

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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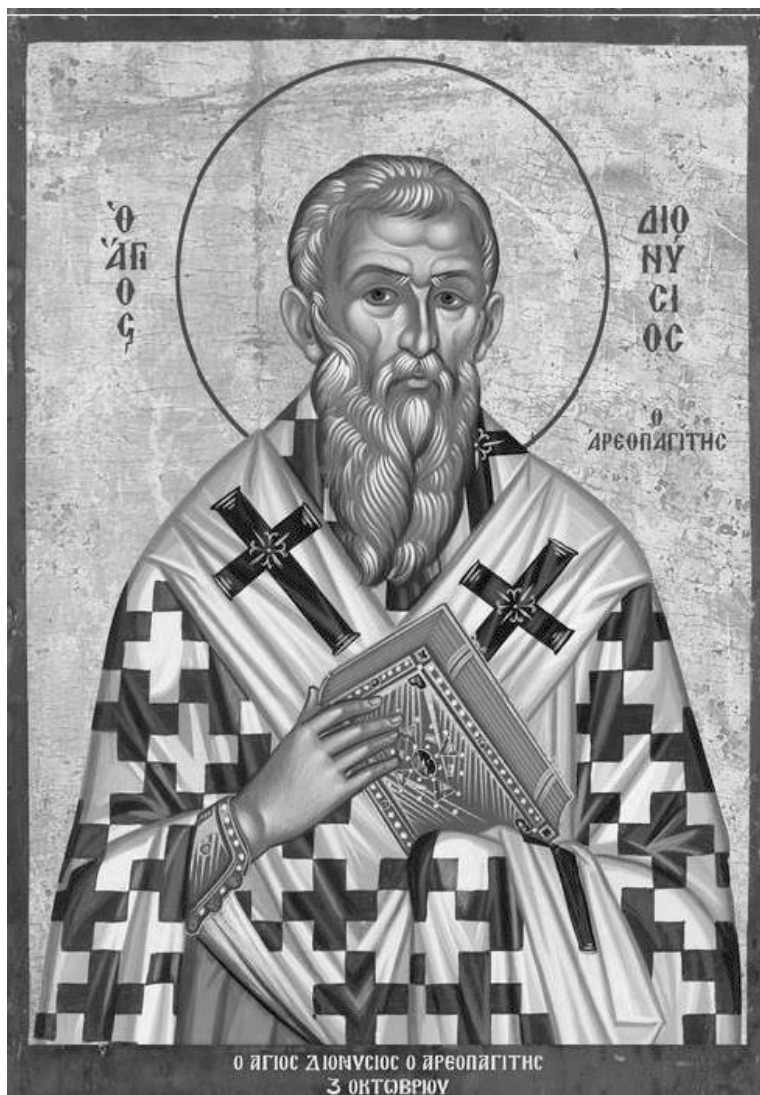
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HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE

MARTYRS ELEUTHERIOS AND RUSTIKOS

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. Dionysios the Areopagite in the Fourth Tone: Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 for 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.

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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 by Austin and Saeda, Stephanie and Alex Turk for Anthony Turk on the occasion of his birthday.

Coffee Hour is offered by the Coffee Hour committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Jamal El-Sayegh, Tarek Fakhouri, Theo Whitehead, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, and the suffering people of Haiti, 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

First Day of Church School.

Teen SOYO meeting, after Church School

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).

New Addition to our Iconostasis. At long last we have new lamps for our Iconostasis. Blessings on Simon and Lourice Kishek for donating them.

This Week

Wednesday October 6, 6:00 p.m. Vespers

Thursday October 7, 6:30 p.m. Antiochian Women's election meeting.

Next week

Parish Annual Meeting October 10

On Sunday, October 10, we will hold our 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. All Members of St. Mark Church should plan to participate. Only adult Orthodox Christians who have made a 2021 Regular Pledge to the parish of St. Mark may vote. We need your participation in this meeting! Plan to be there. We will vote on a 2022 Budget, hear organization reports and elect three new Council Members. The Nominees are: Sleiman Aldada, Tammy Qutami and Tony Rodriguez. In accordance with our Parish By-laws, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

Wednesday October 13, 6:00 p.m. Vespers

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday October 27, An Altar Servers Workshop will be held after Church School. Pizza lunch will be provided for the participants.

Saturday November 27, The 57th Sweetheart Ball hosted by the St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Society: Universal City Hotel, Universal City. For details see the enclosed flyer.

Quote from the Saints

The Kingdom of Heaven is taken by force, but gradually, not all at once. This occurs through constant vigilance, self-denial, patience,

guarding of the senses, repentance, self-reproach and above all quietude, silence and prayer.

Elder Michael II of Valaam

Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite (October 3)

This Saint was from Athens, a learned man, and a member of the famous judicial court of Mars Hill (in Greek Aeros Pagos, hence the name Areopagite (see Acts 17:19-34). When Saint Paul preached in Athens, he was one of the first there to believe in Christ, and, according to some, became the first bishop of that city. Others say -- and this may be more probable--that he was the second Bishop of Athens, after Saint Hierotheus, whom Dionysios calls his friend and teacher "after Paul" (On the Divine Names, 3:2). With Saint Hierotheus he was also present at the Dormition of the most holy Theotokos; the Doxasticon of the Aposticha for the service of the Dormition is partly taken from a passage in Chapter III of On the Divine Names. According to ancient tradition, he received a martyr's end (according to some, in Athens itself) about the year 96.

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 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! Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/> USE THE ENROLLMENT CODE LFA187LD11116