



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are offered/sponsored in Honor of and in Loving Memory of George Elias by his wife and daughter and also Trisagion Prayers are offered for George Elias
- 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 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored by Jane Saba in Loving Memory of Janine Saba on the 6th Anniversary of her repose and George Saba Sr on the 7th 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 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored in Loving Memory of Helen Moses by the Moses Family and also Trisagion Prayers are offered for Helen Moses and also Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored in Loving Memory of Joseph and Ruth Solomon by the Solomon Family and also Trisagion Prayers are offered for Joseph and Ruth Solomon
- Dec. 12 Trisagion Prayers are offered for the 40 day Memorial for Joseph Morrash. The Coffee Hour is sponsored, in honor of Joe and Connie Morrash by their children, grandchildren, and their families.
- Dec. 19 Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour are sponsored in Loving Memory of the Reposed of St. Mary Parish as well as for the Good Health of the Parishioners and the Parish by Sky Elizabeth Blue
- 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



SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY

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| Monday, November 15 | Advent Begins |
| Tuesday, November 16 | Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Wed. November 17 | Advent Paraclesis at 6:00 pm followed by Parish Council Meeting |
| Thursday, November 18 | Take out Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm |
| Friday, November 19 | Father George at the Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Saturday, November 20 | Confessions from 4:30 – 5:00 followed by Vespers at 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, November 21 | Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos *** Matins at 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by Teen/College Class with Father George |

Preparing for the Nativity of Our Lord

Please keep in mind Advent begins tomorrow, November 15th. Advent is the 40-day period of preparation preceding the Nativity and is observed by the Advent Fast.

The Scriptural readings for the Nativity Season orient us to one of the reasons God gave His only begotten Son, which 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.

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 Wednesdays during Advent unless otherwise listed on the calendar or in the bulletin. Please take some time to slow down and orient yourself to the Season ... *Please join us as often as possible throughout Advent for these Paraclesis Services.*

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021
THE HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; New-Martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian
the Emperor and his wife Theodora

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Philip the Apostle)

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst; we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure; while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And

Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE SYNAXARION

On November 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle Philip, one of the foremost choir of the Twelve.

By his feet is Philip on a post suspended, repaying Thee for washing his feet, O Savior. On the fourteenth, O Philip, thou wast hanged upside down.

Philip was born in Bethsaida beside the Sea of Galilee, as were Peter and Andrew. Instructed in Holy Scripture from his youth, Philip immediately responded to the call of the Lord Jesus and followed Him (John 1:43). After the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Philip zealously preached the Gospel throughout many regions in Asia and Greece. Many miracles were manifested through Philip, especially the healing of the sick, by which many pagans believed in Christ. In the Phrygian town of Hierapolis, Philip found himself in common evangelical work with his sister Mariamna, John the Theologian, and the Apostle Bartholomew. The wicked pagans seized Philip and crucified him upside-down on a tree, and then crucified Bartholomew as well. At that, the earth opened up and swallowed the judge and many other pagans with him. In great fear, the people rushed to rescue the crucified apostles, but only Bartholomew was still alive; Philip had already breathed his last. This wonderful apostle suffered in the year 86 in the time of Emperor Dometian.

On this day, we also commemorate Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica; New-martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian the emperor and his wife Theodora.

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

PARISH NEWS

- ✘ Last Sunday the Parish welcomed the newly Baptized servant of God, Ezra Peter Reilly, the son of Julia Simone Jonelunas and Christopher Reilly, who was entered into the Church and baptized into the Orthodox Faith. May God grant him, his parents, and his Godparents many, many years!
- ✘ Advent, the Christmas Fast, begins on tomorrow on Monday, November 15th. During the Advent period we will be holding the Advent Paraclesis Service at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Following the

First Advent Paracletis on November 17th, our Parish Council will be holding their meeting. We ask our Parish Council members to attend the Paracletis Service and stay for the meeting.

- ✘ Our next Take-Out Spaghetti dinner is Thursday, November 18th from 4-6 p.m. Please spread the word. 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 two dinners are this week on November 18 and then two weeks later on December 2 ...
- ✘ Father George will be in the Church on Tuesday and Friday this week between 10:00 and 2:00.
- ✘ 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



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 (when we are called to "Stand aright, stand in fear, be attentive, that we may offer the Holy oblation in peace" - when the Holy Spirit is about to descend and make the Divine Conversion of the wine and bread into the Blood and Body of Jesus Christ).

Please Also Refrain From Using Cell Phones In The Narthex And Silence Your Cell Phones While In The Sanctuary.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Christians, above all men, are forbidden to correct the stumblings of sinners by force...it is necessary to make a man better not by force but by persuasion. God gives the crown to those who are kept from evil, not by force, but by choice." - *St. John Chrysostom*