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

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Church School after Holy Communion

JANUARY 26TH, 2020

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

VENERABLE XENOPHON, HIS WIFE, MARY, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ARKADIOS AND JOHN, OF CONSTANTINOPLE; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Seventh Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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.

Clergy: **Kontakion of the Presentation** Tone 1: 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.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 28:11, 1) The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading from Saint Paul's First Letter Timothy (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Alleluia verse (Psalm 91.1, 2) it is good to give thanks to the Lord. To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your truth by night.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a

sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Samir, Afifa, Nahed, Joel, Hadiel, Richard, and Ness Artoul and by Michael Shanon and Thomas Munayyer for the soul of mom, mom-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rouida Salim Munayyer, departed this life on December 23rd, 2019 in Lod, Palestine. Memory Eternal! And by Nuha Qushair and family in memory of John, Issa, & Issam, and for good health for grandson Michael for his Birthday.

Luncheon is given today by Samir & Afifa Artoul and Mike Munayyer

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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: Melad Hanna & Richard Jirjis

Ushers next week: Maurice Karkar & Wael Kashou

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

Antiochian Women Meeting

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

Grades 9-12 Confessions today

Next Sunday Confessions for grades 7 & 8

This Week

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

Wednesday January 29, 6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy, (Vespers 5:00 p.m., Orthros 5:45 p.m.)

Thursday January 30, Supper And Scripture at 6:30 p.m. please see flyer included for more information

Friday January 31, Please join us for another beautiful evening growing our faith together as we learn from the writings of our beloved St Raphael. The evening will begin with a prayer service in Arabic in church and then we will enjoy a potluck Lenten dinner, followed by the teachings and discussion and hymns, led by our dear brother Karim. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Program Schedule for An Evening with St Raphael of Brooklyn Life & Writings

6:30 PM Prayers at Church (Paraklesis)
7:15 PM Pot Luck Dinner (Lenten)
7:45 PM Reading and discussions "Trust in God" (By Karim Yuseff)
8:30 PM Adjourn

No RSVP Needed, Please plan to attend.

Next Week

Sunday February 2, Feast of our Lord Presentation in the Temple

Sunday February 2, Super Bowl Viewing Party 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Services & Event

Saturday February 15 -17, 2020 Big Bear Retreat (Orthodoxy 24/7). Please see flyer included for more details.

Tarneeb Tournament, Sunday March 29, after Coffee Hour (mark the date)

Mark your calendar for the 68th Annual Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Parish Life Conference hosted by St. Nicholas Church – San Francisco, CA July 1st –July 5th 2020. Register on-line: www.laplc.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.

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 71 families turning in their 2019 Pledge cards! So far, we've raised $128,610, which is approximately 65% 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

Xenophon and His Companions (January 26)

This Saint, a wealthy nobleman of Constantinople, was filled with piety toward God. He had two sons, Arcadius and John, whom he sent to Beirut to study law. But they were shipwrecked during their voyage; barely saved, they forsook all things and departed for Palestine. Saint Xenophon and his wife Mary, ignorant of what had happened, went in search of their sons. On finding them in Jerusalem, dressed in the habit of monks, they also took up the monastic life. And thus, having completed their lives in holiness, they departed for the Lord about the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

St. Mark Pledge Drive 2020
Total Pledge cards 71
Total Pledges $ 128,610
January 21, 2020

SLEIMAN & SEHAM ALDADA
MAY ASALY
ANAHID AZZOUNI
ISSAM & AMIRA BACHAWATY
JACOB & VERA BAHBAH
PHILLIP & TARIZE BAHBAH
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EDWARD & DANA CHADE
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GEORGE & KRISTIN CHALA
VLADIMIR & JOANNA CHENDLER
SUE DABBAH
MARWAN & RULA DABIT
JOE & GOLDIE DARUTY
MATTHEW DARUTY
SCOTT & DIANE DARUTY
SAMIRA EISSA
CHARLOTTE EL-HINN
MARK & ANDREA EL-HINN
OMAR & FATIN FAKHOURI
CONSTANTINE GERONIKOLAOU
JAMES J. & CAROLE JO GOSON
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SAMIRA & RANA HAJJAR
RICHARD & VERA JIRJIS
SHAWKI & DOHA JIRJIS
MAURICE & NADIA KARKAR
LILIAN KASSICIEH
BACHIR & HELENE KASSIR
ANTOUNE & MAYSSOUN KHOURY
FAYEZ KHOURY
GHINA KHOURY
MICHAEL & CHARLOTTE KHOURY

