

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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JULY 25, 2021

DORMITION OF RIGHTEOUS ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS &

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

OLYMPIAS, DEACONESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE;

VENERABLE EUPRAXIA OF TABENNA; FOUR MARTYRS OF LYONS;

VENERABLE MAKARIOS OF ZHELTOVODSK

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Fourth Tone: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion for the Dormition of St. Anna in the Fourth Tone: O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure Mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever-blessed one.

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: We celebrate now the mem'ry of Christ's ancestors, while asking their help with faith, that we may all be saved from all manner of tribulation as we fervently cry aloud: Be Thou with us, O Lord our God, Whose pleasure it was to glorify them both.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 67:35, 26) God is Wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 39:1, 33:19-2) I waited patiently for the Lord. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver them from them all.

Reading from the gospel according to St Matthew (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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Holy Oblations are offered by Keitie Turk and family for the soul of her husband Anton, departed this life 6 months; by the Saba family for the soul of Yacoub Saba, departed this life one year and by the Baba, Hanna, Hallam, Kjos, and Barood families.

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

Today

In lieu of Coffee Hour the Turk family is offering a luncheon in memory of Anton Turk

Note: According to the recent CDC guidelines, if you are fully vaccinated, you need not wear a mask in church or in the hall. If you are not, you should wear a mask. A social distancing area has been set aside in the church on the left side (as one faces the altar).

This Week

No Vespers, this Wednesday July 28.

Wednesday and Friday are fasting days.

Next week

Sunday August 1, Procession of the Holy Cross and start of Dormition Fast

Monday August 2, 7:00 p.m. Paraklesis

Wednesday August 4, 6:00 p.m. Vespers

Thursday August 5, 6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Transfiguration (Orthros 5:30 p.m.)

Friday August 6, 7:00 p.m. Paraklesis

Upcoming Services & Events

Tuesday August 10, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday August 15, Parish Picnic and Day of Recognition for our retired Parish Secretary, Lydia Wakileh. *Lydia Wakileh served our church as secretary for 22 years and retired last summer in the middle of COVID so we haven't had a chance to celebrate her until now. We have organized a BBQ after church on August 15 in her honor. Our church will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, and the Fixings. We ask all our parishioners to bring a salad or dessert to share. We look forward to celebrating Lydia's service to St. Mark Church.*

Quote from the Saints

Ammon complained to the venerable Sisoës the Great that he could not memorize the wise sayings that he read, in order to be able to repeat them in conversation with men. The saint replied to Him: "That is not necessary. It is necessary to attain purity of mind and to speak from that purity, placing your hope in God."

Saint of the Day

Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos (July 25)

According to tradition, Anna, the ancestor of God, lived for sixty-nine years, and her spouse Joachim, for eighty; according to one account, Saint Joachim died two years before Saint Anna. The Theotokos had been orphaned of both her parents already when she was eleven years of age, when she was living in the Temple (see Sept. 8 and Nov. 21). Saint Anna is invoked for conceiving children, and for help in difficult childbirth.

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*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 on Sundays or use the new mobile app, RaiseRight by ShopWithScrip, is simply the right way to fundraise. Just make sure to choose "E-Gift Card" and you will have it in your email in less than a minute. Let's start shopping and earning money for your favorite church, St Mark Irvine!***

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