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Verse of the week

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity."
2 Corinthains 9:11

Saint Mary's Calendar

Sunday, October 25th
Confessions from 8:30 to 8:50 AM
Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
*40 Day Trisagion for Suad AbuHadid
Sunday School following Communion
*Ladies Book Club Meeting 12:00 PM

Monday, October 26th
Bible Study Class 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 28th
Confessions from 6:30 to 7:00 PM
Vespers Service 7:00 PM
Catechism Class 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Saturday, October 31st
Confessions from 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Great Vespers Service 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 1st
Confessions from 8:30 to 8:50 AM
Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Sunday School following Communion
*Ladies Society Meeting 12:00 PM

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The Weekly Bulletin

October 25, 2026 ◆ The Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius

The Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius were clergy with Patriarch Paul of Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Constantius. After the death of the great Emperor Constantine, the Arian heresy, which had till then been kept under, sprang up again and began to spread, and the Emperor Constantius himself inclined towards it. There were two influential nobles at the imperial court, Eusebius and Philip, both ardent Arians.

Through their influence, Patriarch Paul was dethroned and driven out to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him, and the patriarchal throne was seized by the dishonorable Macedonius. At that time, Marcian and Martyrius aligned themselves decisively and with all their strength on the side of Orthodoxy. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius a sub-deacon at the Cathedral and had been secretaries to Patriarch Paul. The Arians first tried to bribe them, but, when the two holy men refused this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. When they were led to the scaffold, they raised their hands and prayed to God, thanking Him that they were finishing their lives as martyrs: 'Lord, we rejoice that we are leaving this world by such a death. Make us worthy to be partakers of eternal life, O Thou our Life!' They then laid their heads under the sword and were beheaded, in 355.

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/4717*

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

Verse: O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

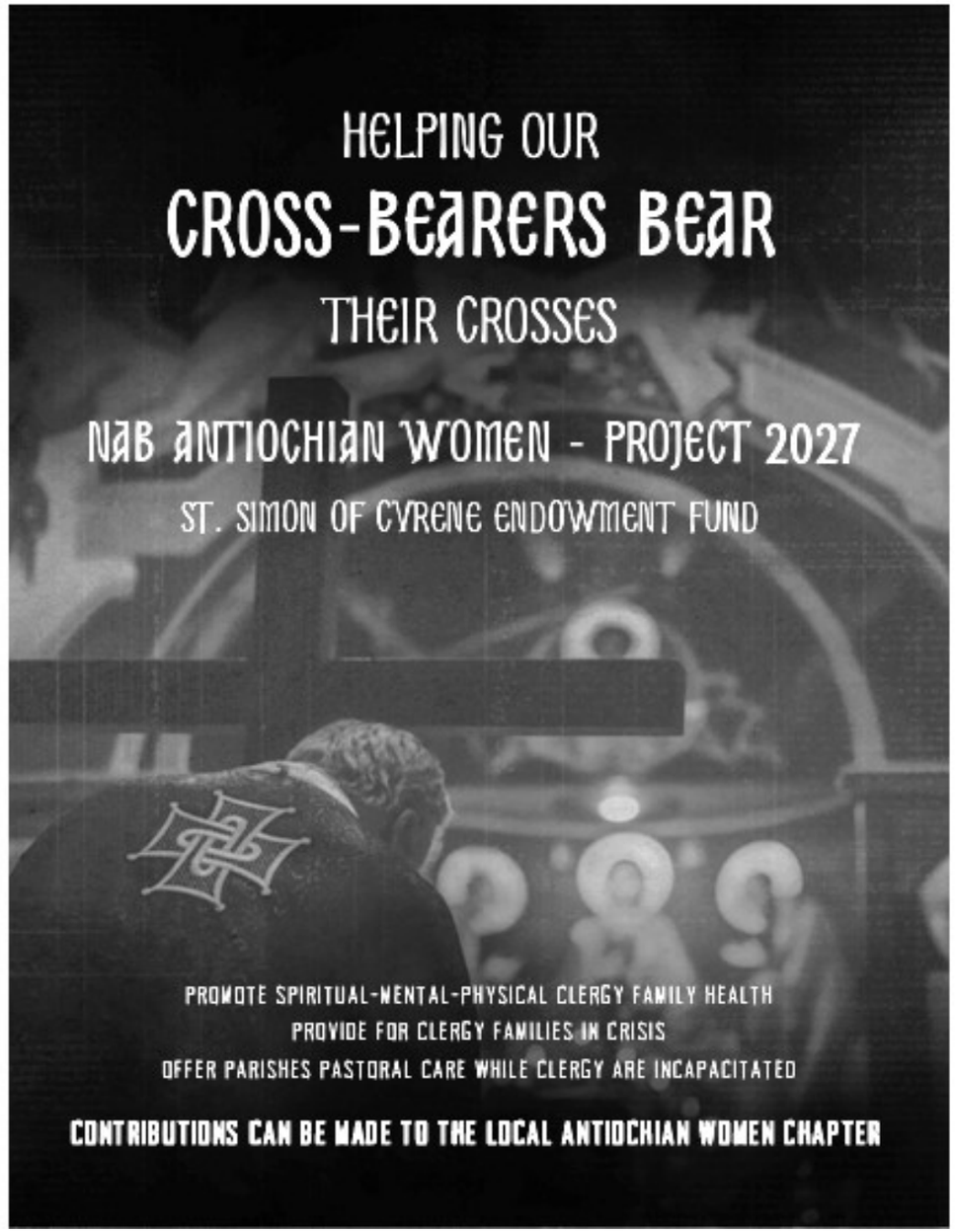
Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among



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 tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

- **Sunday School Classes** are held today following Communion. Please allow the children and teachers to receive Communion first so that they may proceed to their classes in a timely manner.
- After receiving Communion, please quietly read the **'Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion'** on pages 128-131 in the Red Service Book.
- **'The Children's Word'** is on the counter in the Church Narthex. Please pick one up for your child.
- **Today's Homily will be offered by Safwat Fahmy**. who is a Master of Divinity Seminarian at the Antiochian House of Studies.

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.*

40 Day Trisagion (Memorial) Service will be prayed today for the repose of Suad AbuHadid. Offered by her children and family. +Memory Eternal!

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

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 the AbuHadid Family in memory of Suad AbuHadid.

October is Youth Month at Saint Mary's

Each year, our Archdiocese designates October as Youth Month in recognition of the vital role of our youth in the life of the Church.

Ladies Book Club

Today, 12:00 PM, in the Conference Room. **'Seven Holy Women: Conversations with Saints and Friends"** will continue to be shared and discussed. For more information, please speak with Danielle Wells.

Coming Soon: Amen Book Study. More information to follow.

Revised Bible Study Schedule

**** Class has been moved for this coming week to ****

MONDAY, October 26th 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Tuesday, November 3rd – No Bible Study Class

Tuesday, November 24th – No Bible Study Class

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

Fall Catechism Class on Wednesday

'Acquiring an Orthodox Life'

Fall Catechism Classes continue this Wednesday, October 28th, 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.