

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

Archpriest Michael Laffoon, Priest Patrick Irish

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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 8, 2017

RIGHTEOUS MOTHER PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF ANTIOCH

& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

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 for St. Pelagia in the Eighth Tone: Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; 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 33:22,1) Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-11) Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor, his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 17.48, 50) It is God who avenges me. God magnifies the salvation of his king; and deals mercifully with his anointed.

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 Randy Dabbah for the health and salvation of his wife, May and sons James and Matthew. His mother, Suhaila and all his Family. As well as all the victims and all those affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas

Coffee hour is given today by the Coffee Hour Committee

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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's Teen ushers: : Brittany Turk, Andrew Hanouneh, Jessica Alchammas, Merolla Youssef, Youssef Youssef, Nadime Youssef, Katrina Fakhouri, Yasmeen Riskallah, Lylac Joellson, Richard Tierney

This week's Epistle reader: Marianne Hanouneh

Next week Oct. 15th Epistle Reader: Chadi Tarazi

Greeters: Nicole Fakhouri, Jessica Alchammas, Richie Tierney

Collection: Paul Habeeb Jr., Nicholas Habeeb, Merolla Youssef, Nour Youssef.

Communion: Efstathios Geronikolaou, Nadim Youssef, Katrina Fakhouri

Dismissal: Yasmine Rizkallah, Christiana Habeeb

Altar boys serving this week: Andrew Khamis, Alex Turk, Jay Skaff, Paul Rodriquez.

Altar boys serving next week: James Bahbah, Peter Williams, Nicholas Bahou, Youssef Youssef.

Quote from the Saints

"Reverence with all the powers of your soul all the sacraments, and say to yourself in respect to every sacrament before the celebration or the communion of it: 'This is God's mystery. I myself am only the unworthy witness or partaker of it.'" -- St. John of Kronstadt

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

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! We will vote on a 2018 Budget, hear organization reports and elect three new Council Members. The deadline for nominations was September 27. The list of nominees for election is: Marwan Dabit, Melad Hanna, Richard Jirjis and Jerri Mamey. In accordance with our Parish Constitution, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

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 5th (Sunday) & 6th (Monday)** and **7th (Tuesday)** in our parish hall. You can **Sign up today** during the coffee hour with Lydia at the table set up at the hall, or you can go to our church website www.st-mark-church.org and schedule your appointment anytime.

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

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.

Next week

Sunday October 15, Ladies meeting after church

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Tuesday October 17, Becoming Truly Human 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday October 18, Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Saturday October 21, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, see flyer for more details

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday October 22, BCA Luncheon, more information in the flyer included

Sunday October 29, Join the TEEN for a delicious Mexican Halloween luncheon!
No "tricks...Just treats"! Cost: \$5.00 per person (Children 5 & under are free)
After the luncheon is served we will have a Halloween piñata for the youngsters.

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 (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

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. Pelagia the Righteous (October 8)

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.