

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West

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Karim Youssef

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Teen Advisor: Fatin Fakhouri



JULY 14, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection in the Third Tone: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8: 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.

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 (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."

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Holy Oblations are offered today by The Fanous and Qushair families for the one year memorial of the soul of Foutine Fanous, by Nuha Qushiar & family for the soul of Foutine Fanous departed this life one year, by Ibrahim Wakileh and Aida Eadeh and their families for the souls of their sister Muna Wakileh and uncle Salim Wakileh. May their memory be Eternal! Holy oblations are offered by Lydia, Ibrahim, Michael, Charlie & Michelle Wakileh for son Chris and sister Esperance Hadshiti on the occasion of their birthdays and for the health and salvation of the family, and by Sedo Anton and Teta Keitie and the Turk family for Stephanie and Brittany on their birthdays

Coffee Hour is offered today by Leila and Joseph Fanous in memory of their mother Foutine Fanous and by the Wakileh family in memory of Mona and Salim Wakileh.

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Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Edward Deeb, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, Anton Turk, 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.

Ushers this week: Austin Turk & Fouad Tarazi

Ushers next week: Sleiman Aldada & Gabriel Attallah

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

Please make sure to pick up the **New 2019 Church Directory** from the table in the hall by the bulletin board.

This Week

Wednesday July 17, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Next week

Wednesday July 24, No Vespers (due to Archdiocese Convention)

July 21 to 27, Archdiocese Convention, Grand Rapids, MI

Upcoming Services & Events

Saturday September 21 2019, We have booked the San Juan Hills Golf Club for our annual fundraiser please save the date

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.

Aquila the Apostle among the 70 (July 14)

Saint Aquila, who was from Pontus of Asia Minor, was a Jew by race and a tent-maker by trade. In the year 52 he and his wife Priscilla were in Corinth when Saint Paul first came there. They gave him hospitality, and the Apostle remained with them for many days, himself working at the same trade as they (Acts 18:2-3). And having believed in Christ through Paul, they followed him from that time on, working together with him and suffering perils with him for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel, as he himself testifies concerning them in his Epistle to the Romans, saying: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nations" (Rom. 16:3-4). When and where they reposed is unknown.



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Pens (1 Package of 4)



Folders (1-5)



Crayons (1 Box of 8)



Glue Stick (1 Package of 4)



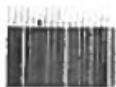
White Board Markers (1 Package of 4)



Binders (1-3)



Markers (1 Box of 12)



Ruler (1)



Colored Pencils (1 Box of 12)



Notebooks (1-3)



Index Cards (1 Pack of 3 1/2 x 5)

Eraser (1)



Your student will be looking forward to the first day of school, thank you!

If you would like to further assist your student with additional items such as nutritious meals, shoes, or haircuts please enclose a gift in addition to the \$10 requested for the cost of the backpack in the envelope provided. Gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Supper And Scripture

A MONTHLY DINNER FOR
YOUNG ADULTS AIMED
TOWARDS DISCUSSING TOPICS
THAT MATTER.

Coming August 22

Contact Dn. Nick Mamey for Details:

(949)677-6642

ESCAPE THE WORLD...

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT
PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT BARBARA
MONASTERY

Sept 7

INFO/RSVP TO: DN. NICHOLAS MAMEY
(949) 677-6642



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Disco & Dabke Night



Tickets & Location

\$70 Per Person by Sept 8
\$75 Per Person after Sept 8

San Juan Hills Golf Club
Providing a Beautiful Outdoor Evening Setting
32120 San Juan Creek Road
San Juan Capistrano

Dance

Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy
the music of Disco Baller Band

Dinner - 6 pm

Cocktails, Dinner & Dessert

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