

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

17840 Sky Park Circle, Irvine CA 92614 (949) 851-8933

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, Deacon Nicholas Mamey

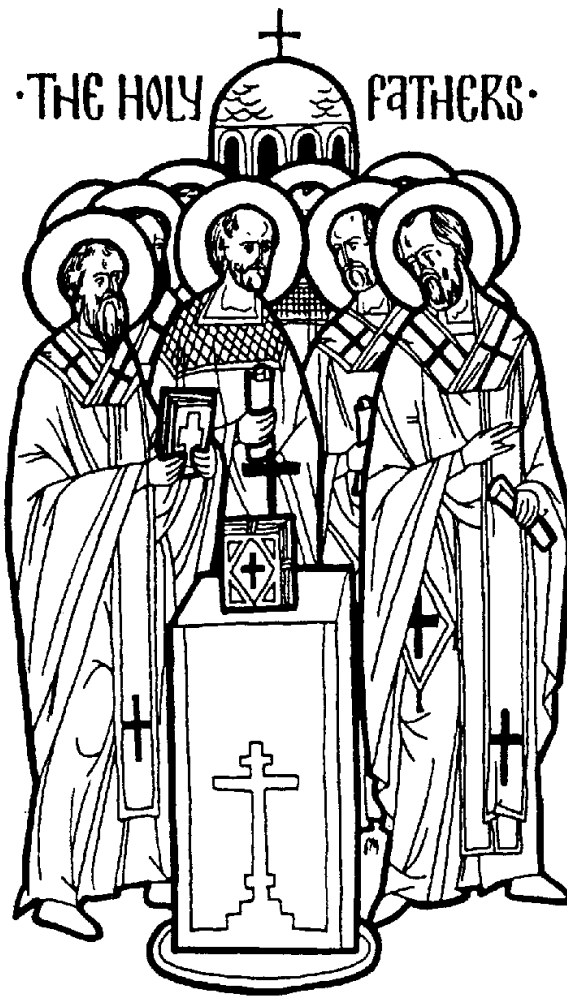
Sub Deacon Athanasius Fakhouri

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



**JULY 15, 2018**

**FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (BASIL) OF KIEV, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**All: Troparion of the Resurrection the Sixth 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 Holy Fathers in the Eighth Tone** Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

**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.

**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.

+++++

**Prokeimenon** (Psalm 31.11,1) Tone 8: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

### **Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus (3:8-15)**

Brethren, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

**Alleluia Verse** (Psalm 43:1,7) O God, we have heard with our ears. You have saved us from those who afflict us.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)**

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Amen."

+++++

**Holy Oblations are offered today by** Austin, Saeda, Anthony, and Alex Turk for the health and salvation of Stephanie Turk on the occasion of her birthday, by Lydia, Ibrahim, Charlie, & Michael Wakileh for the health and salvation of Christopher on the occasion of his birthday and for our sister Esperance Hadshiti on her birthday today, by grandparents Anton & Keitie Turk for their granddaughters Stephanie and Britney and son in law David Tannous on the occasion of their birthdays, and by Juliana, Adella & Emile Tannous for David on his birthday.

**Coffee Hour is given today by the Coffee hour committee.**

+++++

*Please remember in your prayers: Theo Whitehead, Michael Debbas, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, Seham Aldada, George Aldada (the elder), Adele Bahbah and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted with disease and violence.*

+++++

<p><b>Ushers this week:</b> Marwan Dabit &amp; Gabriel Attallah</p> <p><b>Ushers next week:</b> Sleiman Aldada &amp; Sam Kishek</p> <p><b>Altar boys serving this week:</b> Paul Youssef, Chadi Tarazi, Salim Elsayegh, Joseph Haffty, Alex Haffty, Seth Skaff, John Jirjis</p> <p><b>Altar boys serving next week:</b> Andrew Khamis, Michael Yaghnam, Sebastian Skaff, Matthew Kalache, Adam Erdkamp, Dominic Benjamin.</p>
---

## **Quote from the Saints**

The science of sciences and the art of arts is the mastery of evil thoughts. The best way to master them is to see with spiritual vision the fantasy in which the demonic provocation is concealed and to protect the mind from it. It is just the same as the way in which we protect our bodily eyes, looking sharply about us and doing all we can to prevent anything, however small, from striking them.

*St. Hesychios the Priest, On Watchfulness and Holiness*

## **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!

Please check Lost N Found box at the church hall.

#### This Week

**Wednesday July 18, NO Vespers** (Father Michael is attending the Archdiocese Clergy Symposium in Pennsylvania)

The Antiochian Women at St Barnabas are opening this event to neighboring parishes.

Please join us on **SATURDAY, JULY 21, AT 7 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall for dinner. We have invited our dear **Father Wayne** to speak to us. His topic includes "**Loss, Love, and Anticipating Paradise.**" No doubt this will be an evening that we can ALL relate to in our own ways -- a special time of camaraderie as we get to spend time with Father, listen to his heartfelt words, and join in a discussion. Please bring something yummy to add to the potluck dinner. We'd really like to have a large number of people attend, so please plan to be there, and invite someone to join you. RSVP, only if you ARE attending.  
[stbarnabaswomen@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabaswomen@gmail.com)

God bless you, dear sisters!

#### Next week

**Wednesday July 25, NO Vespers**

## Upcoming Services & Events

### **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 8-18years of age are encouraged to sign them up at [Campstnicholas.com](http://Campstnicholas.com) to sign your kids up!** The kids make friends and memories that will last a lifetime while learning about their faith!

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](mailto:tammyrq3@gmail.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.

### **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.

### **Saint of the Day, Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles of Kiev (July 15)**

Grandson of Saint Olga, Saint Vladimir ascended the throne of Kiev in 980. Though a zealous idolater, he was illumined by the grace of God, accepted the Christian Faith, and completely changed his ways. He was baptized in Cherson in 988, receiving the name Basil; he came forth from the font not only healed of a blindness lately afflicting him, but also from being passionate and warlike, he became meek, peaceable, and exceedingly godly. Whereas his grandmother had refused marriage with the Emperor in Constantinople (see July 11), he married Anna, sister of the Emperors Basil and Constantine, and was accompanied home by priests from Constantinople. Diligently seeking to spread Christianity throughout his realm like a new Constantine, he destroyed the idols (having the chief diety Perun scourged and then cast into the Dnieper River), and summoned all his subjects to Holy Baptism. He reposed in peace in 1015.