

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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JULY 24, 2022

GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

**NEW-MARTYRS ATHANASIOS OF IKIA AND THEOPHILOS OF
ZAKYNTHOS; ATHENAGORAS THE CONFESSOR; PASSION-BEARERS
BORIS (ROMAN) AND GLEB (DAVID)**

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

All: Troparion of the Resurrection 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. Christina in the Fourth Tone: O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in 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 of the Theotokos in the Second Tone: O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 149: 5, 1) The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to

faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 91:12, 13) The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the House of our God.

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

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Charlotte and Michael Khoury for the soul of her mom Amineh departed this life 15 years ago and for the health and salvation of their children.

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Coffee Hour Committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, May Dabbah, Mary Dibs, Kristin Chala, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Laura Anter (brain surgery), 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

We will bless our recently added iconography. The Platytera and Etimasia in the Altar and the inscription from the Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified in the Nave are wonderful additions to our church temple. Thanks to those who donated toward these: Michael & Lucy Joellson, Johnny & Sonia Liqueete and Patrick & Susan Wilde.

This Week

No evening events or services

Next Week

Sunday July 31, Fr. Michael’s Retirement Luncheon

After 36 years of service at St. Mark Church, Father Michael Laffoon is retiring! Attached is the invitation for the Retirement Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 2:30 PM at St. Paul's Orthodox Church Hall in Irvine. There is only seating for 300 people in the hall therefore, you are encouraged to purchase your tickets early. The \$55 luncheon ticket is not a fundraiser, this is the cost of the luncheon. We cannot guarantee seating assignments. If you are interested in being seated with family and friends, please consider purchasing a table of 10. Children are welcome but you would need to buy a ticket for each seat and there is no children's pricing.

Additionally, we are collecting donations to gift a check to Fr. Michael on the occasion of his retirement. The list of donors will be in the event program. Our goal is to raise \$36,000 to honor the 36 years that Fr. Michael has served our community.

Reservations will be accepted in two ways:

1. By Check made out to St. Mark Church
2. Online at the following secure link: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/5512011

*Very important: In the notes/memo, please indicate how many tickets you are purchasing, as well as the actual amount of your donation to go towards a retirement gift for Fr. Michael.

We look forward to honoring our beloved priest with you at this special occasion!

In His name,

Your Retirement Committee

Nelson and Jerri Mamey, Rima Tarazi, Paula Rodriguez, Kristin Chala and Barbara Scholl

August 1, Start of the Dormition Fast.

Upcoming Events

Friday August 5, 7:00 p.m. Festal Vespers

Saturday August 6, **Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord.**

Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

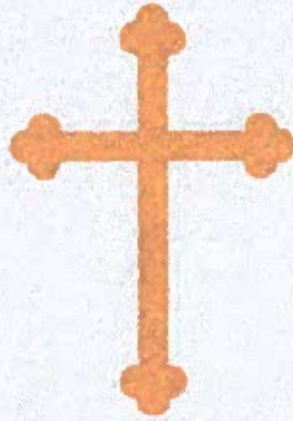
Quote from the Saints

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

Saint of the Day: Holy Great Martyr Christina (July 24)

Saint Christina was from Tyre in Syria, the daughter of a pagan named Urban. Enlightened in her heart to believe in Christ, she broke her father's idols, made of gold and silver, and distributed the pieces to the poor. When her father learned this, he punished her ruthlessly, then cast her into prison. The rulers subjected her to imprisonments, hunger, torments, the cutting off of her breasts and tongue, and finally impalement, in the year 200, during the reign of the Emperor Septimius Severus.



Please join the Parish of St. Mark Orthodox
Church as we honor and celebrate the
retirement of our beloved Priest

V. Rev. Fr. Michael Laffoon

Sunday, July 31. 2022

Divine Liturgy at St. Mark

10 AM

Lunch Reception 2:30 PM

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

4949 Alton Pkwy., Irvine, 92604

\$55 pp/ Tables if 10 \$550

Donations for Fr. Michael's retirement accepted