

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West**

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Church Office Hours: M-F, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Website: [www.st-mark-church.org](http://www.st-mark-church.org)

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Karim Youssef

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Teen Advisor: Fatin Fakhouri

*Church School after Holy Communion*



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

**Venerable Kyriakos the hermit of Palestine Martyr Petronia and those with her in Palestine; Mother Mary the hermit of Palestine; Martyrs Gudelia, Casdous, Casdoa, Gargalus, Dada and Gobdelaas of Persia**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion for 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. Kyriakos in the First Tone:** Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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.

**Kontakion of the Theotokos in the Second Tone:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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

### **Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter 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. For 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.

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

**The Reading from the gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"

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**Holy Oblations are offered today** by Nicholas and Haya Bahbah on the occasion of their Uncrowning. They were married on September 1 at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral and by Austin and Saeda, Anthony and Stephanie Turk for the continued good health and blessings for Alex on the occasion of his birthday.

**Coffee Hour is offered today by the Coffee Hour Committee**

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*Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Edward Deeb, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, 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:** Don Skaff & Shouki Souri

**Ushers next week:** Teen SOYO

**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/chrismated 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

**Teen SOYO Bible Bowl study session.**

***This Week***

**Tuesday October 1, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education.** We are reading and discussing “Liturgy & Life” by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. Copies of the book are available in our Book Store. Pot-luck dinner begins the evening.

**Wednesday October 2, Vespers 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday October 5, St. Mark Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** See flyer for details.

***Next week***

**Sunday October 6, St. Mark Breast Cancer Awareness serving Breakfast.**

**Tuesday October 8, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education.** We are reading and discussing “Liturgy & Life” by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. Copies of the book are available in our Book Store. Pot-luck dinner begins the evening.

**Wednesday October 9, Vespers 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday October 12 the walk for BCA. Please see flyer included for more details.**

***Upcoming Services & Events***

**October 13, Parish Annual Meeting,** All communing adult Orthodox Christians, pledged to St. Mark for the current year are eligible to vote. We need your participation in this meeting! Plan to be there. We will vote on a 2020 Budget, hear organization reports and elect three new Council Members. If you would like to run for a Council seat, or suggest another member for nomination, please see Fr. Michael or one of the out-going Council members: Austin Turk, Mark Ellis, Lori Nour or Dana Chade. The list of nominees will be printed in the October 6 bulletin. In accordance with our Parish Constitution, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

**Sunday October 20, Church Picnic on the green belt.**

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Mark Annual Wine Tasting presented by Fr. John Finley. Please see flyer for more details.**

## **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.

### **Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine (September 29)**

This Saint was born in Corinth in 448. He went to Palestine to the Lavra of Euthymius the Great, but because of his youth was sent by Saint Euthymius to Saint Gerasimus; after the death of Saint Gerasimus he returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymius. Later he took on a more rigorous life of asceticism in the wilderness of Natoufa, where there was nothing to eat except the exceedingly bitter wild herb called squills, which, however, through his prayers, God made sweet for him and his disciple. He lived 107 years and reposed in the year 555.

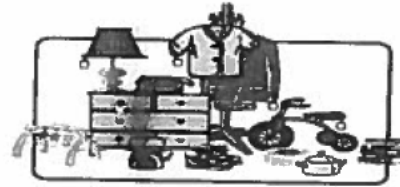
# Clean Your Garage and Send Your Donations

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## Church 1<sup>st</sup> YaRD sALe FUNdRaiSER

**Saturday  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
8 AM – 1 PM**



### Suggested Donations

**Donations can be dropped  
By appointment at church  
on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> or Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call/Text 714-721-7031  
For more information**

*Kids/Baby clothing, Toys,  
Women & Men clothing, shoes, household  
items, Knick knacks, small kitchen  
appliances, collectibles, antiques,  
Holiday Décor, Halloween customs,  
Sports equipment, Camping & Outdoor  
Gear, Office Décor, Framed Art,  
Paintings, games, small electronics, and  
Books*

*We cannot accept computers, mattresses, or large appliances*

*All Items should be clean and in good working condition,  
Unsold items will be donated after the Sale*

**\* How can you help?**

**Donate Items**

**Donate \$\$ for coffee and cookies**

**Volunteer your time & have fun selling**

**Hope to see you there!!**



# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Please join the Antiochian Women of St. Mark

