

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West**

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## **CHRIST IS RISEN**



**MAY 29, 2016**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

## DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Feast** Tone 5: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Arabic: Al-ma-sih qam min bai-ni l-am-wat, wa-wa-ti-a l-mowt bil-mowt, wa-wa-ha-ba l-hayah, lil-la-dhi-na fi l-qu-bur (sung alternately with Psalm verses in between).

## THE PASCHAL ENTRANCE HYMN

Priest: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.

People: Save us O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

All: **Troparion of the Resurrection in the Fourth Tone:** 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 the great mercy. (*Repeated in Arabic*)

**Troparion of Mid-Pentecost in the Eighth Tone:** In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, whosoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.

**Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone:** From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

**Kontakion of Pascha in the Eighth Tone:** Down to the grave though thou wentest immortal Lord. Yet didst thou there hurl down death by thy throne of might and art risen with vict'ry crowned, O Christ our true God; And hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; And unto thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace, O Lord that grantest the fallen to rise with thee.

**Prokeimenon** (Psalm 103:24,1) O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

## **Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30)**

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 44:4,7) Draw your bow and prosper and reign, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

## **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give

him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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**OTHER CHANGES FOR SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

Instead of "It is truly meet...", sing the Easter hymn, "The Angel cried to the Lady...", but not "Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem..." Instead is sung *"Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God."*

Communion Hymn: "Receive ye the body of Christ and taste and see him that is found deathless." *During the Communion of the people, we sing only "Receive me today..." and the Troparion of Pascha in various languages.*

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." We sing "Christ is risen..."

Note: During the Paschal season, for the Communion of the people, we sing the Troparion of Pascha in various languages.

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**Holy Oblations are offered today by Fr. Michael and Kh. Donna** on the occasion of their mothers' birthdays, Emilie (May 27) and Ruth Conn (May 30);

Prayers for the soul of our newly departed and beloved Paul Anter, by his soul mate and wife of 65 years and 10 months, June Anter, ever loving daughter Paula, son in-law Tony, and grandchildren Leilah Antoinette and Paul Nicholas Rodriguez-Anter. On behalf of our loved one, Paul, The Anter & Rodriguez families appreciate all who have been so loving, thoughtful, and prayerful. Thank you to the following for being so helpful and we offer prayers of long life for Fr. Michael Laffoon, Father Patrick Irish, Fr. Elias Bitar, Protodeacon George Moubayed, Anahid Azzouni, Ramzi and Zina Azzouni, Randy and May Dabbah, Fred and Rima Tarazi, Edna Deeb, Danice Deeb Najjar, Laila Haick Nercessian, Karen Kinan, Christine Kouri, Barbara Scholl and members of the choir at Paul's services. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many who loved the Husband, Father, & Grandfather we will miss so deeply. Memory Eternal!

**Coffee hour is given today by the Coffee Hour Committee.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Reham Turk, Odette Chade, Maha Kureh, Darlyne Dibs, Eleanor Wackeen, Georgette Salameh, Lourice Kishek, June Anter and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Palestine, Yemen, Ukraine, West Africa, Nepal and all people afflicted with disease and violence.*

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**Ushers this week:** Don Skaff & Melad Hanna

**Ushers next week:** Austin Turk & Roger Tierney

**Altar boys serving this week:** James Bahbah, Peter Williams, Nicholas Bahou, Youssef Youssef.

**Altar boys serving next week:** James Dabbah, Paul Youssef, Nour Youssef, Matthew Dabbah

### **Quote from the Saints**

All Who truly believe in Him and cleave to Him with all their soul are changed into His image by the power of His resurrection.

*St. Theophan the Recluse*

### **Canned Food Drive**

Low employment and homelessness continue to be significant problems, even in affluent Orange County. In light of this, the ongoing canned food collection of our parish is a small but important way to help. Please try to bring something to go in the collection barrel every week.

### **Good Samaritan Fund**

Several years ago, St. Mark Church established a fund for assisting those in need, both within our parish and in the general community. From time to time we ask for contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund, and this is one of those times. If you are in need of assistance or you are aware of someone in our parish that needs financial assistance, please speak with Fr. Michael.

### **Church Etiquette**

- Please be on time for services; those arriving late should not approach the Chalice for Communion.
- To receive Communion, one must be a baptized/chrisdated Orthodox Christian who has prepared by prayer, fasting, alms giving, and regular confession.
- Confessions are heard on Wednesday and Saturday evenings after Great Vespers and during the week by appointment.
- Men, women, and children: please dress modestly for services.
- Please remove lip balm or lipstick before receiving Communion or kissing the holy icons, Chalice, or Gospel.
- If you wish to stand for the entire service, please do so in the back or the aisle so as not to block the view of others who may need to sit. When seated, we should refrain from a posture of relaxation (e.g., crossing legs or arms).
- Pledges, Tithes, Donations: Giving 10% of one's income is God-pleasing, as are all gifts offered by a pious and cheerful giver with a humble heart. Membership forms, renewed annually, are located in the Hall.

- Children are welcome! Yet, if they interfere with the prayers of the faithful, we all may need a break. Food and drink (and toys) are not allowed in the Temple.

