

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

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**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

**THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL**

**AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**All: Troparion of the Resurrection the Fifth Tone:** Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel in the Fourth Tone:** O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy, beseech you that by your petitions ye encompass us with the shadow of your immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly: Deliver us from oppressions, since ye art the princes of the ranks of dominions on high.

**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 Fourth Tone:** The most pure temple of the Savior, the very precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today in the house of the Lord. She bringeth with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

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**Prokimenon:** He makes His angel's spirits and His ministers flames of fire. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:2-10)**

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own Will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the Son of man, that Thou carest for Him? Thou didst make Him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus, Who for a little while was made

lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**Alleluia Verses:** I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, for ever, For you have said: "Mercy shall be built up for ever."

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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**Holy oblations are given today by Austin and Saeda Turk and family, on mother Gladys Khoury's 3rd year memorial:Memory eternal! And by June Anter for Tony and Paula Rodriguez on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.**

**Until further notice, there is no Coffee Hour.**

*Please remember in your prayers: Eleanor Wackeen, Yuri Sidorenko, Jamal El-Sayegh, Tarek Fakhouri, Adele Bahbah, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.*



### **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.

### **Today**

**Please remember that even in the midst of this difficult period, the expenses of the parish continue. It is important that we send in our donations and pledges via U.S. mail, or if you prefer to pay by credit card go to our new parish web page [www.st-mark-church.org](http://www.st-mark-church.org) and click on “Donate” We are working to keep our expenditures as low as possible until things return to a more normal state.**

### **This Week**

**Wednesday Vespers 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday Vespers 4:00 p.m.**

### **Quote from the Saints**

“For the Church is not a barber’s shop nor a perfume shop nor any other workshop in the markets, but a place of angels, a place of archangels, Kingdom of God, heaven itself.”

*St. John Chrysostom*

### **The Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven**

All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is

also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honouring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures, where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him -(Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided into nine orders which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

### **Regarding Church Attendance**

We have been enabling parish members to sign up for purposes of attending Sunday Divine Liturgy. There is a limited total number of attendees (60). To sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CABAB29A4FF2-sunday>. Holy Services will continue being live-streamed at <https://livestream.com/accounts/13863088/events/9076624?t=1586211820473>

We are implementing this partial re-opening using the guidelines from the State of California and from our Metropolitan. These are summarized below. Please read these guidelines carefully and follow them. We will continue to live stream all services until we all can be together again. For those attending services, please work diligently to be at church on time. It is a gift to be able to come together again so let's start with "Blessed is the Kingdom" at 10 AM. You are also welcome to join us for Matins at 8:45 AM.

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Greetings St Mark Parish, here is an update on the status of our St Mark Scrip Program.

Since March 2020, due to the pandemic situation, the activity of the scrip program has been very minimal. As a support to the fundraising program, we introduced the E-Scrip opportunity to parishioners. E-Scrip allows members to access gift cards instantly and pay directly thru the smart phone app. The contribution from each retailer remains the same, whether purchased as a physical card or E-Scrip.

Thus far we have had minimal participation on the E-Scrip program, only 7 parishioners have enrolled, with unfortunately no activity from any of the 7 parishioners.

The Smile.Amazon program has been ongoing and we have had participation there. The last quarterly contribution we received from Amazon was 08/13/2020, for the amount of \$42.65, and prior to that, 05/21 \$37.74; 02/20 \$44.49. We would love to encourage more and more members to use Smile.Amazon and select St Mark as the recipient.

The Ralphs/Food4Less Contribution Program is going strong. As of Oct 6, the Ralphs Program has 9 households enrolled, and Food4Less has 18 HH enrolled. The most recent contributions received for the last quarter (06/01-08/31), was received Sept 15 2020: Ralphs Rewards contribution was \$36.56 and Food4Less was \$221.

Current On Hand Inventory of Physical Cards at Church as of 10/06:  
\$4130 in Value

Current Wells Fargo Account Balance as of 10/06: \$5169.18.

Your Support is Appreciated!

Respectfully Submitted By

Saeda Turk

St Mark Scrip Coordinator

**SUPPORT ST MARK CHURCH**  
**PLEASE CALL RALPHS & JOIN THE CONTRIBUTION**  
**PROGRAM 5% EARNINGS**  
**USE OUR NEW NPO #YX817**  
**800-443-4438 RALPHS SIGN UP**  
**11/08/2020**

**RESTAURANTS**

CHEESECAKE FACTORY	\$100
EL POLLO LOCO (\$10)	\$30
MIMIS CAFÉ	\$100
MAGGIANO'S/MACARONI GRILL/ CHILI'S / (25'S)	\$175
OLIVE GARDEN	\$50
SMASHBURGER (\$10'S)	\$30
TACO BELL (\$10'S)	\$30

**GAS STATIONS**

ARCO	\$800
CHEVRON	\$650
EXXON/MOBIL	\$500
SHELL	\$800
76 UNOCAL (\$100's)	\$200

**CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES**

BLOOMINGDALE'S 100's	\$100
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy \$25	\$50
MACY'S (\$100's)	\$400
MARSHALL/ TJ MAX	\$50
ROSS (\$25'S)	\$50
SAKS 5TH AVENUE (\$50'S)	\$100
ULTA BEAUTY \$25'S	\$50
AMAZON.COM GIFT CARDS (\$25'S /100's)	\$0 <u>SHOP SMILE.AMAZON</u>
Visa® Five Back (\$50'& \$100 )	\$100

