

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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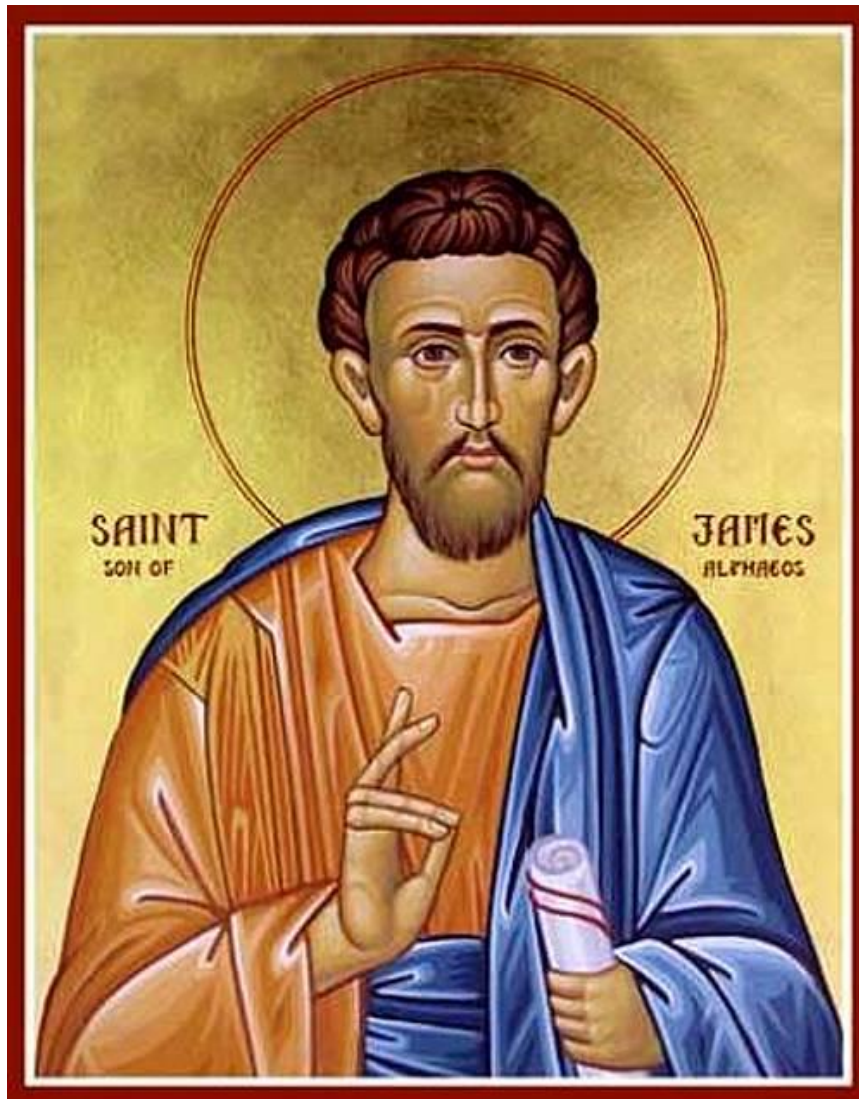
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Church School After Holy Communion



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016**  
**HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, SON OF ALPHAEUS**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion for 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 great mercy.

**Troparion of Apostle James in the Third Tone:** Holy Apostle James, thou didst receive the fiery grace of the Spirit and didst shine on the world like the morning star; thou didst dispel the pagan night of idols. Pray unceasingly for 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 28.11,1) Tone 7: The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord honor and glory.

**The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6.1-10):** Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet will known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 19:1, 9) Tone 2: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble. O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon Thee.

**Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" God has visited his people!"

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**Holy Oblations are offered today by** Heyam Nasrallah Sleiman and family and Salah Mousa and family for the soul of their mother Bahiga Mousa Nasrallah departed this life 40 days. May her Memory be Eternal.

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

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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, 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.

**Ushers this week: Teen SOYO**

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**Altar boys serving this week:** James Dabbah, Nadim Youssef, Nour Youssef, Matthew Dabbah.

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**Quote from the Saints**

"If a man has a full intention to please God, then God teaches him His will either through thoughts, through some other person, or through Holy Scripture." -- St. Peter of Damascus

## **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

**Our Annual Parish Meeting will convene right after the Liturgy.** All adult Orthodox Christians, pledged to St. Mark for the current year are eligible to vote. We need your participation in this meeting! Plan to be there. We will vote on a 2017 Budget, hear organization reports and elect three new Council Members. The list of nominees for our election are: **Austin Turk, Lori Nour, Mark Ellis, and Marwan Dabit.** In accordance with our Parish Constitution, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

**FOCUS North America Backpack Program:** Today is the day we collect the backpacks.

#### This Week

**Tuesday October 11, 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday October 12, 6:30 p.m. Vespers**

**Thursday October 13, 7:00 p.m. Mere Orthodoxy.**

#### Next week

**Sunday October 16, Men's Club Meeting, Teen SOYO Meeting**

**Sunday October 16, Dr. Edward Wong,** will be at our Coffee Hour. Dr. Wong is running for the Saddleback Valley Unified School District Board. We have estimated that approximately 35 St. Mark families live in the Saddleback District. Edward is the husband of Carole Nassief Wong of our parish. He has spent his life as a teacher and school principle. Please see flyer included for more information.

**Tuesday October 18, Mere Orthodoxy, 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday October 19, 6:30 p.m. Vespers**

## *Upcoming Events*

**Saturday October 22, Breast Cancer Awareness (BCA) Walk**

**Sunday October 23, BCA Luncheon after Liturgy**

**Mark your calendar for the Annual Wine & Dinner tasting on Saturday November 5, at the church hall. Please see flyer included for more information.**

**Sunday November 6, 2016, at 5 pm.** The order of St. Ignatius of Antioch dinner at Red O restaurant, Fashion Island. We are hoping Sayidna Joseph can be with us (he is a busy man). We have a wonderful speaker (and the speech is usually short). Please see flyer included for more details

**November 11-13, 2016, Annual Pilgrimage to St. Paisius. 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!

**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 22 - Light the Night Walk, 4:30pm

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 son of Alphaeus**

Holy Apostle James the son of Alphaeus one of the Twelve Apostles, was the brother of the holy Evangelist Matthew. He heard the Lord's words and witnessed His miracles. After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle James Alphaeus and the Apostle Andrew the First-Called (November 30), made missionary journeys preaching in Judea, Edessa, Gaza, Eleutheropolis, proclaiming the Gospel, healing all sorts of sickness and disease, and converting many to the path of salvation. St James finished his apostolic work In the Egyptian city of Ostrachina, where he was crucified by the pagans.

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