In a fundraising walk for BCA

On

Saturday October 12, 2019

9:00 am to 11:00 am

We will meet at Bagels and Brew

23052 Alicia Parkway , Mission Viejo

We will walk around Mission Viejo Lake

“Boat rides after the walk are available at the Lake”

**WE WILL START THE WALK IMMEDIATELY**

**Dress Comfortably**

In order to participate in the walk , we ask that each members raises  
\$20.00

SUNDAY October 6, we will be serving

Breakfast in the Church Hall

If you like to join the Antiochian women of St. Mark

in this great cause, Please respond to

**Afifa Artoul (949) 600-3876**

**Email : [artoulafifa@gmail.com](mailto:artoulafifa@gmail.com)**



SAVE THE DATE

Church Picnic! Sunday, October 20, here at St. Mark

Food

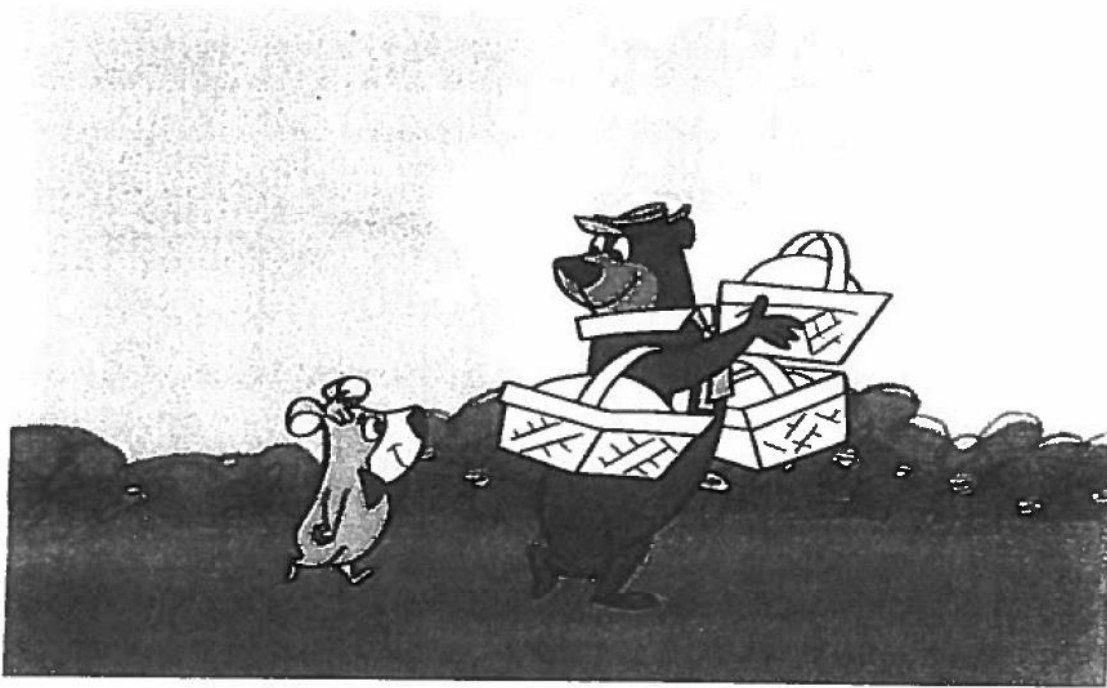
Games

Fellowship

Fun

If you would like to assist in planning and executing a great event,  
please contact Mark Ellis at 949 290 9965 (talk or text) or  
[mestudio56@gmail.com](mailto:mestudio56@gmail.com)

Thank you!





**ST. MARK CHURCH**

**ANNUAL DINNER & WINE TASTING**

PRESENTED BY: FR. JOHN & JANNIE FINLEY

**WHEN : SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND @ 7:00PM**

**WHERE: ST. MARK'S CHURCH HALL**

**(17840 SKY PARK CIRCLE, IRVINE, CA 92614 (949)851-8933**

**\$ 80.00 PER PERSON, IF TICKETS PURCHASED BEFORE**

**OCTOBER 27 TH. , AND \$ 90.00 AFTER THAT DATE!**

**COST INCLUDES: ELEGANT DINNER, WINE,**

**AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE SENSATIONAL SINGER STEVE JUSTICE**

**FOR YOUR EARLY RESERVATIONS CONTACT GISELE AWAYJAN@ (951) 454-4177**