

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West**

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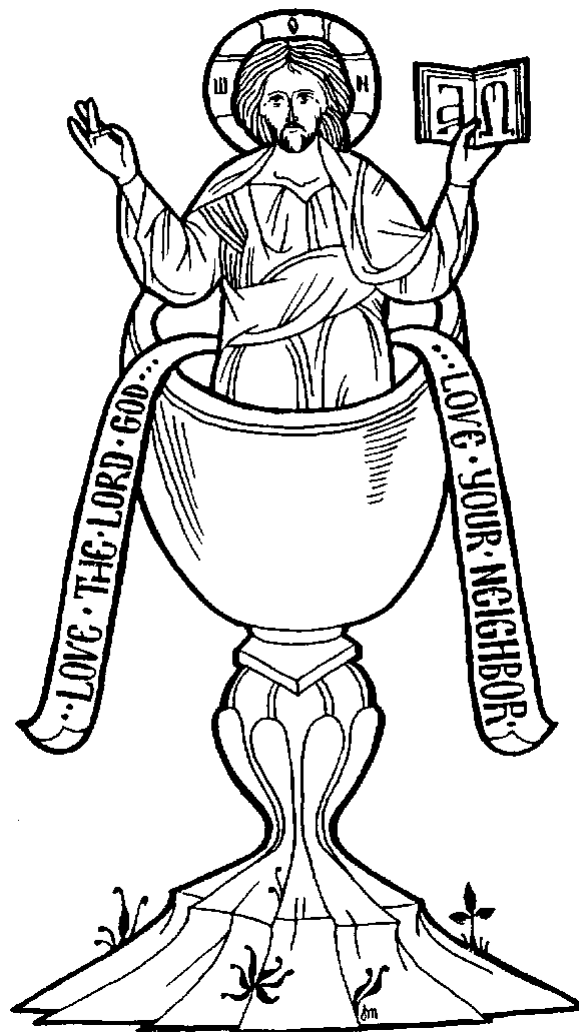
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**PROPHET ZACHARIAH, FATHER OF THE FORERUNNER OBADIAH, BISHOP OF PERSIA; MARTYRDOM OF THE HOLY PASSION-BEARER GLEB**

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Resurrection in the Second Tone:** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Prophet Zachariah in the Fourth Tone:** In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, as it befitted a priest, O wise Zachariah. Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; and in God's temple, O wise Prophet of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

**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 Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Tone:** By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of life.

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**Prokeimenon** (Psalm 117:14,18) The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

### **Section from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only

Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 19:1, 9) May the Lord hear you in the day of your trouble. O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked

servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

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**Holy Oblations are offered by Susie Qaqundah and family for the soul of her husband Paul, departed this life one year; by the Laffoon family for the soul of Samuel Simon (father of Emilie Laffoon), departed this life 24 years and by Nuha Qushair for the health and salvation of her family and for their departed loved ones.**

**In lieu of Coffee Hour, the Qaqundah family is offering a luncheon in Paul's memory.**

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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**

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 7, 6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Orthros 5:30 p.m.)**

**Wednesday September 8, 6:00 p.m. Vespers**

**Next week**

**Monday September 13, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 14, 6:30 pm., Evening Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (Orthros 5:30 p.m.)**

**Wednesday September 15, 6:00 p.m. Vespers**

**Upcoming Services & Events**

**Sunday September 26, Fall Fundraiser. See flyer for details.**

**Parish Annual Meeting**

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**

What is grace? It is the blessed power of God... the power that cleanses, sanctifies, enlightens, that helps in doing good and withdraws from evil, that comforts and gives courage in misfortunes, sorrows, and sickness; that is a pledge of receiving the everlasting blessings, prepared by God in heaven for His chosen ones.

*St. John of Kronstadt*

**Holy Prophet Zacharias (September 5)**

According to the opinion of many Fathers of the Church, based on an ancient tradition, this is the Zacharias whom, as our Lord said, the Jews slew between the temple and the altar (Matt. 23:35), first, because even after the Virgin Mary gave birth, he continued to refer to her as virgin

and number her among the virgins; second, because Zacharias' son John was not found during the slaughter of the Innocents, since the elderly Elizabeth had taken him and carefully hid him while he was yet an infant, in an unnamed place somewhere in the desert, where, according to the Evangelist, "the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel" (Luke 1:80). When the child was not found, his father was slain by Herod's command.

### **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!*

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