**Today**

*Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!*

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A big Thank you to Denise Nassif and her Committee (Kim Ranney, Kristen Nassif, Brenda Tax, Marty Morrison, Tanya Habeeb and Lydia Wakileh) for a job well done at the Annual Mother/Daughter Tea at Tiffany's held last Sunday at the Church Hall. It was attended by 100 Ladies and their daughters.

They enjoyed wonderful fellowship, gorgeous "Tiffany" decorations, a delicious luncheon, a young ladies fashion show, and a really fun and beautiful candy bar and dessert station!

**Most of the items in the St. Mark Book of Needs have been sponsored (Thank You!) The following items are still in need of sponsorship**

Candles Stands (2)

Epiphany Holy Water Font

New Altar Server robes. We are looking to provide two sets (one light and one dark), totaling 32 robes. Twenty have been sponsored; we have 12 robes to go!

**This Week**

**Monday May 30**, Memorial Day, Church Office is closed.

**Tuesday May 31**, 7:00 p.m. **Mere Orthodoxy**

**Wednesday June 1**, 6:30 **Vespers**

**Next week**

**Sunday June 5**, Teen SOYO Car wash; **Last day of Church School.**

**Tuesday June 7**, 7:00 pm **Mere Orthodoxy**

**Wednesday June 8**, 6:30 **Vespers**

**Upcoming Services & Events**

**Sunday June 12**, Church School Awards after Church

**Tuesday June 14**, 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

**64th Annual Parish Life Conference Of  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West  
Dioceses of Eagle River and the Northwest**

**Hosted by St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Phoenix, AZ  
JUNE 28, 2016 - JULY 3, 2016**

**AT JW MARRIOTT PHOENIX DESERT RIDGE SPA & RESORT**

**Please see flyer included for more information and registration**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America Educational Grant.**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America are able to award grants in the amount of \$500.00 each to help women (who at least 26 years of age) to return to education or training in order to improve their circumstances and those of their families. They will be awarding these scholarships in July at the NAB meeting.**

**Antiochian Women's Scholarship application is available at the table by the bulletin board.**

**Dead line for the Committee to receive the application is June 1, 2016.**

**Please find more information on the Annual Antiochian Women's Scholarship and the application on the table at the hall by the bulletin board if you are interested.**

**FOCUS is gearing up for our upcoming National Summer Feeding Program, which will begin mid-June, in two locations within Southern California. Nearest to Orange County, FOCUS OC is working with the YMCA of Long Beach to get regular meals to kids throughout the summer, and we need the help of you and your parish communities to assemble lunches!**

**How It Will Work**

**For 6 weeks during the summer, June 27 - August 5, 2016, FOCUS will be implementing this program, gathering volunteers at local kitchen prep sites (our is at St. Luke Church Garden Grove), and assembling lunches (from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.). These will then be delivered to youth centers.**

**We are hoping that our parish can take the lead for one of the six weeks, and we need a volunteer to lead this effort. Please see Austin Turk or Fr. Michael for more details.**

**SAMP - Church School**

**Our SAMP Priest for 2015 - 2016 school year is Fr. Frumentius Elias Taubata.**

**In order to support our Priest your child should be:**

- **Remembering him in their daily prayers**



●Contributing to our SAMP fund by bringing a dime, quarter or dollar to church school each Sunday and placing the funds in the basket on the table. Thank You!  
Eileen Waian-Ellis

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center opportunities for mission work.** Empower youth and teens in countries where youth ministry is emerging and opportunities for youth leadership exist. Orthodox Mission Teams to Alaska, Kenya, and Albania will offer programs for students and adult leaders, giving them the opportunity to develop vision for their youth groups, as well teach the Biblical basics of youth ministry and what it means to be a leader. These teams will model servant leadership by assisting in small groups, recreation, and worship. OCMC invites you to join these opportunities in youth ministry. For more information, please visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org), e-mail [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org), or call 1-877 GO FORTH (ext 141).

### **Orange County Orthodox Christian Young Professionals**

Young adults are welcome to join us for a social and spiritual/discussion each month. Contact Kyra Pelachik at [ococyp@gmail.com](mailto:ococyp@gmail.com) or Charlie Kassaseya at 858-761-1720. You can find our events on [www.tinyurl.com/ococyp](http://www.tinyurl.com/ococyp) or Facebook (search: OC Orthodox Christian Young Professionals)

Barnabas Orthodox Church, 6:30pm

June, July & August events TBA

### **BUY SCRIP**

Our Ladies Guild buys scrip from many and various stores and Restaurants (see list included in this Bulletin) at a 3 to 10% discount. When you buy the scrip, which is accepted just like cash at the issuing store, the Parish benefits. You pay no more for these goods and services and are making a donation to our parish. You can purchase this scrip from Saeda Turk at the coffee hour.

### **Saint of the day – *St. Photeni, the Samaritan Woman***

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down

at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

### **The Orthodox Christian greeting of Pascha**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**AL-MASSIH QAM!**

**HAKKAN QAM! (Arabic)**

**CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

**ALITHOS ANESTI! (Greek)**

**CHRISTOS A INVIAT!**

**ADEVERAT A INVIAT! (Romanian)**

**CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!**

**VOISTINU VOSKRESE! (Slavonic)**

**CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!**

**EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO! (Spanish)**