

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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*Church School After Holy Communion*



**JANUARY 22, 2017**

**ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY**

**HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY AND ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Resurrection in the Six Tone:** When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Apostle in the Fourth Tone:** Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

**Apolytikion of the Martyr the Fourth Tone:** Thy Martyr, Anastasios O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

**Troparion of Saint 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 the Presentation in the First Tone:** Thou, O Christ God, who by thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom thou didst love; for thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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

### **The reading from Saint Paul's First Letter Timothy (4:9-15)**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not

neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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

**The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10)**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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**Holy Oblations are offered today** for Archimandrite Paul Doyle on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of his passing, and by the Daruty, Bidwell, and Wilde families for Joe and Goldie Daruty on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary(27 January) and for their daughter Susan Wilde on the occasion of her birthday.

**Coffee Hour 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, June Anter and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted with disease and violence.*

<p><b>Ushers this week:</b> Slieman Aldada, Sam Kishek <b>Ushers next week:</b> Dimitri Kort &amp; Randy Dabbah <b>Altar boys serving this week:</b> Samir Khamis, Joseph Attallah, Andrew Bahbah <b>Altar boys serving next week:</b> Andrew Khamis, Alex Turk, Jay Skaff, Paul Rodriguez</p>
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### **Quote from the Saints**

"You should secretly give from what you have to those in need, so that you receive from God, Who sees in secret, a hundred times more, as well as life eternal in the age to come (cf. Mt. 6:4; Mk. 10:30)." -- *St. Gregory Palamas*

### **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

### House blessings

We are now in House Blessing Season. To schedule a house blessing, please contact Fr Michael by calling the church office, (949) 851-8933 or via email at frmlaffoon@yahoo.com

When Fr Michael comes to your home, please turn off all televisions and other distractions and prepare a list of the living to be remembered in the prayers

**June Hall Rentals:** If you are thinking about using our church hall for a June graduation party, you should reserve a date now. Our Caterer is already asking to reserve dates in June. We will hold these dates for parishioners until March 30. After that, we will open them for the caterer.

### **Parents, please note: Pre-Lent Church School Confession Schedule**

January 22 - 9-12 confession

January 29 - 7&8 confession

February 5, - 5&6 confession

February 12 - 3 &4 confession

February 19 - Meat fare / 1 & 2 confession

### **St. Mark 2017 Stewardship Pledge Drive!**

Our parish Stewardship Drive continues and we're asking you to please consider making a pledge commitment to St. Mark for 2017. If you have not done so, please turn your pledge commitment to the white box in the back of the church now.

Thank you to those who have made their 2017 pledge commitment. As of January 18, 2017, we have a total of \$119,630 pledged which is 58% of our total goal of \$205,000. We have also successfully collected 60 pledge commitments.

We hope to reach our goal by the end of February. Your financial pledge and commitment is important and supports the work of the church, the parish itself and

those who work for St. Mark. Your support and commitment to St. Mark is appreciated!

In Christ, St. Mark Stewardship Committee

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 as a resource! Please put the Liturgy book service back in the pocket when you are done using it. Thank you!

**This Week**

**Tuesday January 24, Mere Orthodoxy, 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday January 25, Vespers 6:30 p.m.**

**Next Week**

**Wednesday February 1, Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Presentation of Christ (Orthros (5:30 p.m.))**

**Upcoming events and services**

**Sunday February 5, Men's Club 3rd Annual Super Bowl Viewing Party 3:00 p.m.** At St. Mark Church Hall, please see flyer included for more information.

**Saturday February 11, 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar for the Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance, at our beautiful Church Hall. Flyer attached for more information**

**Sunday February 12, 5 p.m. (IOCC) invites you to Share the Love, at St. Luke Church. A Valentine-Themed Event to Benefit IOCC. Tickets: \$50 per person available at [ioccc.org/sharethelove](https://ioccc.org/sharethelove).**

Please contribute to the **Camp St. Nicholas Legacy Campaign!** Members of the Diocese have come together to raise funds for immediate repairs which are needed at our camp facility. Any donation is welcome, and brings membership in the "Camp Legacy Committee" which will be hosting future fellowship events. The goal for the fundraising campaign is \$30,000. Contributions are tax deductible and can be made easily online by visiting: <https://www.gofundme.com/Campsaintnicholas> or by sending a check to: Umpqua Bank, Attention: Concetta Smarius |700 N. Central Suite 150 |Glendale, CA 91203. Checks should be made to: "St. Nicholas Cathedral Camp Repairs." For any questions, please contact Sonia Tower at 212-308-3696.

**FLYER FOR INCLUSION IN CHURCH BULLETIN – ATTACHED**

**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).

**Introducing the Orange County Forum.** A place for Orthodox Christian young adults in the Orange County area, married & single, to fellowship & engage in social and service activities. This group serves to aid and foster the unity of faith, love, and friendship that exists between the Orthodox young adults in the local region through coordinated events, ministries, and common prayer. Join our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/OrangeCountyForum](http://www.facebook.com/groups/OrangeCountyForum) for a list of scheduled events and more information. Our next gathering is Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Orthodox Church. You can also talk to Kyra Pelachik for more information.

### **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.

### **Holy Apostle Timothy (January 22)**

The Apostle Timothy, who was from Lystra of Lycaonia, was born of a Greek (that is, pagan) father and a Jewish mother. His mother's name was Eunice, and his grandmother's name was Lois (II Tim. 1:5). He became the disciple of the Apostle Paul when the latter first preached there, and he followed St. Paul during the whole period of the Apostle's preaching. Afterwards, Timothy was consecrated by him as first Bishop of the church in Ephesus. Under the supervision of John the Evangelist, who governed all the churches in Asia, he completed his life as a martyr in the year 97. He was stoned to death by the heathens, because, as some surmise, he opposed the festival held in honor of Artemis (Diana). The Apostle Paul's First and Second Epistles to Timothy were written to him.