

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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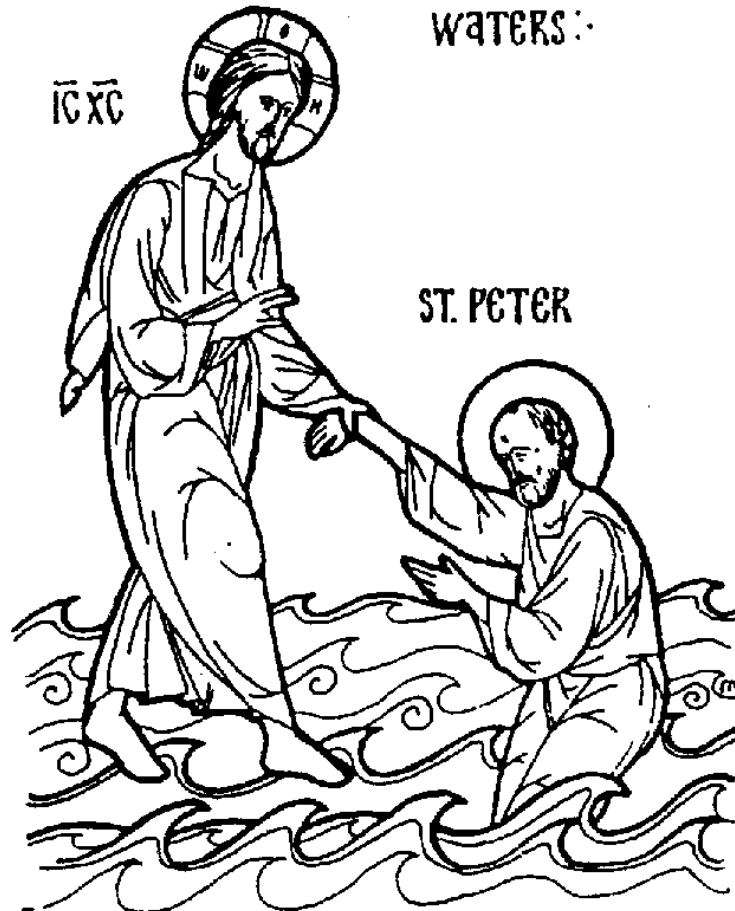
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JULY 29, 2018

NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

HOLY MARTYR KALLINIKOS OF ROME

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

All: 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.

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.

Priest: Kontakion of Transfiguration in the Seventh Tone: Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the radiant Splendor of the Father.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 75.11,1) Tone 8: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 94.1-2) Tone 8: 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.

Reading from the gospel according to St Matthew (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was in the middle of the sea, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, saying, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the mighty wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind became calm. And those in the boat came and worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Mary Dibs and family for the soul of her husband George, departed this life 20 years, by the Laffoon and Whitacre families for Luke Whitacre on the occasion of his birthday (August 2), and by Michael and Charlotte Khoury for the soul of Charlotte's mother Amineh and for the health and salvation of their family.

Coffee Hour is given today by the Coffee hour committee.

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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.

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Ushers this week: Dimitry Kort & Randy Dabbah
Ushers next week: Don Skaff & Melad Hanna
Altar boys serving this week: Jay Skaff, Nour Youssef, George Aldada, Efsathios Geronikilaou, John Hanouneh
Altar boys serving next week: George Bahbah, Andrew Azzam, Richard Tierney, Youssef Youssef, Andrew Bahbah, Andrew Hanouneh.

Quote from the Saints

"But I say to you," the Lord says, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you." Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.

St. Maximus the Confessor

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

FOCUS Food Pantry at the Valencia Inn, Anaheim. Volunteers are needed to help distribute food from p.m. to p.m. ???

Fr. Michael is the Guest Speaker at the monthly gathering of the Friends of St. Barbara Monastery in Santa Paula. Vespers is sung at 4:00 p.m., followed by a talk on Holy Chrismation and a pot-luck dinner.

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

Dormition Fast begins on Wednesday August 1. During this Fast the Church prescribes the following fast: we abstain from all meat, dairy products (including eggs), fish, wine and olive oil (in some traditions olive oil is allowed). Shellfish may be eaten throughout the fast. Wine and olive oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays only. Please make every effort to fast according to the best of your ability and to come to the Sacrament of Holy Confession during this holy season!

Wednesday August 1, 7:00 p.m. Vespers and Lesser Blessing of Waters.

Friday August 3, 7:00 p.m. Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos

Next week

Monday August 6, Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Feast of Transfiguration (9:00 a.m. Orthros)

Wednesday August 8, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Friday August 10, 7:00 Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos

Sunday August 12, Parish Council Meeting

Upcoming Services & Events

Tuesday August 14, Evening Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos at 6:30 p.m.

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.

DUELING PIANOS DINNER & SHOW, Saturday, September 22 from 6-10 pm. Join us for our annual fundraising dinner at San Juan Hills Golf Club as we host a Dinner and Sing-Along Show! First enjoy a delicious dinner and then you'll enjoy a high energy, all request, sing along clap along, Rock N Roll comedy piano show where the audience is just as much part of the show as the entertainers. Don't forget to bring your song requests!! There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and all proceeds benefit St. Mark Orthodox Church. The first 100 tickets sold receive a box of Girl Scout Cookies! Tickets are \$60 per ticket if paid before 9/9 and \$70 per ticket if paid after 9/9. For sponsorship packages, see Nelson Mamey. Contact anyone from the event committee for more information: Barbara Khamis, Jerri Mamey, Kyra Pelachik, Paula Rodriguez, Barbara Scholl or Rima Tarzi. Don't miss out on this one of a kind, fun sing along night

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

Holy Martyr Kallinikos of Rome

Saint Kallinikos was from Cilicia. Because he preached Christ and turned many pagans away from the idols, he was seized by Sacerdon the Governor, who subjected him to many tortures, then had him shod with shoes in which nails had been fixed upright, and compelled him to run to the city of Gangra, where he was burned alive in a furnace.