

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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Church School after Holy Communion



JANUARY 20, 2019

VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection in the First Tone: While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of St. Euthymios in the Fourth Tone: Be glad, O barren one that hast not given birth; be of good cheer, thou that hast not travailed; for a man of desires hath multiplied thy children of the Spirit, having planted in them piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By the prayers of Euthymios, O Christ God, make our lives peaceful.

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.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ in the First Tone: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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Prokimenon: (Psalm 149:5, 1) The saints shall be joyful in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we

too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Alleluia Verses: (Psalm 111:1, 9) Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. His righteousness endures for ever.

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Lew Malouf for the soul of his sister Samia's husband Gregory Habib, who fell asleep in the Lord last Friday. Memory Eternal!

Today's Coffee Hour is given by The Coffee Committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Edward Deeb, 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: Dimitri Kort & Randy Dabbah

Ushers next week: Don Skaff & Melad Hanna

Altar boys serving this week: Jay Skaff, Nour Youssef, George Aldada, Efstathios Geronikilaou, John Hanouneh.

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

Quote from the Saints

"Have love; for what salt is to food, love is to every virtue." -- St. Euthymios the Great

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.

A NOTE TO OUR VISTORS

Welcome to St. Mark's! We are pleased to have you here with us today. Please be informed that only those Orthodox Christians who are prepared through prayer, fasting, and the sacrament of confession should approach the Chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" or intercommunion with other churches (non-Orthodox). If you have any questions concerning this, please talk to Father Michael before taking communion. Visitors are welcome to venerate the cross at the end of the service and to receive some of the blessed bread, if they so desire.

For Orthodox Christians to receive Holy Communion:

- You must be spiritually prepared and uphold the beliefs and moral teachings of the Church.
- You must keep the fast (Wednesday & Friday, and other fasting seasons)
- If married, your marriage must have been consecrated in the Orthodox Church.
- If (unfortunately) divorced, you must be formally restored to communion by the Church by confession and Episcopal decision.

If an Orthodox Christian has left the church, or has been absent from services for a long period, and is returning, he or she must see the priest prior to receiving the sacraments of the Church.

Today

The 2019 Church Calendars are available at the information table in the hall. Please, only one per family!

Sunday Church Ushers are needed at St. Mark. Both men and women are invited to serve as ushers on Sunday, please contact Isa Khamis ijk53@yahoo.com or (714) 904-2270.

This Week

Tuesday January 22, Adult Education 6:45 p.m. The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner, followed by presentation and discussion.

Wednesday January 23, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Friday January 25, 6:45 p.m. An evening with St. Raphael of Brooklyn begins with Potluck dinner and discussion after. Please see flyer included for more details.

Next week

Tuesday January 29, 6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy for Feast of Three Holy Hierarchs (Orthros at 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday January 30, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Saturday February 2, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday February 4, Super Bowl Viewing Party at St. Mark Church. Please see flyer included

Saturday February 9, Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Please see flyer included for more details.

Our monthly Newsletter (and other important information) can be found at the parish website www.st-mark-church.org

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. **And.... Do you use Amazon.com? You can have a percentage of your purchase go to St. Mark Church. All you need to do is go to smile.amazon.com and sign in with your existing account. On the home screen, click on "Supporting" and when asked to choose a charity type"St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church" and select that as your designated charity. When you shop on Amazon, be sure you are on the smile.amazon.com web page to start. One half of one percent of what you spend will be given to our parish.**

St. Euthymios the Great (January 20)

This Saint, who was from Melitene in Armenia, was the son of pious parents named Paul and Dionysia. He was born about 377. Since his mother had been barren, he was named Euthymios-which means "good cheer" or "joy"-for this is what his parents experienced at his birth. He studied under Eutroius, the Bishop of Melitene, by whom he was ordained and entrusted with the care of the monasteries of Melitene. Then, after he had come to Palestine about the year 406, he became the leader of a multitude of monks. Through him, a great tribe of Arabs was turned to piety, when he healed the ailing son of their leader Aspebetos. Aspebetos was baptized with all his people; he took the Christian name of Peter, and was later consecrated Bishop for his tribe, being called "Bishop of the Tents." Saint Euthymios also fought against the Nestorians, Eutychians, and Manichaeans. When Eudocia, the widow of Saint Theodosius the Younger, had made her dwelling in Palestine, and had fallen into the heresy of the Monophysites which was championed in Palestine by a certain Theodosius, she sent envoys to Saint Symeon the Stylite in Syria (see Sept. 1), asking him his opinion of Eutyches and the Council of Chalcedon which had condemned him; Saint Symeon, praising the holiness and Orthodoxy of Saint Euthymios near whom she dwelt, sent her to him to be delivered from her error (the holy Empress Eudocia is commemorated Aug. 13). He became the divine oracle of the Church, or rather, "the vessel of divine utterance," as a certain historian writes. He was the instructor and elder of Saint Sabbas the Sanctified. Having lived for ninety-six years, he reposed in 473, on January 20.

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I-TUNES (\$15 & 25'S)		\$55
SEE'S CANDIES \$20.50/LB		1 POUND
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An Evening with St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Please join us for an evening of learning as we read and discuss the writings of

Saint Raphael Bishop of Brooklyn

The readings and discussion will be conducted by

Protodeacon George Moubayed & Karim Youssef

in the Arabic Language as originally written.

When: Friday 6:45 pm January 25

**Where: St. Mark Church 17840 Sky Park Circle,
Irvine**

Pot Luck Lenten Dinner

For more information, please contact Austin Turk at 949-922-2350

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سيتم سماع قراءات من الشماس جورج مبيض في اللغة العربية كما كتب في الأصل.

St. Mark Men's Club
5th Annual Super Bowl Viewing Party

Sunday, February 3, 2019

3:00 p.m.

At

St. Mark Church Hall

Menu

Hot Chicken Wings, Chili, Pizza, Chips, Salsa & Dips, Cheese & Crackers,
Veggies, Dessert, Coffee, Water & Sodas
(Bring your Own Beer)

MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN ARE ALL WELCOME!

***MUST RSVP with Austin Turk at (949)922-2350 or Austinturk@aol.com
by February 1, Donation \$10 per Adult, \$5 Children 12 years old or under***

FOR ADDED FUN

There will be A Super bowl pool \$25 per square

Prizes:

\$100 for 1st quarter

\$100 for 2nd quarter

\$100 for 3rd quarter

\$200 for Final

**no need to be Present to win
purchase pool squares starting Sunday 1/13/2019
See Gus Awayjan to Purchase and/or Reserve Squares**