

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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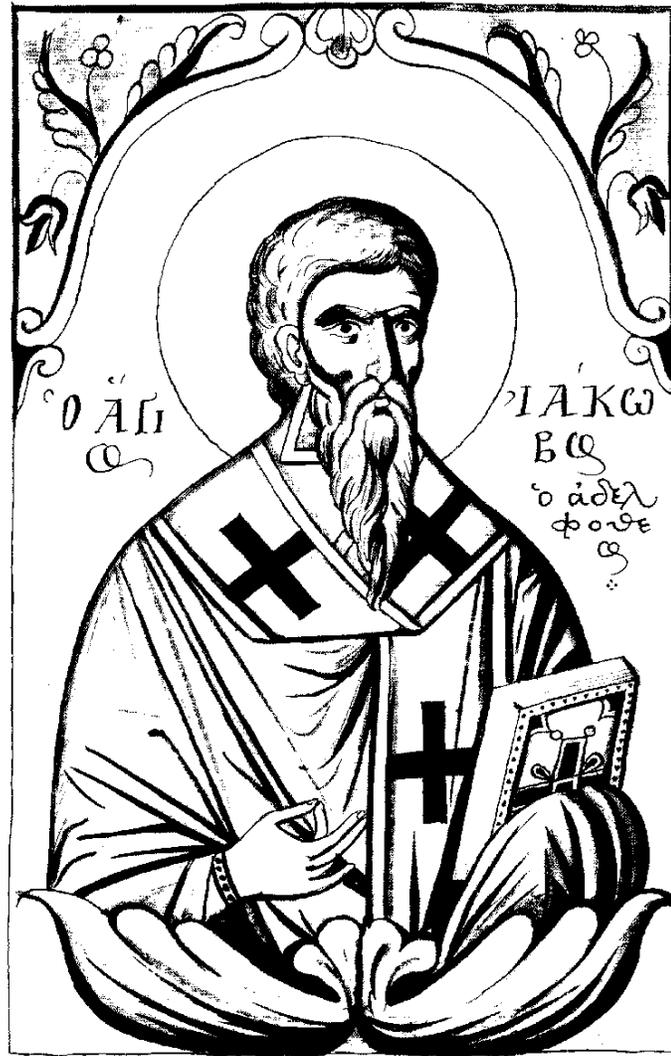
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*Church School After Holy Communion*



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2016**

**HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion for the Resurrection, in the First Tone:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Troparion of the Apostle James in the Fourth Tone:** As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

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 Theotokos in the Second Tone:** O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

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**Prokeimenon** (Psalm 18) in Tone 8: His sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

**The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Galatians (1:11-19)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then

after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**Alleluia Verses (Psalm 88) in Tone 1:** The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. God Who is glorified in the council of the saints is great and terrible towards all that are round about Him.

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

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gad'arenes, 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 the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, 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 wilderness.) 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 were 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 Gad'-arenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a 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 through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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**Holy Oblations are offered today** by the Whitacre and Laffoon families for James Whitacre on the occasion of his Name Day.

**In lieu of Coffee Hour, the Antiochian Women of St. Mark are offering a Pizza Luncheon to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness.** Donation for lunch is \$6 for adult and \$5 for kids under 12 years old.

**Thank you to Rima & Fouad Tarazi for donating the Pizza in memory of Rima's mother Gene Saba. May her Memory be Eternal!**

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

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October is Youth Month in our Archdiocese. During the Sundays of October, members of our Teen SOYO will read the Epistles, and assist in ushering.

**Reading the Epistle:** Nadim Youseff

**Usher Greeters-**Amanda Khoury; Christiana Tarazi; Chadi Tarazi; Rami Tarazi

**Usher Collection-**Alex Munayyer; Andrew Bahbah; Jillian Goson; Christina Habeeb

**Usher Communion-**Rachel Ranney; Marianne Hanouneh; Paul Habeeb

**Usher Dismissal-**Davey Tax; Andrew Hanouneh

**Ushers next week: Teen SOYO**

**Altar boys serving this week:** Noah Fortuna, Daniel Atallah, Connor Wilde, George Aldada

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### **Quote from the Saints**

"Our likeness to God requires our cooperation. When the intellect begins to perceive the Holy Spirit with full consciousness, we should realize that grace is beginning to paint the divine likeness over the divine image in us."

