



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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OF NORTH AMERICA

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CLERGY

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

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Deacon Ephraim Vest

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

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 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are offered/sponsored In Loving Memory of Phillip Malta by 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 12 Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Friday, October 15 Ladies Rummage Sale at the Church (Day 1)
- Saturday, October 16 Ladies Rummage Sale at the Church (Day 2) *** Confessions 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm followed by Great Vespers at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, October 17 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 10, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Luke
Holy Martyrs Eulampios & Eulampia at Nicomedia
Venerable Theophilos the confessor of Bulgaria; Venerable Ambrose of Optina

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 SS. EULAMPIOS & EULAMPRIA IN TONE FOUR

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"; giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry is not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

THE SYNAXARION

On October 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Eulampios and Eulampia at Nicomedia.

Although Eulampia died before beheading, in beheaded Eulampios' crowns she shareth. On the tenth they felled Eulampios and sister Eulampia.

At the time of a vicious persecution of Christians ordered by the Emperor Maximian (286-305), some of the faithful of Nicomedia fled the city. Eulampios saw the imperial decree stuck onto a wall, and, laughing at it, took it down and tore it up. He was immediately brought to trial for this. When the judge urged him to deny Christ, Eulampios began in return to urge the judge to deny the false idols and accept Christ as the one, living God. Then the judge ordered that Eulampios be flogged until the blood flowed. His sister Eulampia ran to join him in suffering for Christ, and she was likewise harshly beaten. Finally, Eulampios was beheaded, but Eulampia breathed her last before the same could be done to her. Two hundred other Christians, who had come to faith in Christ by seeing the power and miracles of the brother and sister, were slaughtered. All were crowned with wreaths of martyrdom and entered into their immortal, heavenly home.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Theophilos the confessor of Bulgaria; and Venerable Ambrose of Optina.

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 and Friday this week between 10:00 and 2:00 .
- ✘ Many thanks to all who planned and played in the Parish Golf Outing this past Friday. A good time was had by all! We had a great day and great fellowship.
- ✘ October is Youth Month and our teens and young adults will be reading the Epistle and passing the collection tray.
- ✘ The Teens are hosting a pumpkin carving and pizza party on Saturday October 23 following Vespers. Father George will do Vespers at 4:00 pm and the fellowship will follow ... All of youth and

young adults in the Parish are invited. Please let us know if you will attend so we can insure everyone has a pumpkin!

✘ Today during Coffee Hour we will be bringing out items for the rummage sale which will be held next weekend.

✘ The Ladies' are sponsoring a rummage sale next weekend ... please stop by and bring your friends and neighbors!

✘ Our next Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Thursday October 21 at 4:00 pm. We are excited to advise that we will also have a drive through flu-shot clinic as well.

✘ *Please let Father George or Sbdcn Norman if anyone can be removed from the Prayer List.*

With Our Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the passing into eternal life of George Elias. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Madelyn, and their family. May God grant his family and friends comfort in their time of sorrow and grant his memory to be eternal.