



Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate
Diocese of Ohio, Michigan &
Indiana
St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church



Summary of St. Mary's Happenings
May/June/July 2022

I. News

a. St. Mary's would like to recognize the **2022 graduates**. Congratulations on your accomplishments and may God guide all your future steps.

i. College and Graduate:

1. Juliana Bibawy
2. Lisa Botros
3. Marina David
4. Yvette Georgy
5. Natalie Kolta
6. Bassem Mossad
7. Matthew Nayrouz
8. Andrew Ross
9. Martine Saad
10. Mina Salama
11. Mary Sedarous
12. Mary Wasef

ii. High School:

1. Alan Abdelnour
2. Aline Abdelnour
3. Marina Dawoud
4. Megan Hanna
5. Bishara Hejazin
6. George Bishara Hejazin
7. Meena Khalil
8. Nora Shehata Makram
9. Fady Shehata Makram
10. Amy Shehata
11. Gabriella Webber

- b. The church has purchased a **14-passenger van** to be used for retreats, transporting senior citizen congregants as needed, and future church functions. If you are able, please make a donation towards this purchase. You can mark on the check that this is to go towards the van, or text Medhat (614.440.3676) if you are donating online and want it to go to the van purchase.
- c. **Church Festival:** Date has been set for August 26-28. As always, volunteers are very needed. Please contact Hala Barsoum to find out how you can help.
- d. **Saturday services:** Saturday services continue to be held Saturday evenings for grades K-5. Activities and games are held 5-6pm, followed by Mahragan 6-7pm for July and August. Vespers begin at 7pm. Tasbeha and Open Confession are 8-9:30pm.
- e. **Improvements of church grounds:**
 - i. Trees: the church hired a company to remove and trim trees around the church building, church house, and parking lots. You may have noticed how much open our grounds are!
 - ii. Fence: the wooden fence bordering our northern parking lot is looking like new following a thorough power-washing. Thanks to the congregants who took the time to do this!
- f. **Ongoing maintenance:** there remain projects to be completed around and outside the church: repaving the parking lots, finishing the Sunday School room renovations, repairing the inner security door to the church, and ongoing renovations to the church house. If you have time and interest in helping, please contact Emad Gerges.

II. **Ongoing Activities/Events**

- a. Arabic Bible Study: Friday nights, on the church's live stream channel. Contact Mamdouh Beshara with questions.
- b. Prayer Group: St. Mary's will be holding prayer meetings. They will take place:
 - i. Every other Wednesday, 7-8pm, St. Mary's Church, for women and girls age 10 and over. Please contact Amal Gerges (614.598.8399) if you are interested in attending, as you will need access to the church building on a weeknight.
 - ii. Every Friday morning, 7:45-8:30am, Antrim Lake park. This is now open to any church member interested, adults or children with adults (meet at the dock on the lake. Agpeya prayer 7:45-8:00, walk 1.2 miles around the lake at own pace 8:00-8:30). Contact Mariam El-Shamaa (614.570.5608) if you have questions.

III. **Financial Update:** Average Revenue and Average Expenses for March/April/May

- a. Average Revenue 38 K Per Month.
- b. Average expenses 23 K per Month.
- c. Bank Balance : 600 K

- IV. As always, the Board welcomes input from the congregation. There is a suggestion box that has been placed in the back of the church and we invite anyone to place suggestions there. They can be anonymous if you wish. Alternately, Fr. Makarios and the members of the board would be happy to talk--please reach out to us.