

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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*Church School after Holy Communion*



**NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

**VENERABLE IOANIKIOS THE GREAT OF MOUNT OLYMPUS**

## HYMNS AFTER THE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Resurrection in 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 St. Ioankios the Great 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 Ioanikios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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.

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.

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**Prokeimenon** Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1) O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

### **The Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:4-10)**

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages, he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 90:1,2) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High shall live in the protection of the God of heaven. He shall say to the Lord: "You are my protector."

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31)**

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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**Holy Oblations are offered by Mariam Elqureh and family for the soul of their mother Loris Elqureh departed this year one year**

**Today's luncheon is sponsored by the Elqureh family for the one year memorial of Loris Elqureh.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Eleanor Wackeen, Michael Joubran, 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:** Sleiman Aldada & Sam Kishek  
**Ushers next week:** Demitri Kort & Randy Dabbah  
**Altar boys serving this week:** Andrew Khamis, Michael Yaghnam, Sebastian Skaff, Matthew Kalache, Dominic Benjamin.  
**Altar boys serving next week:** Jay Skaff, Nour Youssef, George Aldada, Efsthios Geronikilaou, John Hanouneh.

## **Quote from the Saints**

The soul that is given over to the will of God fears nothing; neither thunder nor thieves nor any such thing. Whatever may come, 'Such is God's pleasure,' she says. If she falls sick she thinks, 'This means that I need sickness, or God would not have sent it.' *Saint Silouan of Athos*

## **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

**Last night was our annual Wine and Food Tasting event.** Blessings on Giselle Awayjan and Austin Turk and their committee, and all who contributed and donated.

#### **Church School Boutique**

#### **Note from the President of the Antiochian Women of St. Mark**

Dearest Ladies,

We have only one week until our Pre-Thanksgiving all church Luncheon and there are so many important categories that have not been filled. We especially need TURKEY, HAM, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, SWEET POTATOES, and the ARABIC HASHWEH. Please take a look at the Email I have sent you, or the poster out in the hall and help our event by donating whatever you can. This Thanksgiving Luncheon is a chance for all of us to celebrate Thanksgiving together as a church family. I know I am grateful for all of you and the amazing family I have here at St Marks Church! Blessings to you all and I hope to see you here next Sunday Nov.11, for this wonderful event!

Denise Nassif

President

#### This Week

**Tuesday November 6, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education**

**Wednesday November 7, 6:30 p.m. Evening Liturgy for the Feast of Holy Archangels.**

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

*Next week*

**Sunday November 11**, Pre-Thanksgiving Annual Luncheon sponsored by the Antiochian Ladies of St. Mark. Please see flyer included in this bulletin for more information and please sign at the signup sheet at the church hall with your donated dish.

**Monday November 12**, 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday November 13**, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education

**Wednesday November 14**, 7:00 p.m. Vespers.

**Thursday November 15**, Advent begins.

**Friday November 16**, An evening with St. Raphael at 7:00 p.m.

*Upcoming Services & Events*

**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.

**November 4 –  
Ioanikios the Great**

Saint Ioanikios was born in Bithynia about the year 740. His father was named Myritrikes and his mother Anastaso. When he had reached maturity, he excelled in soldiery and was counted worthy of royal honors for his bravery. He had been brought up an iconoclast, but while yet a soldier, he was converted to Orthodoxy by a certain holy elder. He later forsook all things and departed for Mount Olympus, where he spent the remainder of his life in asceticism. Becoming great in virtue, he reposed in the Lord in the year 834, having lived some ninety-four years. To this Saint is ascribed the brief prayer, "The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O Holy Trinity, glory to thee."