**FOOD MARKETS**

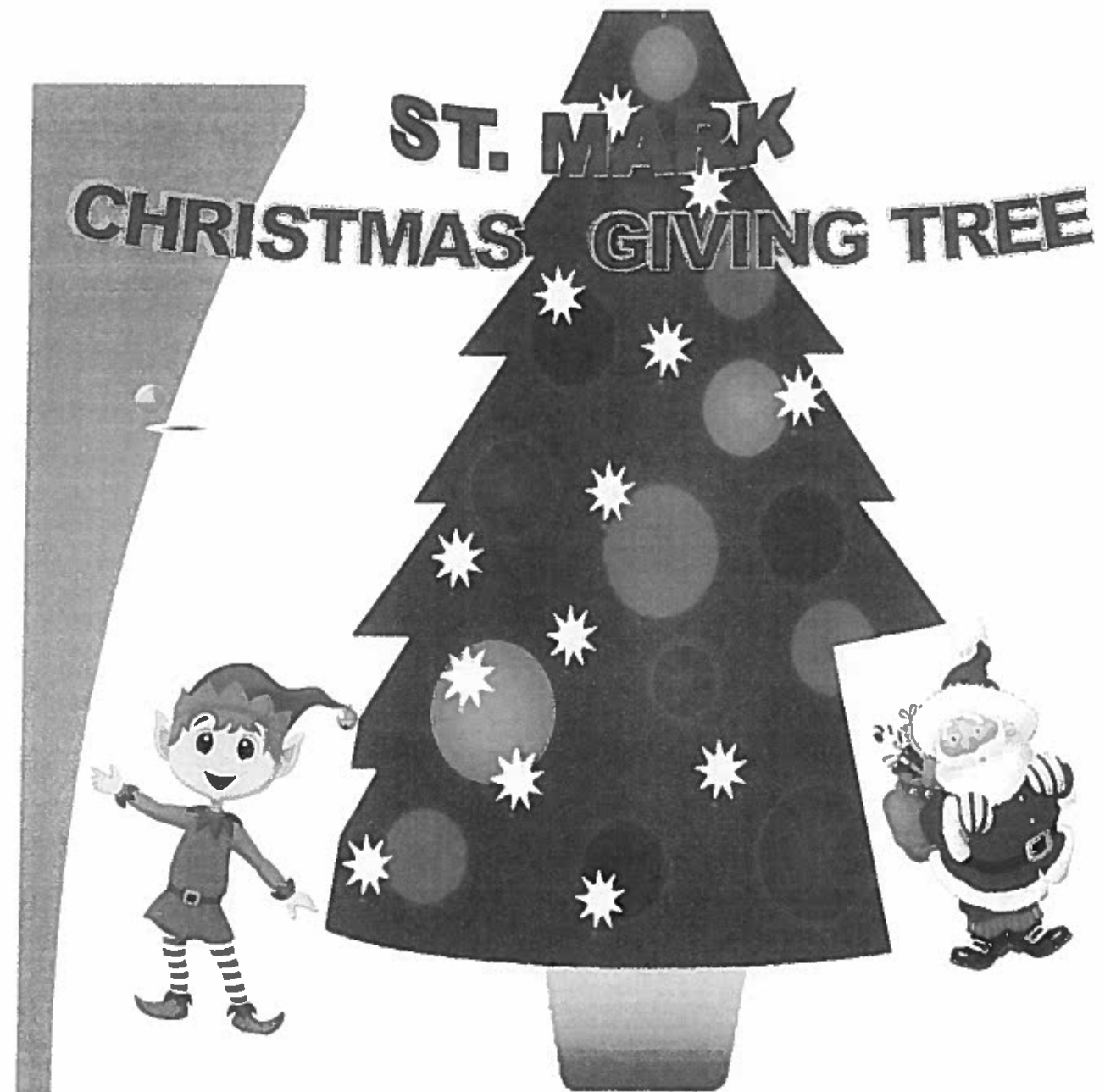
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET (\$50)	\$50
STATER BROTHERS	\$300
SMART N FINAL (\$50'S ONLY)	\$100

**SPECIALTY RETAIL STORES**

BED BATH & BEYOND	\$50
DISNEY STORES	\$150
HOME DEPOT	\$75
HONEYBAKED HAM	\$50
STARBUCKS (\$10 and \$25)	\$40
TARGET	\$0
WALMART \$25' AND 100'S	\$300

**SHOP SMILE.AMAZON.COM & CHOOSE ST.MARK Antiochian**  
**Orthodox Church FOR YOUR CHARITY ORGANIZATION**





Please support the ladies at the shelter of  
Grandma's House of Hope.

We are looking for gift card from Target, Walmart,  
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Contact Afifa Artoul at 949-600-3876

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Please return by December 13, 2020

# ST. MARK CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



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