17th, the Teens will be taking a collection for our yearly Special Olympics Sports Camp held at the Antiochian Village. They will also be receiving the Sacrament of Confession following the Divine Liturgy that Sunday.
- ✘ *Please let Father George or Sbdcn Norman if anyone can be removed from the Prayer List.*