*St. Diadochos of Photiki*

### **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.

### **TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN**

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's home. All are welcome!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the actions of the Liturgy (what the priests, deacon, altar boys are doing)
- Sing the hymns and responses. Children learn how to worship in church by copying you.
- Incidental noise and movement are not reasons to take your child out of church. If a child's crying or movements become a distraction to others, then it is time to leave until they are calm.
- If you have to leave the church with your child, do so but please come back. Our Lord said, "Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and one another. Let them know that they are at home in our house of worship.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing!

Please welcome our children and give a little encouragement to their parents.

### Today

**Please remember to take your Sunday Bulletin with you home, it will help you to remember the services and the events going on in your church. Much time and effort goes into the publishing of our bulletin so, please use it a resource!**

**Congratulations to the new Antiochian Women Officers for 2016-2017:** President, Denise Nassif; Vice President, Marty Morrison; Secretary, Wisam Farraj; Treasurer, Gisele Awayjan and Treasurer assistant, Lydia Wakileh.

### **Congratulations to Teen SOYO new officers for 2016-17:**

Grace Bahbah, President; Vice-President, Marianne Hanouneh, Secretary, Jay Skaff; Treasurers, Diana Aldada & Jillian Goson; Historians, George Bahbah & Paul Rodriguez; Public Relations, Sami Skaff; 8th Grade Representative, Yasmeeen Rizkallah ; 7th Grade Representatives, Andrew Hanouneh & Rachael Ranney

### This Week

**Tuesday October 25**, Mere Orthodoxy, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday October 26**, 6:30 p.m. Vespers

### Next week

**Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>**, St. Mark Annual Wine & Dinner tasting at the church hall. See Gisele Awayjan to reserve your seats. Please see flyer included for more information.

### **ORTHODOXY IN THE VINEYARD - YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

Meet and hangout with Orthodox Christian Young Adults from all over in Napa, CA at a Young Adult Fall Retreat - Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry within the Antiochian Diocese of Los Angeles and the West. We've planned a day of spiritual discussion lead by Jacob Saylor - Youth Directory at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The day will include time at Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, CA (just outside of Napa), lunch, wine tasting at the local vineyard and dinner. Our topic will be focused on "In the world, but not of the world - How to

be an Orthodox Christian in a materialistic and sometimes superficial world."  
21+ Young Adult Event

**Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016**

**Time: 8:30am - 7:30pm**

Cost: \$50 Per Person (includes Lunch, Wine Tasting and Dinner)

For more info and to register, please visit [www.dlawyoungadults.com](http://www.dlawyoungadults.com). Make sure to register online by **Sunday, October 30, 2016** - Space is limited!

**Sunday November 6, Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**Sunday, November 6, A dinner for local members of the Order of St. Ignatius will be held** at Red O Restaurant in Newport Beach (143 Newport Center Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660). Social time is 5 pm. Dinner is 5:30 pm. Please send your check for \$70/person (non-members are welcomed) to: Concetta Smarious at 3750 New Haven Road, Pasadena 91107. For more information please email Edna Deeb at [Eldmediate@aol.com](mailto:Eldmediate@aol.com).

Please see flyer included for more details

**Wednesday November 9, 6:30 p.m. Vespers**

**Upcoming events and services**

**November 11-13, 2016, Annual Pilgrimage to St. Paisius.** Please see flyer included for more information

**Sunday November 13, Antiochian Women of St. Mark Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon.**

**Tuesday November 15, Beginning of Christmas Fast (Advent)**

**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)

October 25 - Compline & Discussion at St. Barnabas, 6:30pm  
November 15 - Compline & Discussion at St. Barnabas, 6:30pm  
November 20 - Friends-giving Dinner, Irvine, 3:00pm  
December 4 - Sawdust Festival & Dinner in Laguna Beach, 3:00pm  
December 13 - Compline & Discussion at St. Barnabas, 6:30pm

### **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.

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### **Holy Apostle James, the brother of the Lord**

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This James is called the Less (Mark 15:4) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this Episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this James. [James is the English equivalent of *Iakovos*]

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