

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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**AUGUST 14, 2016**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**HOLY PROPHET MICAH**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Resurrection in the Seventh Tone:** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief, Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen O Christ granting to the world the great mercy.

**Troparion of the Fore-feast of the Dormition in the Fourth Tone:** Come forward, O ye people, and receive the glad tidings, clapping your hands together. Gather together today anxiously and joyfully, and shout ye all in joy; for the Theotokos is about to rise in glory from the earth to the heavens. Let us ever glorify her with praises; for she is the Theotokos.

All: **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.

Priest: **Kontakion of the Fore-Feast of the Dormition in the Fourth Tone:** Today the universe, rejoicing mystically in thy glorious memorial, O Theotokos, doth go before crying and shouting with joy, Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!

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**Prokeimenon** (Psalm 28. 11,1) Tone 7: The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

### **Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10-17)**

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 91.1-2) Tone 7: It is good to give thanks to the Lord. To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your truth by night.

**Reading from the gospel according to St Matthew (14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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**Holy Oblations are offered today by Leo Chade & family** for the soul of wife, mother & grandmother Odette (Irma) Chade departed this life 40 days. May her Memory be Eternal!

**Luncheon is given today by the Chade family** for the 40 days memorial of beloved Odette Chade.

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

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<p><b>Ushers this week:</b> Austin Turk &amp; Roger Tierney <b>Ushers next week:</b> Phillip Bahbah &amp; Elias Nasrawi <b>Altar boys serving this week:</b> Andrew Khamis, Alex Turk, Jay Skaff, Paul Rodriquez. <b>Altar boys serving next week:</b> James Bahbah, Peter Williams, Nicholas Bahou, Youssef Youssef.</p>
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## **Quote from the Saints**

How amazing, my brothers and sisters in the love of Christ! Today she who gave birth to the life of all people has moved on to be a sharer in that life. The life which was begotten before the ages from the Father, which is God and Word of God, which she bore in the flesh and nursed from her own breasts, the life that build all things from nothing and generated life in them—this life she has inherited, and has come as its mother to share in it above all the holy ranks of heaven and earth.

*St. Modestus of Jerusalem*

## **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

**Today is the last day of the Dormition Fast.**

**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**

Candle 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 nine have been sponsored; we have 3 robes to go!

**Left out of last week's "thank you" for our Altar Server Robes were Randy and May Dabbah, and Robert and Theo Whitehead. Our apologies!**

**As we put items from the Book of Needs into service and bless them, we will acknowledge those donors in the bulletin.**

## This Week

**Monday August 15, Orthros (9:00 a.m.) and Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

**No Wednesday and Saturday Vespers this week (Fr. Michael will be away)**

**Church office closed Thursday August 18 and Friday 19.**

## Next week

**Sunday August 21, Teen SOYO meeting after Church.**

**Wednesday August 24, Vespers 6:30 p.m.**

## Upcoming Services & Events

**“UN”GOLF DINNER AND HOEDOWN, Saturday, September 10 from 6-10 pm.** Join us for our annual fundraising dinner at Strawberry Farms as we host an "Un"Golf Barbecue Dinner & Hoedown! Come learn to western line dance, two steps or try your luck at our 50/50 raffle and putting contest! All proceeds benefit St. Mark Orthodox Church. Every paid ticket purchased at St. Mark Church receives one box of Girl Scout cookies per ticket. This venue has a limited seating of 250. \$50 per ticket if paid before 8/28. \$60 per ticket if paid after 8/28. \$30 for children 12 and under. For "Hoedown" sponsorship packages, see Nelson Mamey. Questions? Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.st-mark-church.org](http://www.st-mark-church.org) Contact event chairs, Kyra Pelachik and Barbara Scholl. You'll have a 'yee-haw' good time!

**September 16, 17 and 18, Visit of Fr. Joseph Morris, Abbot of St. Gregory Palmas Monastery, Hiram Ohio. Fr. Joseph will meet with our teens on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> he will be our guest speaker for an all day retreat and then on Sunday, serve Divine Liturgy with us.**

**Antiochian Women of St. Mark, please mark your calendar for the Annual Friendship Tea on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, Place to be announced soon.**

**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)

August 30 – 6:30pm, “Life of the Theotokos” Discussion at St. Barnabas Orthodox Church

September TBA – Camping Trip

September 27 – 6:30pm Discussion

### **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.

## The Holy Prophet Micah (August 14)

This Prophet (whose name means "who is like God?"), was a Morasthite from the land of Judah. He prophesied more than fifty years in the days of Joatham, Ahaz, and Hezekias, Kings of Judah. These kings reigned in the eighth century before Christ. From this it is clear that this Micah is not the one who was the son of Iembla (or Imlah-III Kings 22:8), who censured Ahab and was murdered by Ahab's son Joram, as the Synaxaristes says; for this Joram reigned the ninth century before Christ. Yet Micah was still prophesying, as mentioned above, in the days of Hezekias, who was a contemporary of Hosea and Esaias, and of Hoshea, the last King of the ten tribes of Israel, when that kingdom was destroyed by Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians (IV Kings 17: 1 - 16; 18: 1). This Micah is sixth in rank among the minor Prophets. His book of prophecy is divided into seven chapters; he prophesied that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5: 2). In the reign of Saint Theodosius the Great, the holy relics of the Prophets Micah and Abbacum were found through a divine revelation to Zebennus, Bishop of Eleutheropolis (Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., Book VII, 29).