



## ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,

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

Very Rev. Fr. George Alberts, *Pastor*

Very Rev. Fr. Dr. David Hester, *Pastor Emeritus*

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 in Loving Memory of Lucy Laham and for the good health of Anna Kovacsics by Marion Kovacsics *and also* the Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored by Kimberly Line and Emily Courtois in honor of the baptism of daughter/sister Julia Jonelunas's son Ezra Peter Reilly
- Nov. 21 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are offered/sponsored in Loving Memory of Leo "Brady" Moses and Martha Moses by Suanne Moses *and also* Coffee Hour is sponsored by Jane Saba in Loving Memory of Janine Saba on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her repose and George Saba Sr on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his repose *and also* Trisagion Prayers are offered for Janine Saba and George Saba Sr. *and also* Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are offered/sponsored in Loving Memory of Marion Norman *and also* Trisagion Prayers are offered for Marion Norman
- Nov. 28 Coffee Hour is sponsored in Loving Memory of Helen Moses by the Moses Family *and also* Trisagion Prayers are offered for Helen Moses
- Jan. 16 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are offered/sponsored in Loving Memory of Hal Morrash for her 5 year memorial for George A Morrash for his 3 year memorial by their family *and also* Trisagion Prayers are offered for Hal and George Morrash

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*With Our Sympathy*

*We were saddened to learn of the passing into eternal life of Joseph Morrash, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Sunday, October 31st. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.*

*May god comfort you in your sorrow and grant his memory to be eternal!*

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## **SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY**

Tuesday, November 9	Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday, November 12	Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday, November 13	Confessions from 4:30 – 5:00 followed by Vespers at 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 14	Matins at 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy
Monday, November 15	Beginning of Advent

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## **MORE ON PARISH LIFE**

Please keep in mind Advent begins on Monday November 15th. Advent is the 40-day period of preparation preceding the Nativity and is marked by the Advent Fast.

Please also keep in mind that the Scriptural readings for the Nativity season have a focus inasmuch as they orient us to one of the reasons God gave His only begotten Son, that is, to establish a New Covenant between Himself and all those who would believe in His Son, from every tribe and nation. We will all know Him in our hearts if we allow Him to enter!

The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ and is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods: (1) November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays; and (2) December 20th through 24th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period. Please see Father George if you have questions.

Then the Feast of the Nativity is celebrated for twelve days after December 25 culminating in the Feast of Epiphany, or Theophany. We will be holding the Advent Paraclesis Service on during Advent unless otherwise listed on the calendar or in the bulletin. Please take sometime to slow down and orient yourself to the season ... *Please join us as often as possible throughout Advent for these Paraclesis Services.*

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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2021**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost & Seventh Sunday of Luke**  
**Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia**  
**The Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene**

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### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. LAZARUS OF MAGNESIA IN TONE EIGHT**

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press

upon Thee! And Thou sayest, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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### THE SYNAXARION

On November 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia, who struggled in asceticism on Mount Galesion.

*Prepare thou thy bosom, O Father Abraham, For a Lazarus not inferior to thine.*

Lazarus was tonsured a monk, and then ordained priest, at the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine. He eventually returned to his homeland, and beginning in 1012, he built the monasteries on Mount Galesion. Lazarus raised up a pillar on which he lived as a stylite for many years, enduring unspeakable hardships for the love of Christ. He reposed in the Lord at age 86 in 1053.

On this day, we also commemorate the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene.

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

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### PARISH NEWS

- ✘ Father George will be in the Church on Tuesday and Friday this week between 10:00 and 2:00.
- ✘ Attached is the November Liturgical Calendar as well as the flyer with login information for our Diocesan Retreat which will be held next weekend. We urge you to take some time to virtually attend this Zoom retreat and especially the talks and meetings for the Church group to which you belong.
- ✘ We still have frozen uncooked stuffed grape leaves and frozen baked kibbee for sale. We will also be able to cook the grape leaves for you if you desire. The cost is \$6 per kibbee and 5 grape leaves for \$7. The pick-up day is November 19..
- ✘ The Ladies are asked to provide their email address to Father George and/or Anna Veniamin
- ✘ *Please let Father George or Sbdcn Norman if anyone can be removed from the Prayer List.*
- ✘ We all enjoy the coffee hour and fellowship that follows the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. This is a special time that affords us the opportunity to visit with our fellow parishioners, catch up on

what happened the previous week, maybe talk about next week and welcome visitors and new Parishioners to St. Mary's. However, we need the support of all our families in the Parish to continue with this lovely custom so please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate --- Think about it and make a plan to step up and sponsor a Coffee Hour  
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**Please remember we have only two more Spaghetti Dinners this year ... Please plan on taking out dinners for family, friends and neighbors ... Kindly note the last three dinners are: November 18 & December 2**

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*TO ENCOURAGE OUR WORSHIP IN A PROPER SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO ENTER THE SANCTUARY QUIETLY DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS*

- (1) - THE CLERGY CENSES THE SANCTUARY;
- (2) - WHILE THE CONGREGATION IS STANDING;
- (3) DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL;
- (4) - DURING THE READING OF THE EPISTLE AND/OR THE GOSPEL;
- (5) - DURING THE HOMILY/SERMON;
- (6) - DURING THE GREAT ENTRANCE *OR*
- (7) - DURING THE ANAPHORA.

*PLEASE ALSO REFRAIN FROM USING CELL PHONES IN THE NARTHEX AND SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY.*