



ST. MARY'S HELPERS

	June 12	June 19
Prosphora	Anne & Hanne	Gabriela & Maria
Reader	Daniel & Anne	Violeta & Stefania
Greeter	George D&GeorgeC	Alex & Dennis
Coffee hour	Michelle & Psa. L.	FATHERS' DAY
Lawn	Dan C.	Mircea O


 Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the organizer know.
 

"The purpose of God's Providence is to unite, by means of right faith and spiritual love, people who have been separated by evil. To this end the Savior also suffered for us, "in order to gather together the children of God who were scattered." (John 11:52)

--St. Maximus Confessor

TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. Please join us for coffee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.

As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all

Mark your calendar- Archbishop Nathaniel will visit St. Mary's July 9 & 10. Make plans to attend and meet our Hierarch!!



St. Mary's Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church

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Fathers of the First Council Sf. Părinți de la Sinodul I Ecumenic June 12, 2016

Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 am

Vespers Saturday 6 pm

Confessions by Appointment

Other services as announced

Children under 7 free. Come spend Fathers' Day and Holy Pentecost with your church family.

- Children's sleep over on June 24 - applications now available. Deadline is next week. See Giani, Violeta, Ana Maria or Psa for information.
- **July 9 & 10- Archbishop Nathaniel's visit to St. Mary's. Don't miss this event!! Tickets are available NOW. Stampede lunch with mititei and many other delicious foods. A fun time will be had under the tent! Tickets available from Anne L, Ana Maria G, Ani P, Violeta I- \$25.00 for adults, children 7-15 \$15.00, children under 7 free.**

"The forgiveness of insults is a sign of true love, free from hypocrisy"

-St. Mark the Acetic

ORTHODOX TEACHING

Reading - The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful. Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.
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7th Sunday after Pascha (Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council). Epis. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gos. John 17:1-13 (Prayer of Jesus). Tone 6.

Duminica a 7-a după Paști (a Sf. Părinți de la Sinodul I Ecumenic). Ap. Fapte 20,16-18; 28-36. Ev. Ioan 17,1-13 (Rugăciunea lui Iisus). Glas 6,

Tone 6 Tropar The angelic powers were seated near your tomb and the soldiers were as dead men, and Mary came before your tomb, seeking your all pure body. You despoiled Hades and it did not try to hold you back. You met the Virgin and you granted life to all. O you that arose from the dead, O Lord, glory to you!

Tropar for the church Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.

Tropar for Sunday of the first Council

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

St. Mary's Girls' and Boys' Sleep over 2016

When: Friday June 24 @ 6:00 p.m. to Saturday June 25 7:00 pm

What: A sleepover of fun, prayer & activities

Who: Girls and Boys between 7-13 years of age

Where: St. Mary's Church Hall (boys will sleep outside)

Applications are available from Giani and Psa. Lillian