

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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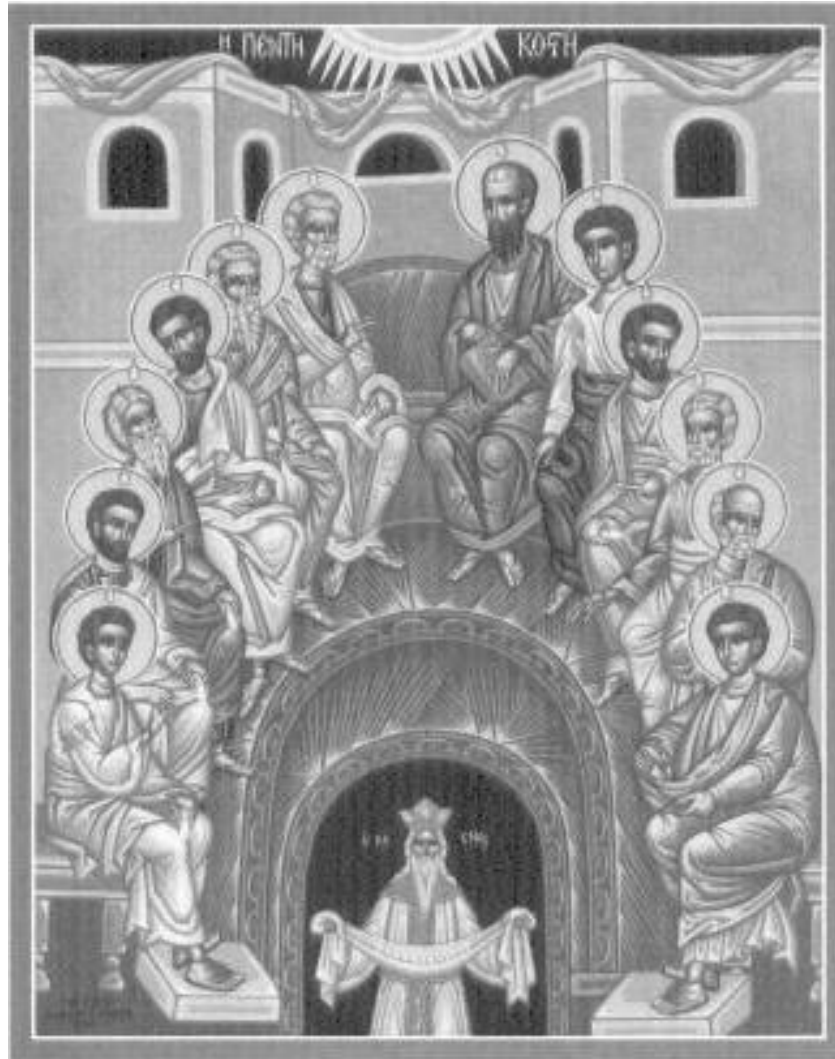
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MAY 27, 2018
PENTECOST SUNDAY

REFRAIN OF SECOND ANTIPHON FOR PENTECOST

O Good Comforter, save us who sing to thee. Alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Priest: Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength. We will sing and praise thy power.

People: Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to thee. Alleluia.

Choir: Troparion of Pentecost in the Eighth Tone: Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to thee.

Priest: Kontakion of Pentecost in the Eighth Tone: When the high One descended, confusing tongues, he divided the nations. And when he distributed the fiery tongues he called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

Instead of "Holy God..." we sing "As many as have been baptized into Christ ..."

Prokeimenon (18:4, 1) Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God

Section from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 32: 613) By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. The Lord looks down upon the earth from heaven.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (7:37-52, 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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OTHER CHANGES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing "*O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.*" (Tone 7)

Communion hymn: "Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the right land. Alleluia."

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing the Troparion of Pentecost.

An abbreviated form of the Pentecost Kneeling Vespers will be prayed immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Holy Oblations are offered today by Fr. Michael and Kh. Donna for their mothers Emilie (May 20) and Ruth (May 27) on the occasion of their birthdays:

Coffee Hour is given today by the Coffee Hour Committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, Seham Aldada, George Aldada (the elder), 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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Ushers this week: : Don Skaff & Melad Hanna

Ushers next week: Austin Turk & Roger Tierney

Altar boys serving this week: George Bahbah, Andrew Azzam, Richard Tierney, Youssef Youssef, Andrew Bahbah, Anderew Hanouneh.

Altar boys serving next week: Paul Rodriquez, Paul Habeeb, Nicholas Habeeb, Jeries Hanna, Anthony Saadeh, Dave Tax Jr.

Quote from the Saints

"The Kingdom of Heaven is peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit. Acquire inward peace, and thousands around you will find their salvation." -- St. Seraphim of Sarov

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/christened 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 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!

Church Directory 2018, is available on the table by the bulletin board for the families who didn't get one. Your free will donation is appreciated.

Lost and Found: Please check the box of lost and found at the hall for we have big black jackets and other stuff.

2018 St. Mark Stewardship Pledge Update!

Congratulations!!! We did it!! We achieved our goal of \$205,000 in pledges for St. Mark's! Thank you to the 139 families who turned in their pledge cards and everyone else who supports the parish!

Thank you to our newest pledging families: Imad & Arij Alchammas, Protodeacon George Moubayed, and Carlos & Rhonda Rodriguez

We do continue to accept pledge cards throughout the year. Additional pledge cards are available in the back of the church and can be dropped off in the white box between the church and the hall. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask a parish council member.

In Christ,

St. Mark Stewardship Committee

This Week

Monday May 28, Memorial Day (Church Office is closed)

Tuesday May 29, 6:30 pm **Journey to Fullness**

Wednesday May 30, Vespers 7:00 pm

Next week

Sunday June 3, Last Day of Church School

Monday June 4, Apostles fast starts.

Tuesday June 5, 6:30 pm **Journey to Fullness**

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday June 10, Church School Awards Program

Saturday June 30, Antiochian Women's Brunch

Diocese Of Los Angeles & The West 66th Annual Parish Life Conference

Hosted by: St. George Church; Portland, OR Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach – **July 4 – 8, 2018**. Please see Registration Form and Souvenir Journal Order Form on the table by the bulletin board in the church hall.

We are trying to form a **Grief Support Group** for adults dealing with loss. The proposed meeting day/time is Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Please contact Tammy Qutami if you would like to participate, or have questions: (714) 322-2954 or tammyrq3@gmail.com.

St. Nichols Summer Camp sign-ups are now open!

Session 1: **July 15 - 21**

Session 2: **July 22 - 28**

Session 3: **July 29 - Aug 4**

All parents with children from 8-18 years of age are encouraged to sign them up at Campstnicholas.com to sign your kids up! The kids make friends and memories that will last a lifetime while learning about their faith!

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.

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 Pentecost

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles
