

# St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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*Church School after Holy Communion*



**OCTOBER 21, 2018**

**VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT OF PALESTINE**

## HYMNS AFTER THE ENTRANCE

**Troparion for the Resurrection in the Fourth Tone:** Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**Troparion of St. Hilarion in the Eighth Tone:** The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**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 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 103.24, 1) O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 30.1, 2.) Tone: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord. To proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth by night.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:26-39)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gad'arenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters but the he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gad'-arenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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**Holy Oblations are offered by** Majed & Bunia Fasheh and family for the soul of Majed's brother in law Samir Batshon departed this life six months, by Samira and Gabi Attallah for the health and salvation of their children Joey and Daniel, and for the soul of Samira's brother Michael departed this life one year and for her mother's soul Julia departed this life 9 years, by Michael and Lucy Joellson for the health and salvation of their daughters Lylac and Sophia and family, and for Lylac's birthday (10/18), and by Emad and Mona Rizkallah for the health and salvation of their children Yasmeeen, Giselle, Daniel, and for Emad's mom Rose.

**Today's Coffee Hour is given by Majed Fasheh and family for 6 month memorial of Samir Batshon. Memory Eternal.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, 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: Teen SOYO**

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**Altar boys serving this week:** Paul Habeeb, Nicholas Habeeb, Jeries Hanna, Anthony Saadeh, Dave Tax Jr., Antoine Maalouli, Chadi Maalouli.

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### **Quote from the Saints**

"... we can see both that love for God is begotten from the virtues and that virtues are born of love. For this reason the Lord said at one point in the Gospels, 'He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me' (Jn. 14:21), and at another point, 'He who loves Me will keep My commandments' (cf. Jn. 14:23)."

-- *St. Gregory Palamas*

### **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.

**At last week's Parish Annual Meeting**, we passed a budget for 2019 and elected Michael Khoury, Lew Malouf, and Jerri Mamey as new Parish Council members for 3 year terms. Dana Chade was appointed for a one year term by Fr. Michael.

### Today

**Teen SOYO Meeting**, after Liturgy. Today is also Special Olympics Awareness Day. The Teens will be asking your help to support this service project.

**Antiochian Women Meeting** after Liturgy

**The first meeting of the 2018-19 Parish Council was held last Monday October 15.** The following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman: Austin Turk; Vice-Chairman Lew Malouf; Secretary: Jerri Mamey

Treasurer: Marwan Dabit

Asst Treasurers: Melad Hanna, Richard Jirjis, Michael Khoury

With the other Council members, Lori Nour, Mark Ellis and Dana Chade, they will installed after Liturgy today.

**This Week**

**Tuesday October 23, 6:30 p.m. Adult Education**

**Wednesday October 24, 7:00 p.m. Vespers**

**Saturday October 27, BCA Walk at Lake Mission Viejo, see flyer included.**

**Next week**

**Sunday October 28, BCA Luncheon, sponsored by the Antiochian Women of St. Mark**

**Tuesday October 30, 6:30 p.m. Adult Education**

**Wednesday October 31, 7:00 p.m. Vespers**

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. St Mark Annual Wine and Food Tasting, Please see flyer for more information.**

**Upcoming Services & Events**

**Saturday November 10, Young Adult Retreat (see flyer for more information)**

**Sunday November 18, Men's Club Tarneeb Tournament, 2:00 p.m. See flyer for 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.

Dear St. Mark Church (YX817),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (YX817) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll online as always or if

you do not have access to the online sign-up method, **please call 1-800-443-4438** we will be happy to register for you by using the **new number** or the **name of your organization**.

If you have any questions, please email [community.programs@ralphs.com](mailto:community.programs@ralphs.com) or visit our website at <https://www.ralphs.com> .

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,  
Community Rewards Staff.

**Saint of the Day: Hilarion the Great (October 21)** This Saint was born at Tabatha, near Gaza in Palestine, of pagan parents. Sent as a young man to Alexandria to be educated, he learned the Christian Faith and was baptized. While in Egypt he heard the fame of Saint Anthony the Great, and upon meeting that truly great man, the Father of monks, Saint Hilarion determined to devote himself also to the ascetical life. He returned to Gaza, when, he gave himself over to extreme fasting and unceasing prayer. Because of the miracles which he soon began to work, he found himself compelled by his growing renown to leave Gaza, to escape from the throngs of people coming to ask his prayers. In his journeys he visited Egypt, and came again with longing to the place where Saint Anthony had lived; but he was not able to remain in any one place for long, since despite all his attempts to conceal himself, the light of the grace that was in him could not be hid. After passing through Egypt and Libya, and sailing to Sicily, he came at last to Cyprus, where he ended the course of his life at the age of eighty, in the year 372.