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Verse of the Week

"...the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God." John 16:2

Saint Mary's Calendar

Sunday, November 1st
Confessions from 8:30 to 8:50 AM
Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Fr. Peter's Children's Sermon
Sunday School following Communion
*Ladies Society Meeting 12:00 PM

Monday, November 2nd
No Bible Study Class

Wednesday, November 4th
No Vespers Service or Catechism Class

Saturday, November 7th
Confessions from 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Great Vespers Service 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 8th
Confessions from 8:30 to 8:50 AM
Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Sunday School following Communion
*Parish Council Meeting 12:00 PM

Monday, November 9th
Bible Study 7:00 to 8:00 PM

The Weekly Bulletin

November 1, 2026 ◆ Saints Cosmas & Damian of Asia

Unmercenary Healers

Cosmas and Damian were unmercenaries and miracle-workers. They were brothers both in the flesh and in the spirit, born somewhere in Asia Minor of a pagan father and a Christian mother. After their father's death, their mother Theodota devoted all her time and effort to educating her sons and raising them as true Christians. God helped her, and her sons matured as sweet fruit and luminaries of the world. They were learned in the art of medicine and ministered to the sick without payment, not so much with medicine as by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were called "unmercenary physicians," that is, unpaid physicians, for they healed freely and thus fulfilled the commandment of Christ: *Freely ye have received, freely give* (Matthew 10:8). So careful were they in healing men free of charge that Cosmas became very angry with his brother Damian because he accepted three eggs from a woman, Palladia, and ordered that he not be buried alongside his brother Damian after his death. In fact, St. Damian did not accept these three eggs as a reward for healing the ailing Palladia, but rather because she adjured him in the name of the Most-holy Trinity to accept these three eggs. Nevertheless, after their death in the Town of Fereman, they were buried together according to a revelation from God. The holy brothers were great miracle-workers both during their life and after their death.

Saint Mary Orthodox Church
of West Palm Beach, FL
A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese and the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

The Very Reverend Father Peter Shportun, Pastor

We are glad you have chosen to pray with us today at Saint Mary Orthodox Church. Today, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is celebrated. The service text begins on page 91 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

Remember that Holy Communion is offered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession. All visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy. All are invited to join us for fellowship during Coffee Hour.

- *Orthros (Matins) Service and Divine Liturgy Variables (in English and Arabic) for this Sunday may be accessed through your cellular telephone or tablets at antiochian.org/liturgicday/4724*

THE EPISTLE

(For Ss. Cosmas and Damian of Asia)

Verse: In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.
beheld the Lord ever before me.

The Reading from the First Epstle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand, Lebanon, October 23, 2026

To our beloved, Most Reverend Archbishop Christophoros of Amman and Jordan,

On my behalf and the children in the Archdiocese of North America, I extend to you personally, the father of all Orthodox Christians in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and to all our brothers and sisters in beloved Jordan, especially the families of the martyrs and the wounded, my heartfelt condolences and sympathy. I condemn this brutal attack.

Our Lord said, "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). We, the Christians of this afflicted East, still bear the marks of our Lord's physical suffering, and in this we take pride, to share in His suffering so that we may share in His resurrection. I also remember the many sons and daughters of the Archdiocese of Hauran who were martyred in a similar brutal attack at St. Elias Church in Damascus last year.

From Lebanon, where I am participating in the work of the Holy Synod of Antioch, I join my prayers with those of my sons and daughters in Christ in the Archdiocese of North America for the martyrs, all the wounded, their families, and all those who care for them in beloved Jordan, North America, and everywhere.

May God protect you and your flock everywhere. We Christians are children of the Resurrection, which we cannot separate from the Cross; therefore, we share the cry, "Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!" Despite the violence inflicted upon us, He alone is victorious.

With love and respect, your brother in Christ,

†Saba

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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Our Ladies Society will again this Thanksgiving be receiving donations and assembling Thanksgiving Boxes for those in need in our local community. Last year, thanks to your generosity, 40 families were helped. Can we help 50 families this Thanksgiving? Your generosity can make this happen!

