

## **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West**

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Church Office Hours: M-F, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Website: [www.st-mark-church.org](http://www.st-mark-church.org)

Archpriest Michael Laffoon, Priest Patrick Irish

Protodeacon George Moubayed, Sub Deacon Athanasius Fakhouri

Choir Director Barbara Scholl

Chanters: Jacob Bahbah, Theresa Joubran, Mark Ellis,  
Karim Youssef

Church Office Administrator: Lydia Wakileh

Teen Advisors: Paula Rodriguez and Dana Chade

*Sunday Schedule: Orthros (Matins) & Confessions 8:45 a.m.*

*Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.*

*Church School after Holy Communion*



**October 1, 2017**

**APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY, FIRST BISHOP OF DAMASCUS**

**& RIGHTEOUS FATHER ROMANOS THE MELODIST**

**& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Eighth Tone:** From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection. O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Troparion for St. Ananias in the Third Tone:** O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**Troparion of St. Romanos in the Eighth Tone:** Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels

All: **Troparion of 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 the Theotokos in the Second Tone:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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**Prokeimenon (Psalm 75:11, 1) Tone 8:** Make your vows to the Lord out God and perform them. God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

### **The reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter Corinthians (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**Alleluia Verses (Psalm 94:1, 2):** "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to God our Savior. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

**The Reading from the gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"

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**Holy Oblations are offered today** by Roni Hanouneh and family for the soul of his mother Amalia departed this life 40 days, by Austin, Saeda & Stephanie Turk for Anthony & Alex on the occasion of their birthdays, by Constantine Geronikolaou for souls of his parents Efstathios and Eleni and his son's god-father Ioannis, and by Danice & Walid Najjar and Edna Deeb for the soul of Danice & Edna's mother Marion Deeb departed this life 7 years and for the health and salvation of their sister Caren Deeb Kouri, and by Michael, Charlotte & Ghina Khoury and family for the soul of Michael's brother Elias departed this life five years.

**Meal of Mercy is given today by Roni Hanouneh and family for the 40 day memorial of his mother Amalia Hanouneh.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Reham Turk, Darlyne Dibs, Nuha Qushair, Eleanor Wackeen, Georgette Salameh, June Anter, Kh. Lynn Wilson, Kh. Katherine Tschlis, Tarek Fakhouri, Caren Deeb and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted with disease and violence.*

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**This week Teen ushers:** Paul Rodriguez, Deena Salameh, George Aldada, Merolla Youssef, Youssef Youssef, Nadim Youssef, Nour Youssef, Jillian Goson, Maryann Hanouneh & Andrew Hanouneh

**This Epistle reader:** Diana Aldada

**Next week Teen ushers:** Brittany Turk, Andrew Hanouneh, Jessica Alchammas, Merolla Youssef, Youssef Youssef, Nadime Youssef, Katrina Fakhouri, Yasmeeen Riskallah, Lylac Joellson, Richard Tierney

**Next week Epistle reader:** Marianne Hanouneh

**Altar boys serving this week:** Samir Khamis, Joseph Attalah, Andrew Bahbah.

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### **Quote from the Saints**

"Send your treasures to the heavenly storage room. Deposit your wealth in God's Bank, distributing it to the poor, the orphans and the widows, so that you can receive a million times more in the Second Coming of Christ."

-- *Elder Joseph the Hesychast*

### **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

#### **Teen SOYO meeting after church**

#### **Life Touch**

#### **Need help connecting names and faces?**

Good news, we are doing a new pictorial directory, our last one is 4 years old, a bit out of date. Photography will take place **November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) & 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** in our parish hall. **Signups** will start next weekend or you can go to our church website [www.st-mark-church.org](http://www.st-mark-church.org) and schedule your appointment anytime. More details to follow next week.

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

### This Week

**Tuesday October 3**, Becoming Truly Human 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday October 4**, Vespers 6:30 p.m.

**October 6, 7, 8 Diocese of the West Fall Gathering, hosted by St. Timothy Orthodox Church of Fairfield CA.** This is an annual meeting of representatives of Teen SOYO, Antiochian Women and Young Adult Ministry. St. Mark's should be represented for all three groups. Information regarding registration and hotel accommodations is available on our information table. You may also access this at [www.antiochianladiocese.org](http://www.antiochianladiocese.org) (click on Diocesan Fall Gathering at the right side of the page).

### Next week

**Sunday October 8, Parish Annual Meeting:** 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 2018 Budget, hear organization reports (copies of these are in today's bulletin) and elect three new Council Members. The deadline for nominations was September 27. The list of nominees for next week's election are: Marwan Dabit, Melad Hanna, Richard Jirjis and Jerri Mamey. In accordance with our Parish Constitution, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

**Monday October 9,** Parish council meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday October 10,** Becoming Truly Human 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday October 11,** Vespers 6:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Services & Events

**November 4, Annual Food and Wine Tasting** (see flyer for more information)

#### **2018 Sweetheart Ball: Prospective Debutantes and Parents**

The Ladies' Society of St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Cathedral is now preparing to host the 56th Sweetheart Ball to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Universal Hilton Hotel.

Your experience as a debutante will be most memorable, filled with a variety of activities! Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to share this amazing experience with you this coming year. Debutantes must be at least 15 years old by October 1, 2017.

If you are interested in becoming a debutante in the Sweetheart Ball please email or call me as soon as possible. The deadline to sign up is October 15th, 2017.

Much Love,

Caren Deeb Kouri [auntylulu@aol.com](mailto:auntylulu@aol.com) (818-399-8899)

### **Arabic Lessons at our Church**

**Lilian Zeidan** is offering Arabic Lessons for ages Kindergarten to High school. The lessons are after Church School on Sunday at 12:00 noon for kids up to 7 years old, and from 1- 3 pm for adults. If you are interested please call Lilian Zeidan at 714-721-4148 or email her at [lilianzeidan@yahoo.com](mailto:lilianzeidan@yahoo.com)

## **Orange County Forum**

A place for Orthodox Christian young adults in the OC area, married and single, to have fellowship, fun and engage in social and service activities. This group serves to foster the unity of faith, love and friendship between the Orthodox young adults in the community with discussion, speakers and fun social events. Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/OrangeCountyForum> for a list of scheduled events and more information. Our next gathering will be on October 10 at St. Mark Church at 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.

## **St. Ananias the Apostle (October 1)**

“Ananias” is the Greek form of Hananiah, which is Hebrew for “Yahweh [God] is gracious.” In accordance with to God’s revelation (Acts 9:10-17), he baptized Saul (the Apostle Paul). Because of his courageous preaching of the Gospel, Ananias was stoned to death in the town of Eleutheropolis. His holy relics were taken to Damascus and later to Constantinople. Ananias’ famous house still exists today, located about one mile from the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) and the headquarters of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch in Damascus, Syria. The house is now the Chapel of Saint Ananias, located on the “Street Called Straight,” resting 16 feet below ground at the level of the Roman street in the first century.