

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West

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Church School after Holy Communion



JANUARY 12TH, 2020

THE SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

THE MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HER; MARTYR PETER

ABSALOM OF PALESTINE; VIRGIN-MARTYR EUTHASIA; AND

MARTYR MERTIOS OF MAURETANIA

SPECIAL REFRAIN OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who was baptized by John in the Jordan, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

During the Entrance: **Troparion of Epiphany in the First Tone:** When Thou O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee his beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of his word. O Christ, our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, Glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn: Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in 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 Epiphany in the First Tone: [Repeated]

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 Theophany in the Fourth Tone:** On this day thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon: (Psalm 32:22, 1) Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body

of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia Verses: (Psalm 88:1, 2) I will sing of you mercies, O Lord, forever. For you have said: "Mercy shall be built up forever."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles --the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Esperance Hadshiti for the soul of her husband Tony and for the souls of her brothers in law Foaud, Samir, Elias & Sammy, by the Turk family for wife, mother and grandmother Keitie on her birthday 1/9. Prayers are offered by Edna Deeb and the Najjar Family for the anniversary of Walid and Danice Najjar (January 14), the anniversary of Nicole and Mustapha Aitouaskri (January 19), and in loving memory of their father, Edward Deeb (January 11, 1997).

Coffee Hour is given today by the coffee hour committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Eleanor Wackeen, Jamal El-Sayegh, Francois & Maureen Maatouk, Tarek Fakhouri, Adele Bahbah, Paul Qaqundah, Theresa Joubran and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by disease and violence.

Ushers this week: Phillip Bahbah & Randy Dabbah

Ushers next week: James Goson & Paul Habeeb

Please call the Church Office to schedule your home and/or business for Blessing with the Theophany Water. The House blessing Season is from Theophany (January 6) to the start of the Triodion period (February 9).

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

The new Calendars for 2020 are here. Please take one per family from the table by the bulletin board.

Antiochian Women Holiday Luncheon

This Week

Monday January 13, 6:30 p.m. parish Council meeting

Wednesday January 15, Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Next Week s

Tuesday January 21, Adult Education 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday January 22, Vespers 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Services & Event

Sunday January 26, Antiochian Women Meeting

Tuesday January 28, Adult Education 6:45 p.m.

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.

St. Mark 2020 Stewardship Pledge Drive – We’re getting closer to our goal for the New Year!

Since we started the pledge drive, we’ve had a great response with 62 families turning in their 2019 Pledge cards! So far, we’ve raised \$112,240, which is approximately 50% of our goal of \$205,000. We still have some pledge cards out there so please take the time to fill them out today. Your financial pledge and commitment is important and supports the work of the church, the parish itself and those who work for St. Mark. We appreciate your prayers and support. Additional pledge cards are available in the back of the church and can be dropped off in the white box between the church and the hall. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to ask a parish council member.

In Christ,

St. Mark Stewardship Committee

Tatiana the Martyr of Rome (January 12)

Saint Tatiana was the daughter of a most distinguished consul of Rome. She became a deaconess of the Church, and for her confession of the Faith of Christ, she endured many torments. As she was suffering, angels punished her tormentors with the same torments they inflicted on her, until they cried out that they could no longer endure the scourges invisibly brought upon them. She was beheaded during the reign of Alexander Severus (111-135).

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1/12/2020

RESTAURANTS

CARL'S JR	(10'S)	\$30
CHEESECAKE FACTORY		\$100
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL	(10'S)	\$50
DEL TACO		\$30
EL POLLO LOCO (\$10)		\$30
EL TORITO/ACAPULCO		\$50
MIMIS CAFÉ		\$100
MAGGIANO'S/MACARONI GRILL/ CHILI'S / (25'S)		\$175
OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE		\$50
OLIVE GARDEN		\$50
PF CHANG		\$50
SMASHBURGER (\$10'S)		\$30
SUBWAY (10'S)		\$20
TACO BELL (\$10'S)		\$50

GAS STATIONS

ARCO		\$300
CHEVRON		\$0
EXXON/MOBIL		\$500
SHELL		\$0
76 UNOCAL (\$100's)		\$0

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES

BLOOMINGDALE'S	100's	\$100
EXPRESS CLOTHING STORES		\$0
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	\$50
MACY'S	(\$100's)	\$600
MARSHALL/ TJ MAX		\$50
NORDSTROM	\$100'S	\$0
ROSS (\$25'S)		\$100
SAKS 5TH AVENUE	(\$50'S)	\$100
SEPHORA COSMETICS (\$25'S)		\$50
AMAZON.COM GIFT CARDS (\$25'S /100's)		\$350 <u>SHOP SMILE.AMAZON</u>
Visa® Five Back	(\$50'& \$100)	\$0

FOOD MARKETS

ALBERTSON'S		\$200
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET (\$50)		\$0
STATER BROTHERS		\$0
SMART N FINAL	(\$50'S ONLY)	\$0
SUPER KING MARKET		\$100

SPECIALTY RETAIL STORES

BATH & BODY		\$50
BED BATH & BEYOND		\$50
DISNEY STORES		\$150
HOME DEPOT		\$125
HONEYBAKED HAM		\$50
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STARBUCKS	(\$10 and \$25)	\$105
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WALMART	\$25' AND 100'S	\$350

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St. Mark Pledge Drive 2020
Total Pledge cards 62
Total Pledges \$ 121,240
January 12, 2020

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MATTHEW & SOPHIA WHITACRE
PATRICK & SUSAN WILDE

Supper And Scripture

This month's topic:

Water, Fire ,Spirit **Exploring Baptism**



January 30, 6:30 PM

Contact Dn. Nick Mamey for Details:

(949)677-6642

Supper and Scripture is a monthly dinner for young adults aimed towards discussing topics that matter.