To sponsor a Thanksgiving Box (or two), the following items are needed:

1 Box of Stove Top Stuffing Mix; 1 Can each of : Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Yams, Corn; 1 Jar/Can of Brown Gravy; a $25.00 Gift Card from Publix (please give the cards to Jane Pasley).

- ✓ Deadline to receive all donations is **Sunday, November 15th.**
- ✓ Packing and Delivery: **Sunday, November 22nd.**
- ✓ Please bring all donated items to the stage in the hall.

Making it Easier to Give

By using this **QR Code**, it is easier to make a donation, or fulfill your annual pledge/tithe through **Zelle** to Saint Mary's. You may access it through your online bank at:

stmarywpbfinance@gmail.com

For more information, please speak to the Parish Council Treasurer Sam Pasley.

Please Mark Your Calendar

- **Thanksgiving Lunch and Family Fest – Sunday, November 15th**
- **Saint Barbara and Saint Nicholas Day Celebration – Sunday, December 6th**
- **Children's Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 20th**

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

- Fr. Peter's monthly **Children's Sermon** will be offered today prior to Communion. All children are encouraged to participate.
- **Sunday School Classes** are held each Sunday following Communion. Please allow the children and teachers to receive Communion first so that they may proceed to their classes in a timely manner.
- Please pick up a copy of this week's **'The Children's Word'** printed especially for your child. Copies may be found on the counter in the Church Narthex.

Holy Bread and Wine offered for Today's Divine Liturgy

For the health and well-being of Valerica, Daniela, Andrei. Rachel, Fr. Gherman, Petru, Sarah, Xenia, Lucia, Basil, Maria, Ioana, Maria, Ionel, Elena.

In memory of Roula, Fehmi, Olga, Samaan & Renee. By Alan & Carol Sara.

In memory of Antoinette & Chebel Shamoun. By Jackline Shamoun.

By Sub Deacon Joseph, Linda (Katherine) & Diego (Joseph).

*If you would like to offer **Holy Bread, Altar Wine, or the weekly Altar Vigil Candle**, please speak with Fr. Peter or Sam Pasley.*

If you wish to have names remembered in prayer (living and departed) during the services, please speak to Fr. Peter.

Prayer Request

For the Living

"Is any sick among? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." *James 5:14*

For the good health of the servants of God: Matushka Annette Zaparyniuk, Johnny & Joyce Chalhub, Leon & Judy Chalhub, Sabah Shalhoub, Cheryl Lewis, Eric Waser, Elena, Eugenia Grosan, Kelly Cauuela, Annette.

For those in our church community who are sick and shut-in.

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and throughout the world.

Those serving in our armed forces here and abroad: Christopher Smith, Alexis Gavrilos, Jonathan Shportun, Dylan Himber.

For the Departed

"With spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest O Lord to the souls of Thy servants"

Suad AbuHadid (9/11/26), John Joubran (6/22/26); Ralph Haselman (12/22/25).

*+ **Memory Eternal!***

Coffee Hour brings us together for fellowship, a cup of coffee and a small bit to eat. If you are looking for an opportunity to foster fellowship among parishioners and guests by hosting Coffee Hour, please speak with Jane Pasley.
This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by Hayfa & Michel Zein.

Ladies Society Meeting Today

12:00 PM, in the Conference Room

Revised Bible Study Schedule

**** Class has been moved to Monday Evenings and will be held in the Conference Room. The November schedule is as follows:**

Monday, November 2nd – No Bible Study Class
Monday, November 9th and November 16th 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Monday, November 24th – No Bible Study Class
Monday, November 30th 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Led by Jim Gavrilos, the class continues to study the **Gospel of John**. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your bibles.

Fall Catechism Classes

'Acquiring an Orthodox Life'

Fall Catechism Classes resume Wednesday, November 11th, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. All classes follow Vespers Service and are held in the church. **For all Catechumens, attendance is required.** Inquirers into the Orthodox Faith, as well as anyone who desires to learn more about the Church are welcome to participate.

There will be no Vespers Service or Catechism Class on Wednesday, November 4th.