ELYAS & NAJAT KHURY
OSAMA & RULA KISHEK
SIMON & LOURICE KISHEK
VIJAY & MALVINA KUMAR
EMILIE LAFFOON
MICHAEL & DONNA LAFFOON
FADI & TANIA MAALOULY
ZIAD & HELEN MAHSHI
LEW MALOUF
DN. NICHOLAS & CHRISTINA MAMEY
NELSON & JERRI MAMEY
NABIL & ANNE MANSOUR
ZACH & MELISSA MCCARTY
SAM & ADEL MUNAYYER
ELIAS & JEANN NASRAWI
NADIA NASRAWI
ELIZABETH NASSAR
JASON NINO
SAMMY & LANA NINO
FRED & LORI NOUR
NADER & SUHAIR QOBORSI
NUHA QUSHAIR
EMAD & MUNA RIZKALLAH
NAJIB & HEBA SAADEH
FARAH & SYLVIA SABA
SIHAM SABA
MANUEL & GEORGETTE SALAMEH
RAMZI & RANDA SALAMEH
STEVEN & BARBARA SCHOLL
DON JR & PENNY SKAFF
THEODORE & KATHY SKAFF
DAVID & JULIANA TANNOUS
DAVE & BRENDA TAX
ROGER & CAROL TIERNEY
ANTON & KEITIE TURK
EVE VOYDAT
MATTHEW & SOPHIA WHITACRE
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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)	$30
GAS STATIONS		
ARCO		$700
CHEVRON		$300
EXXON/MOBIL		$0
SHELL		$600
76 UNOCAL ($100's)		$300
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES		
BLOOMINGDALE'S	100's	$100
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MACY'S	($100's)	$600
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Supper And Scripture

This month's topic:

Water, Fire ,Spirit

Exploring Baptism

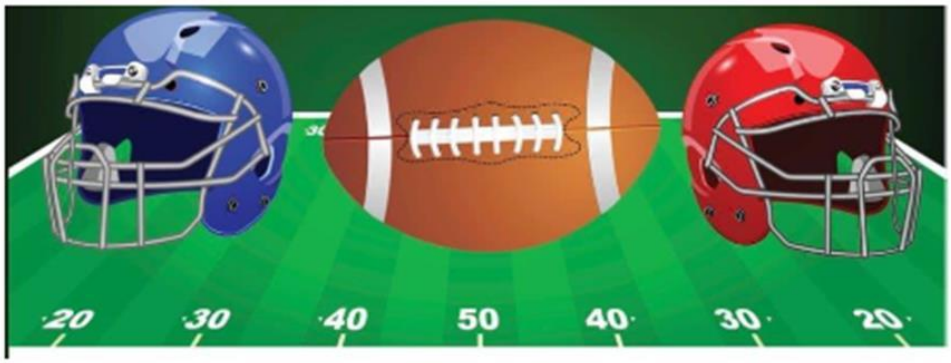
Only $10

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.



SUPER BOWL

ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2ND

@ 3:00 PM

MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN ARE ALL WELCOME.

$15 PER PERSON

INCLUDE: CHILI, HOT DOGS, SALSA & CHIPS, CHEESE, VEGGIES, FRUITS & DESSERTS.

NOTE: BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

PLEASE SEE GISELE FOR SUPER BOWL POOL BRACKET.

Come Celebrate
The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

with a concert by the

St. Luke Chamber Orchestra

Conducted by Michael Malouf

Featuring

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5

February 8, 2020, at 7:30 pm

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange opened St. Joseph Hospital 90 years ago, in 1929, and they have been caring for the "Dear Neighbor" in Orange County for over 100 years, since 1915!

St. Joseph Center (Motherhouse) Auditorium
480 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92868

Free will offering of $20 will be appreciated at the door

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FEBRUARY 15-17, 2020

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All registration includes lodging, meals, midnight bowling, & fun in the snow! Lift ticket includes ski/snowboard rentals.

register at dlawyoungadults.com

TOURNAMENT

MEN'S CLUB AT ST. MARK CHURCH

Sunday MARCH **29TH**

$ 35 PER PERSON

LOCATION: ST. MARCK CHURCH HALL, IRVINE

1:30 PM REGISTRATION

2:00 PM TARNEEB GAME START

4:00 PM LUNCH / COFFEE

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