

# St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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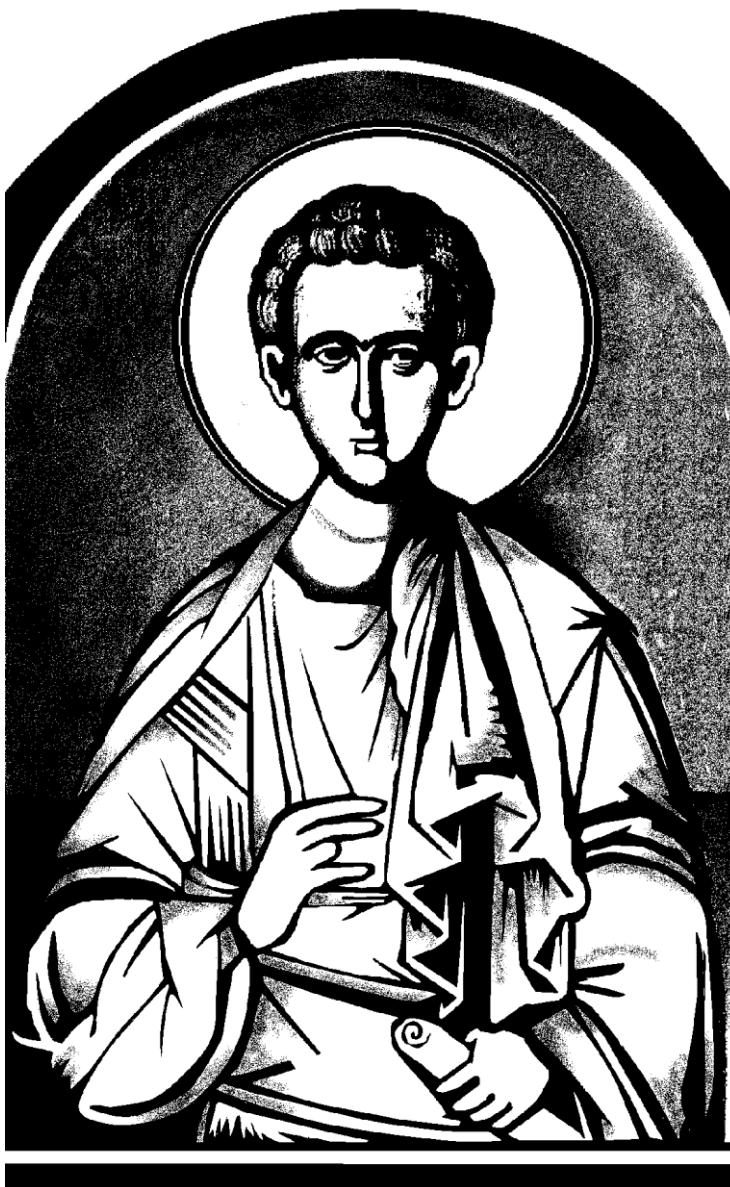
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**NOVEMBER 14, 2021  
THE HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP &**

**GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA; NEW-MARTYR  
CONSTANTINE OF HYDRA; JUSTINIAN THE EMPEROR AND HIS WIFE THEODORA**

## **HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**Troparion for 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 of St. Philip the Apostle in the Third Tone:** O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**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 Fourth Tone:** The most pure temple of the Savior, the very precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today in the house of the Lord. She bringeth with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

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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. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to

admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**Alleluia verses (Psalm 88:5,7)** The Heavens shall confess your wonders,  
O Lord. The heavens declare the glory of God.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was

going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Coffee Hour is offered by the Coffee Hour committee.**

*Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Jamal El-Sayegh, Tarek Fakhouri, 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.**

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).

**Today**

**Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon, sponsored by our Antiochian Women. There is no charge for the luncheon, but your free will donation supports our Women in their many ministries.**

**This Week**

**The Advent (the Christmas Fast) begins tomorrow.** This fast, which lasts exactly 40 days, prepares us to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of Jesus Christ, commonly known as Christmas. During this season we are reminded that the Christian life style must include alms giving (acts of charity), prayer and fasting. Therefore, we are asked to intensify these efforts. During Advent we should be praying more, giving more time and resources to those in need, eat less and more simply, and above all, seek to fast from sin. **As usual, Wednesdays and Fridays are strict fasting days (abstention from all meat, poultry, dairy & egg products, alcohol and olive oil). Until December 20, the other days of the week the fasting discipline is slightly relaxed, with wine and olive oil allowed.** The only way to combat the commercialization and vaguely sentimental observance of the Birth of the Savior is to prepare for a Holy Feast Day by participating in some meaningful way in the Fast! This includes the Sacrament of Confession.

**Tuesday November 16, Adult Education**

**Wednesday November 17, Vespers 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday November 17, 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting**

**Friday November 19, 7:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis**

## Next week

**Sunday November 21, Feast of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

**Tuesday November 23, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education**

**No services on Wednesday November 24**

## Upcoming Services & Events

**Saturday November 27, The 57<sup>th</sup> 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**

Everything we do, our every objective, must be undertaken for the sake of... purity of heart... we must practice the reading of the Scripture, together with all the other virtuous activities... to hold our hearts free of the harm of every dangerous passion and in order to rise step by step to the high point of love.

*St. John Cassian*

### **St. Philip the Apostle (November 14)**

This Apostle, one of the Twelve, was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was a compatriot of Andrew and Peter. He was instructed in the teachings of the Law, and devoted himself to the study of the prophetic books. Therefore, when the Lord Jesus called him to the dignity of apostleship, he immediately sought out and found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1.45). Having preached Jesus the God-man throughout many parts of Asia Minor, and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he was finally crucified upside down in Hierapolis of Phrygia.

### **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*