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REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

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 St. John the Evangelist in the Second Tone: O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and 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.

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 18; 4, 1) His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. John. (4:12-19)

Brethren, no man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is

love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as He is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 88:5, 7) The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord. God is glorious in the council of the Saints.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (19:25-27; 21:24-25)

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. John the Theologian this is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Communion Hymn of the Feast in Tone 8: His sound hath gone forth into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the world.

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Holy Oblations are offered by Goldie Daruty and family for her husband Joseph, on the occasion of his birthday (September 21) and by Austin and Saeda, Anthony, and Stephanie Turk for Alex 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, 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

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

Tuesday September 28, 6:45 Adult Education resumes

Thursday September 30, Antiochian Women Officers meeting

Wednesday September 29, 6:00 p.m. Vespers

Next week

Sunday October 3, First Day of Church School.

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

Thursday October 8, Antiochian Women's election meeting.

Upcoming Services & Events

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. If you would like to run for a Council seat, or suggest another member for nomination, please see Fr. Michael or one of the out-going Council members: Michael Khoury, Lew Malouf, or Jerri Mamey. The list of nominees will be printed in the October 3 bulletin. In accordance with our Parish By-laws, no nominations are allowed from the floor.

Quote from the Saints

"As many times as the enemy attacks you either through passion or through sadness or despondency or despair, immediately grab the weapon of

prayer, and you shall see how much it disappears and not even a trace of it remains." -- *Father Philotheos Zervakos*

Falling-asleep of St. John the Evangelist (September 26)

This Apostle was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of James the elder. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Saviour's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth therefrom unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Returning again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, he wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Catholic Epistles. In all, he lived ninety-five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100. He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle-a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says-is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

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

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